

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair  
 Rachel Blake (RB)  
 David Wilkins (DW)  
 Janet Potts (JP)  
 Mike May (MM)  
 C/Cllr. Jeannette Matelot (JM)  
 Stephanie Johns (SJ - Clerk)

Apologies: None

2 members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
<b>Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)</b>	No interests declared	
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
<b>County Councillor Report</b>	Prior to the planning session, C/Cllr Jeannette Matelot (JM) spoke to the meeting about her report for January (available on the Parish Council website). She is keen to come along to one of the Thursday coffee mornings to meet the community and listen to local news & concerns. JM also advised the meeting that she has been allocated a grant which may be able to be used towards the speed calming measures, for which we are still awaiting a quote from Keith Stenning. Jeanette agreed to follow this up. Also see 'Potholes & Drainage' below.	
<b>Planning P17/S2649/FUL</b>	Demolition of eight dwelling and erection of two 2 bedroom dwellings, three 3 bedroom dwellings & two 5 bedroom dwellings at 1-9 Sydenham Grove, Sydenham, OX39 4LP <b>Parish Council Recommendation</b> – Refusal upheld <b>SODC Decision:</b> Will be considered by the council's planning committee on Wednesday 07/02/2018. Cllr. Mike May will present on behalf of the Council and a Parishioner will present on behalf of the community.	All
<b>P17/S4117/FUL</b>	Proposed front & rear extensions to dwelling & subdivision of extended dwelling into two separate 1 bedroom dwellings. (Amended Design Statement & Planning Statement received 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 to reflect amended description) at 18 Holliers Close, Sydenham, OX39 4NG <b>Parish Council Recommendation</b> – Refusal upheld <b>SODC Decision:</b> Will be considered by the council's planning committee on Wednesday 07/02/2018. Cllr. Janet Potts will present on behalf of the Council and a Parishioner will present on behalf of the community.	

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<p><b>P17/S3422/O</b></p> <p><b>P17/S3659/O</b></p>	<p>Erection of four detached two-storey dwellings with access, parking and amenity space at land adjoining Park Villa, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LH</p> <p><b>SODC Decision:</b> Application refused 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018</p> <p>Amendment repositioning dwellings further to the south west &amp; reduce the number of vehicular access at Land north of Sydenham Road Sydenham.</p> <p><b>SODC Decision:</b> Application refused 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018</p>	
<p><b>Finance</b></p>	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£ 3.09 Southern Electric – defibrillator supply</p> <p>£ 317.12 Clerk’s Salary</p> <p>£ 29.80 PAYE (Clerk January)</p> <p>£ 86.11 Go Daddy (New email for the Neighbourhood Plan x 2 years) – R. Blake expenses</p> <p>£ 53.22 Go Daddy (Renewal of Parish Council email) – S. Johns expenses</p> <p>£ 540.00 Paul Grafham (Tree canopy cutting)</p> <p>£ 12.56 Dog Bin Emptying 01/10/17 – 31/12/17</p> <p>A transfer of £2000 was approved from the reserve account to the current account</p> <p>The clerk is due a tax rebate in March. This will be paid from the current account and reclaimed back from HMRC.</p>	
<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £2,393.84</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £14,103.90</p>	<p><i>January</i></p> <p><b>Payments:</b></p> <p>£ 3.09 to SSE for Defibrillator</p> <p>£ 309.09 Clerk Salary</p> <p>£ 28.00 PAYE</p> <p>£1106.80 Mick Cornfield – Generator Installation</p> <p><b>Receipts:</b></p> <p>£0.64 January Interest received</p>	<p>Closing balance at 31/01/18</p> <p>£ 946.86</p> <p>£14,104.54</p>
<p><b>SSE electricity supply</b></p>	<p>The flooding problem at the Stert Junction is now rectified and all ducting is complete. Further work is still to be completed and this is still estimated for the end of March / April.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p><b>Speeding</b></p>	<p>The contractor has had a quote from Solagen to repair the control panel on the broken VAS and replace the battery. The estimated cost is £254.00 + VAT which includes carriage. This was agreed and the contractor will fit the parts when they are returned.</p> <p>We are still awaiting agreement from the insurers following the submission of 2 quotes for the VAS knocked down in a road traffic accident. The police reference number has also been passed on to the Insurers so that they can attempt to recover the costs from the driver’s insurance – this will also give the Parish Council £125 as a refund for the excess fee currently payable. So far, no information at all has been received from the police other than saying the collision is still being processed.</p> <p>The average speed taken from the VAS data on the Sydenham Road was 34mph for December. The drop in speed could be due to the amount of icy roads at this time so this will continue to be monitored.</p>	<p>DW</p>

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	A discussion took place about the possibility of getting a grant from OCC towards the cost of the proposed pinchpoint. See above under County Councillor report.	
<b>Playing Field Project</b>	RB has been told that the work will be completed this week in time for the half term. The goals still need to be repaired.	RB
<b>Road Drainage &amp; Potholes</b>	JM agreed to assist with the drainage situation as we are still waiting for the work to be completed to prevent flooding across Sydenham road. DW will provide SJ with all the information so that this can be passed onto JM.	DW
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	Mark Kermack explained that there would be a village meeting on Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. He has spent some time with another Parish Council who are also preparing a plan and there is lots to consider. He now has some useful forms that will be completed. He mentioned that the group must be a 'working group' and not a 'steering group' so they only need to report to the Parish Council but this needs to be clarified. An advisor will need to be involved to help put the plan together.	MM
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Broadband for Oxfordshire – AI explained that the scheduled installation of Superfast broadband at the Emmington end of the village has been delayed to the end of May / June. Craig Bower from Better Broadband for Oxfordshire, who previously attended a village meeting, has kindly offered to come to the village again to explain the current situation. He will therefore meet in the Old School Room at 7pm on Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February, in advance of the Neighbourhood plan meeting at 8pm.	AI
<b>Correspondence</b>	None	SJ
<b>Any Other Business</b>	Due to the next scheduled meeting not being quorate, it was rescheduled to Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March. SJ will amend the booking with the OSR.	
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room (Rescheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> March due to the meeting not being quorate.</p>		

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