

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr J Hall, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr A Pugh and Cllr A Wagstaff. Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

**1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Selby, Cllr D Rajan and Cllr M Turner, and also Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC).

**2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

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**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mike Barton of Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way (PROW) with a map dated 1925 suggesting that there had historically been a gate at the canal towpath where it met Park Way. The new gate had since been removed. After visiting the site Cllr Parsons had expressed concern to the Clerk by telephone that the new fence had narrowed the footpath considerably and that he would investigate further. It was also noted that although it had been reported to CDC Planning Enforcement, rendering of the extension at 1 Empire Villas to comply with retrospective planning permission granted in 2018 had not started as required.

**4 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman had no separate report to make as all matters were covered by the agenda.

**5 – CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had no report to make as matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**6 - POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA**

No Police Report had been received.

**7 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST**

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – ongoing.
- Ashton Road flooding – ongoing. It was agreed that the issue was silt being washed into the drain from the embankment. The Clerk would report this to Richard Gray of Highways.
- It was agreed to add the footpath from the Coach Road to Love Lane to the list.

**8 - HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES (GCC ref nos)**

- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain - no further news – ongoing.

- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing. The Clerk would liaise with Highways again to look at the amount of signage on Somerford Road regarding the weight limit at the Ashton Road end of Park Way - ongoing.
- Canal bridge repairs. Ongoing.

## **9 - PLANNING**

### **Footpath from Spire View to canal towpath**

There was no further update.

## **10 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING**

The Clerk had chased both football clubs for payment of invoices for contribution to the annual grasscutting costs. Siddington FC had promised payment within a fortnight, but Chesterton FC had not responded. The Clerk would speak to their officials at their next match. It was also decided to ask both clubs to set up a standing order for future payments.

## **11 - FINANCE**

The monthly schedule of cheques for March had been circulated with the agenda.

The cheque totals were:-

1532 - £15.98 – R Cowley - expenses

1533 - £359.66 – GAPTC annual subscription

1534 - £23.25 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

1537 - £3,512.12 – Siddington Village Hall – contribution to new porch costs

1535 – HMRC – PAYE & NI

1536 - R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (March)

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

## **12 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- 1    PC    Information from GCC regarding free first aid courses. The Clerk had forwarded this on to the Village Hall.
- 2    PC    Information from CDC on purdah and the local council elections in May.
- 3    H    Correspondence regarding rough ground next to the playing field. It was noted that this had a low priority for Highways, and it was agreed to leave this to new Council to progress.
- 4    PC    Update from CDC on District and Parish Elections in May.
- 5    H    Notice of temporary road closures for re-surfacing.
- 6    PC    CDC Press Release on District and Parish Elections in May.
- 7    PC    Information and costings for ANPR cameras. There was some concern at the monthly ongoing cost of £80 per month, but it was agreed that it could be budgeted for in future years. It was also agreed to set up a committee to progress this after the election.
- 8    PC    Notification from LPS Events of various local triathlons this year.

- 9 PC Cotswolds AONB Newsletter.
- 10 PC Notification of Somerford Keynes Neighbourhood Development Plan Pre-Submission Consultation.
- 11 PC WILD Newsletter.
- 12 PC GCC Councils Connected Newsletter.
- 13 H TTRO for various roads for re-surfacing work.
- 14 PC Email from Siddington Village hall regarding grasscutting at the Hall, and asking the Clerk to the Parish Council to be arbiter in any dispute with the playgroup. It was agreed that the Clerk would act as arbiter (or appoint someone of suitable standing in the community to act) and would inform the Village Hall Trustees. The Clerk would ask Fred Lovatt if he was still able to cut the Village Hall grass now that the playgroup had moved into the grounds, and if so, if he could cut it outside playgroup operating hours.
- 15 PC Emails regarding CWGC signs for the churchyard. The Clerk would forward this to the PCC.
- 16 PC Updates from GAPTC. The Clerk would forward this to the Village Hall Trustees as there were funding opportunities available.

### **13 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Mary Painter was concerned at children climbing onto the roof of the youth shelter at the playing field. It was agreed that it was not an inherently dangerous structure and that they would be responsible for the consequences of their own actions.

Cllr Wagstaff reported that one street light by the playing field had apparently not been upgraded, along with another at the end of Park Way. She also reported that CDC were still denying ownership of their land at Pound Close (and thereby their responsibility for the trees on it).

Cllr Hall reported that he would not be standing for re-election, but was happy to continue to sweep out the bus shelter and check the Wildwood park defibrillator. Cllr Deller and the Clerk would liaise in the sourcing of signage for the location of the defibrillator.

### **14 - 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 8.28pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman