

# Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Old School Room

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Vice Chair  
 David Wilkins (DW)  
 Cheryl Belson (CB)  
 Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

Apologies: Michael May (MM) – Chair  
 Hayley Smith (HS)

The meeting was pleased to welcome Cllr Champken-Woods, Cllr White and one member of the public.

194	<b>Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)</b>	None.	
195	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed.	
196	<b>Planning</b>	P22/S4150/HH Rushmeade Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4LN Rooflights and window to existing loft room. Alterations, conversion and extension to existing conservatory <i>SODC decision – permission granted.</i>	
197	<b>Finance</b>	The following items were approved for payment: £7.96 Virtual Landline £4.55 SSE electricity supply for defibrillator £451.25 Clerk's salary £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions £143.86 GoDaddy website builder renewal	
	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £524.41	Payments: £426.25 Clerk's salary for November £268.32 GoDaddy renewals £37.99 Amazon, printer cartridges £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions – dog bin emptying for November £7.96 Virtual landline £4.55 SSE Southern Electric – supply to defibrillator Receipts: £500.00 transfer from reserve account	Closing balance at 31/12/22          £243.34
	NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £33,023.43	Payments: £500.00 transfer to current account Receipts: £21.41 interest in December	          £32,544.84
198		The budget for 2023/2024 was confirmed.	

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199	<b>County Councillor Report</b>	<p>Cllrs Gregory and Champken-Woods shared their parish report with the council.</p> <p>Funds from the Councillor Priority Fund which were requested in 2021 for the B4445 traffic calming remain earmarked but need to be used by 31.3.23. The situation regarding the proposed chicane and advancement by Chinnor Parish Council was discussed. NCW to contact Highways for update.</p> <p>A grant application to be submitted for the refurbishment of the bus shelter and defibrillator kiosk within the current round of funding. Councillor Gregory to attend a future meeting to discuss the Phoenix Trail link and the work done to date by the local group of interested parties.</p> <p>The active local flooding on Sydenham Road was highlighted, which is due to the limited capacity of the pipe under the road. NCW promised to follow this up with OCC.</p>	DW/HM
200	<b>Matters carried forward</b>	<p><b>Playing field</b></p> <p>Repairs to edge pieces to be carried out when weather permits, then bark levels topped up.</p>	DW
201		<p><b>Chicane installation on B4445</b></p> <p>The third company asked to quote has declined due to lack of resource and work commitments. Chinnor PC have been advised of this.</p> <p>Chinnor to be notified that earmarked funds from CPF cannot be carried over and will be lost.</p> <p>Swarco have fixed the VAS sign.</p>	HM
202		<p><b>Village repairs and maintenance</b></p> <p>Flooding on Sydenham Road drainage discussed as above.</p>	
203		<p><b>Footpaths and bridleways</b></p> <p>The dead tree on the Holliers Close footpath has been looked at by an arborist, in response to OCCs letter to a resident. The tree is confirmed as alive and not at risk of falling.</p> <p>OCC Countryside Access Officer to be contacted regarding the footpath as a whole at this location, as the previous shuttering work done is full of leaves and is falling away, making the path very narrow. A working party to clear the path.</p>	HM DW
204		<p><b>Fayre Committee report</b></p> <p>The next meeting to be held at the start of February.</p>	CB
205		<p><b>Generator</b></p> <p>The switchover installation is being clarified and work is scheduled.</p>	DW
206		<p><b>Classification of Sewells Lane on the Definitive Map</b></p> <p>MM to speak to an OCC contact provided by Highways Records.</p>	MM

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207		<b>Plough Corner tree planting</b> SOHA have advised that two new trees (a Hawthorn and a Field Maple) will be planted in March.	
208		<b>Purchase of flag pole</b> First choice no longer available, other options to be found.	HM
209		<b>Parish Council elections</b> SODC have advised that details on the 4 May elections will be circulated to all parish clerks in due course. The Nomination Period will open on Monday 20 March and close on Tuesday 4 April. Early submission is encouraged.	
210	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Phoenix Trail Project</b> Discussion with Cllr Gregory c/fwd.	
211		<b>P22/S4643/O Land west of Thame Road, Chinnor parish</b> An outline planning application for 'up to 150 residential dwellings including up to 40% affordable housing, creation of new vehicular access off of Thame Road and provision of public open space including a children's play area with associated infrastructure and earthworks' has been submitted. Sydenham Parish Council has asked to be added to the list of consultees and will be submitting a response objecting to the application. The points of objection were discussed with Cllr White and one of the village residents who has already carried out a huge amount of research on this application, and has also sought advice from a planning expert. Final clarification is awaited on some points, then a summary can be shared with the parish via Sydenham Mail outlining the key points and concerns together with necessary links for villagers to submit their own responses.	All  CB
212	<b>Correspondence</b>	Ramblers – new co-ordinator for PPWs Neighbourhood Services, Bucks – Bledlow HRC re-opening SODC – car park fee changes SODC – new CIL charging schedule from 3 January SODC – election fees and charges OCC – salt bins. Added to list for re-filling as per request	Syd Mail Syd Mail
213	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>Deep Cleanse Team</b> Will be undertaking requested work 2-6 February. <b>Date of May meeting</b> Due to the elections, meeting to be moved from 4 to 11 May and OSR booked.	HM
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the OSR			

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