

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT

Cllr J Hall (Chair), Cllr N Selby (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr J Hayward, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr A Pugh, Cllr M Turner, and Cllr A Wagstaff.

PCSOs Mike Owen and Adrien Kapronczai, and Clerk of the Council R Cowley were also present.

1 - APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC).

6 – POLICE REPORT

Cllr Hall invited PCSO Mike Owen to give the Police Report as prepared by PC Leah Davis.

Police report for Siddington area

Date 9th February 2018

Produced by: PC 2221 DAVIS

Summary

This report covers the period of **01st Jan 2018 to 31st Jan 2018**.

During this period there were **5** crimes.

This compares with **4** in the same period last year

Crime Breakdown

Harassment- 1

Violence – 1, Assault ABH

Sexual Offence- 1

(These 3 crimes are all linked and are of a domestic nature; Police and all agencies are actively involved)

Burglary- 1, Non-residential, shed break, forced padlock and garden machinery stolen.

Fraud- 1, on line fraud

Comments from PC DAVIS:

Hope to meet you all soon but unfortunately I am still restricted; hopefully back to normal in a month or 2!! I am at least "allowed" out but not uniformed and in an unmarked car!!

Also, PCSO 49000 Adrien Kapronczai, Adrien.Kapronczai@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk is moving from the Cirencester Urban NPT to the Rural South. She commences her duties this weekend.

The move is due to your current PCSO Mike Owen getting a job in the Force Control room. He will be leaving the Cotswolds team to start in the FCR on 22/3/18.

She will work with Mike from now until he leaves as a handover period. She is very keen and proactive so I am positive she will be an asset to the area.

We are going to send out a corporate message soon to all relevant parties and then as soon as I am fully fit and operational we will hold a "meet your new Team" event in the village.

PC Leah Davis

The Parish Council wished PCSO Owen well in his new role and welcomed PSCO Kapronczai.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the previous Parish Council were unanimously approved as being a true record.

3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

It was generally agreed that the electronic speed sign needed to be more noticeable to have the desired effect.

4 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that for personal reasons he would be standing down as Chairman at the Parish Council meeting in May.

5 – CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that he had recently met with Harry Carter who had provided a quote for grasscutting at the playing field (with a gangmower). This would be considered later in the meeting.

On 1st February the Clerk had attended the launch of Gloucestershire Vision 2050 at Cheltenham racecourse under the auspices of the University of Gloucestershire. Several components of a vision for our county in the year 2050 were put forward for future public discussion. These were:

- 1 - A “super city” formed from Gloucester and Cheltenham with a new “centre” created between the two.
- 2 - A “cyber park” for cyber-related business as an integral part of the “super city”.
- 3 – A new multi-purpose river crossing of the Severn between Lydney and Sharpness.
- 4 – Designation of Regional Parks designated – Forest of Dean, Severn Vale, Cotswolds.
- 5 – An international Cotswold airport.
- 6 – Development of the Cotswold Water Park.

The Clerk also reported on an email received from a dog walking resident who had been attacked, along with her dog by an uncontrolled dog on the playing field. It was agreed that the victim should report this incident to the Police. The Clerk would ask for further details and remind dog walkers via the Village News that dogs must be kept under control according to the playing field byelaws. However, the problem of enforcement was also recognised.

7 – UPDATE ON NEW DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE INSTALLED AT WILDWOOD PARK

Cllr Deller reported that the defibrillator had been installed at Wildwood Park, but had yet to be commissioned by the ambulance service, and the Clerk was making arrangements for this. The Clerk reported that he expected the contribution from Park Home Life of £995 to be paid into the Parish Council's account any day. It was agreed that signage and its location would need to be arranged. Cllr Hall volunteered to carry out monthly checks and report the status to the ambulance service online. Cllr Deller also reported that a free course on how to use the defibrillator could also be arranged. The Clerk would write to Park Home Life to thank them for their valuable contribution.

8 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – ongoing.
- Pursue new village signs – ongoing.

- Wall between 1 Empire Villas and the junction with Church Avenue – ongoing. The Clerk would contact Bathurst Estate again about this issue.

9 - HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES (GCC ref nos)

- 11072155 – Replacement of missing Siddington school sign – ongoing
- 11081789/22018006 – Replacement of Park Way reflective posts – the Clerk had reported this again following an accident on the bend and a new reference number had been raised with a request for urgent attention – 22.11.2017 ticket raised for replacement - COMPLETED.
- 11102027 – Clear drain at the railway bridge stanchions on Ashton Road – ongoing. Highways had reported that this was regularly jet-cleaned. The drains from this point lead into sump tanks in a nearby field, which date from the construction of the railway. Cllr Wagstaff would investigate further as this had been raised in the past.
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain. Highways had reported that this had been dealt with. Cllr A Painter felt that the drains needed to be rodded. Cllr Wagstaff would check for a map to show where the drains led.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing.
- Handrail on steps leading from Upper Siddington bridge to canal still missing Cllr Hayward would look at this.
- Potholes appearing at the upper end of Park Way –ongoing.
- 11147385 - Footpath from Pound Close to school – trees and bushes overhanging path – partly cut back, now dying off. Highways had passed this to the Public Rights Of Way team. The Clerk would write to the landowner.
- 11147386 - Clarks Lane – trees and hedge overhanging road causing vehicles to drive on verge on opposite side of road –ongoing. Highways added to hedge cutting list on 8th August 2017 – not done 12th December 2017. COMPLETED.
- 22018421 – Missing weight limits signs at junction of Park Way and Somerford Road. Highways reported that this was awaiting inspection. Highways had advised that Park Way was not subject to the weight restriction, which only started at the junction with Ashton Road.
- **Canal Bridge at Upper Siddington**
Cllr Hayward had written to Cllr Parsons at GCC regarding the extremely poor work carried by Amey at the canal bridge.
The Clerk would also write to Highways/GCC to express how appalled the Parish Council was at the County Council's work on this occasion. The following points would be made: the bridge is a listed structure; the original bricks should have been recovered and re-used instead of using new ones (which was a criminal offence to use the wrong materials); poor standard of work carried out (mismatched pointing); damaged coping stones not replaced properly or re-welded, and Portland cement used to repair coping stone instead of using a proper stonemason; scaffolding left in place as a safety hazard; incongruous wooden fence and wet stone wall installed instead of correct dry stone wall; unskilled and unsupervised workers were employed.

Cllr Pugh reported that BT had replaced the fluorescent tube(s) at the phone box.

10 - PLANNING

North Hill Road Footpath

Cllr Hall reported that the footpath linking the Bloor Homes development with the canal towpath had finally been installed although it was muddy and there was evidence of dog faeces in places. The Parish Council resolved to provide signs and to provide a dog bin at the Bloor end of the path, and the Clerk would place the order with CDC.

The Parish Council considered planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 8th February 2018

- **18/00064/TPO 06/00057/TPO**

Applicant: Marcus Moore, 1 Ridge Green, Shaw, Swindon, SN5 5PU

Proposal: Crown lifting and thinning of lime trees detailed in submitted specification at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Consultation expiry date: 31st January 2018 – No objection

The Parish Council noted planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 8th February 2018

- **17/03719/REM CT.3452/J**

Erection of 2 dwellings at 1 Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HB – Permitted

- **17/03990/FUL CT.3194**

Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at Brock Cottage, 38 Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HP – Permitted

- **17/04020/FUL CT.9038/A**

Dropped kerb and new vehicular access at Secret Cottage, Park Way, Siddington, GL7 6HH – Permitted

11 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

The Clerk reported on the quote received from Harry Carter for grass-cutting at the playing field for the coming season. The Parish Council unanimously approved the quote of £1,680 for 16 cuts starting from 1st April. It was noted that a gang-mower would be used instead of a rotary mower. The Clerk would confirm arrangements and access with Mr Carter, and also advise the current contractor that their services would not be required in 2018.

The Parish Council considered the quote for a fence alongside the children's playground to keep dogs out a little high, and instead requested the Clerk to obtain a quote for replacement of two rotten fence posts. The situation with regard to dogs would be kept under review.

12 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of cheques for January had been circulated with the agenda. The cheque totals were:-

1455 - £1,818.00 – Cardiac Holdings Ltd (defibrillator for Wildwood Park)

1456 – £15.36 – R Cowley – Expenses (phone bill)

1457 – £25.00 – GRCC – membership renewal

1458 – R Cowley – Clerk's salary (February)

The Clerk presented the monthly spreadsheet showing expenditure compared with budgets, and the accounts statement.

Since Andy West was no longer cleaning the bus shelters, Cllr Hall and Cllr Wagstaff volunteered to check the new bus shelter and Cllr Selby would check the Elizabeth Way shelter. Cllr Hall reported that the mower had been taken to the golf club for its annual service.

The Parish Council also considered a request from the Village News towards the costs of production. Although the Parish Council was the main user of space in the Village News it was noted that the Village News' reserves were currently quite healthy. It was agreed to make a contribution of £100 in April and explain that should the Village News ever experience financial problems, the Parish Council would provide support. The Parish Council also agreed to request a copy of the Village News accounts annual so that it could review its level of support.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE

F= Finance H= Highways P=Planning PF=Playing Field PC=Parish Council

- 1 PC Copy of Cotswold Canals Trust magazine, The Trow.
- 2 H Email correspondence from Denys Young regarding closure of the canal bridge.
- 3 PC Invitation to "Gloucestershire 2050 Vision" launch on 1st February.
- 4 PC Information from SLCC on forthcoming GDPR.
- 5 P CDC Planning decision regarding application at Secret Cottage in Park Way.
- 6 PC Information from CDC for Parish Councillors wishing to obtain a copy of the Register of Electors.
- 7 PC Email from David Prosser regarding no connection to Gigaclear. Cllr Hayward reported that connection would take place that week.
- 8 F Request for financial support for the Village News.
- 9 PC CDC Press Release on Great Cotswolds Clean Up.
- 10 PF GPFA information on playing field maintenance event on 25th March.
- 11 P CDC offer of planning enforcement training for Parish Councillors. Cllr Hayward and Cllr Turner expressed an interest in attending an evening session.
- 12 H CDC Press Release on consultation on A417 "missing link".
- 13 PF Quote from R O W Berry for fence work at the playing field.

14 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Selby queried how competent Cotswold District would be in negotiating the S106 agreement for a development on the scale of the one approved for Chesterton Farm. It was agreed that input from the Parish Council should be channelled through Cllr Parsons. Cllr Selby volunteered to compile a list of proposals.

15 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting would be Tuesday 13th March 2018 in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman