

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM, SIDDINGTON, ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mrs. A. Wagstaff (Chairman), C. Rumble (Vice Chairman), A. Painter, Mrs. M. Painter, Mrs. M. Turner, B. Barnes, N. Deller, Mrs. A. Prosser, Ms. E. Jones and N. Selby.

Public. There was one member of the public present.

APOLOGIES

District/County Cllr. S. Parsons.

Cllr. J. Hall.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2016 were approved and signed, subject to the following:-

On page 3, under "Finance," the highlighted sentence should read "It was unanimously decided to accept the Hiscox quotation for a three year period, i.e. until 31 May 2019, in the sum of **£532.96**," not £532.06.

CO-OPTION

Eleanor Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form as the new co-opted member and will bring the completed Register of Members' Interest form to the next meeting.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL - VACANCY

The Chairman reported that Robert Cowley, Clerk to South Cerney Parish Council had expressed an interest in the vacancy. A meeting will be arranged between Mr. Cowley, Alison, Chris and the Clerk to take the matter further.

MATTERS ARISING

Outstanding Issues –

- Alison said she had contacted Malcolm Moseley, former Chairman of the Parish Plan Team, who had agreed to use the money for a new litter bin on the playing field.
- No decision would yet be made on removing the grass island at the entrance to Church Avenue until a clearer picture emerged on whether funding was feasible.
- Approval has been received from The Bathurst Estate to develop the nature area in the south-west corner of the playing field.
- The issue of the abandoned truck in the Park Way car park was now closed. The new truck had not attracted dumping and all the unofficial notices previously placed on other vehicles had been removed.
- John has contacted Tetbury Town Council regarding new village signs and has been quoted a price of £720 + VAT. Highways have been contacted regarding possible replacements and a further report will be made to the next meeting.

- The new format for the Siddington website is almost complete and should be live by the end of April. John will contact Peter Matthews regarding changes to the Parish Council section of the website.

- Bloor Homes have advised that they are not prepared to fund a new brochure at the present time. Nick Hayes has stated that it is something they may consider next year. Meanwhile, Alison and Marcia are working on a welcome pack with a minimum number of inserts to avoid reprinting and John is liaising with Peppermint Print regarding costs.

- With regard to the damage caused by hedge cutting on Park Way, Chris said he would liaise with Shaun Parsons in an attempt to resolve the matter.

- Alison said she would send a reminder to Andy West regarding the painting of the sand store door in Park Way.

- The road surface along the Siddington Road by Melmore Gardens will now be inspected by Highways every two weeks – Shaun Parsons had been asked to intervene in this matter. South West Utilities will be replacing gas mains which should be completed by the end of June.

- Bromford will be contacting the residents of Jubilee Flats to ask them to tidy up their gardens.

PLANNING

North Hill Road

10 houses are now occupied on the site and 7 will be handed over to Stonewater Housing Association this month. Completion of the site is still planned for December 2016.

Severalls Field

A letter from Infrastructure Design Studio, Drainage Consultants, had already been circulated. The consensus was that this encompassed the points raised by the Council at previous meetings.

Removal of hedgerow sections between Cirencester and Fairford – 16/01213/HEDGE

NO OBJECTION

1, The Close - 2 Storey rear extension and rear roof extension – 16/0039/FUL

NO OBJECTION.

Removal of 5 Ash Trees, Land north of Park Way – 16/01037/TPO

For installation of underground electricity cables.

NO OBJECTION.

Field Access and Field Gate at Siddington School – 16/01887/FUL

Details of this application were provided by Alister, as the Clerk said he could not recollect any information from CDC. It was agreed to check with the Planning Department and take any action necessary. In the meantime, Alister expressed strong reservations about the close proximity of the proposed field access to the school entrance.

4, Park Way - Alison reported that this property was being sold by the Bromford Housing Association.

FINANCE

- The monthly schedule of cheques, circulated with the agenda, was approved. The cheque totals were:-

1295 - K. S. Harrison - £323.68

1296 - A. W. West - £15.00

1297 - Glos. Assoc. of Town & Parish Councils - £305.89

1298 - Came & Co. - £532.96

- The Clerk reported that the Council's minutes from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2016 needed to be bound by Shaw & Sons, as in previous years. These would be collected by Interlink Express from the Clerk's address and the process would take about 4 weeks. In the meantime, a copy of the minutes for this period would be submitted with the other council records on 11 May for the Internal Auditor, who had indicated that this would be in order.

PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB

- The Clerk's Report on a possible Spider replacement had been circulated with the Agenda. The Report included quotations from Sovereign, Playforce, Wicksteed, Playdale and Playahead. In addition further details of the various proposals, with illustrations, had been circulated between meetings. It was noted that now the accounts for 2015/2016 had been completed, the balance available for capital spending in 2016/2017 was £25,101.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the first choice for replacement would be the Woodland Climber 7 quoted by Playforce in the sum of £18,433.

However, this would not be pursued if there was no alternative to inserting the wooden feet of the climber into concrete. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the feet could be encased in metal inserts and also what the time frame was for commencement and completion. **Should the need arise for a second option, this would be Playdale's Space Net.** Both projects would include the provision of bonded rubber mulch for safety surfacing, rather than grass matting.

- It was noted that the Football Club had paid their grass cutting contribution of £500.00 on 23 March 2016.

HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES

It was reported that drain clearance was necessary at the railway bridge stanchions on the Ashton Road. Highways will be informed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alison produced the latest Police Report which showed that during March 2016 there were three crimes compared to nine in the same period last year. Two were criminal damage – to a house and a car – and the other related to violence. In the year to date, overall crime stands at eight, compared to fourteen last year.

MEETINGS AND POINTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- The next Flood Action Group Meeting was scheduled for 18 April 2016 at 4pm in the CDC Offices and Alison will circulate possible dates for the Annual Parish Meeting.

- No points were put forward and the next meeting was noted to be the AGM on 10 May 2016. There were no questions from the public and the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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FINANCE

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 10 MAY 2016

CHEQUE NO. 1299 – K. S. HARRISON - CLERK'S SALARY (GRÖSS) MAY 2016	£342.13
- GRATUITY (GROSS)	<u>£3793.81</u>
	£4135.94
- LESS PAYE TAX	<u>£827.20</u>
	£3308.74
- EXPENSES	<u>£27.77</u>

£3336.51

CHEQUE NO. 1300 – A. B. WEST - CLEANING BUS SHELTERS

£15.00

CHEQUE NO. 1301 – F. LOVATT – GRASS CUTTING/MAINTENANCE - 9 DECEMBER

2015 TO 26 APRIL 2016 – CHURCHYARD (14 HOURS),

PLAYING FIELD (5 HOURS), VILLAGE/VILLAGE HALL (11 HOURS)

= 30 HOURS

£207.75

FUEL (£12.93) AND SAFETY SHOES (£50.00)

£62.93

£270.68

CHEQUE NO. 1302 – PLAYSAFETY LTD. – PLAY AREA INSPECTION

£84.00

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Outstanding Issues

Issue	Councillor(s) responsible	Date Raised	Resolve By
<p>Pursue bin adjacent to Laurel Cottages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW confirmed with Malcolm Moseley (formerly chairman of the Parish Plan team) that the money can be used for a bin on the playing field. 	AW	01.01.15	CLOSED
<p>Pursue removal of grass island on Church Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3,500 quoted. Wait to see if SP has any funds available in the new financial year. 	APa	14.07.15	
Nature area on playing field	CR & AW	August 2015	Spring 2016
Dog signs for playing field	CR	13.10.15	
<p>Pursue new village signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH has contacted Tetbury council and has been given a price of £720+VAT. Now with Highways – reference 11098714. 	AW/JH	08.12.15	
<p>Contact Peter Mathews re. changes to PC section of parish website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New website will be live by the end of April. JH to keep in touch. 	JH	12.01.16	
<p>Get a price for a 'hazards of dog fouling' sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be part of nature area project 	AW	12.01.16	
<p>Pursue repair of damage caused by hedge cutting on Park Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With CR. 	CR & SP	08.12.15	
<p>Pursue painting of sand store door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With Andy West to contact us when he's in a position to do the work. AW will send a reminder. 	AW	13.10.15	
<p>Welcome pack for new residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With AW and MT for typing. Bloors refused funding this year. JH to liaise with Peppermint Print to decide on a cheaper folder to be funded by the parish council. 	MP/JH/AW/MT	Sept 2015	

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HIGHWAYS ISSUES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurfacing of The Butts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation cleared. Waiting to hear from Amey regarding laying of scrapings. 	AW & SP	20.09.15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange replacement of missing Siddington School sign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	AW	22.09.15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue repairs to Pound Close road/ pavement surfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	APr	10.11.15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repositioning of Park Way reflective posts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	AW	08.12.15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration of fallen road sign on Somerford Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	Apa	09.02.16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potholes on stretch of Park Way leading to Spratsgate Lane. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	AW	22.02.16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurface parking area by playing field. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	AW	22.02.16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear drain at railway bridge stanchions, Ashton Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to Highways. 	AW	12.04.16	
Pursue tidying of gardens at Jubilee Flats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bromford have contacted residents to ask them to tidy the gardens. 	AW	22.02.16	CLOSED
Repair of steps leading from Upper Siddington bridge to canal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaired? AW/CR to check 	AW	22.02.16	