

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr D Rajan, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley, and four members of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Deller, Cllr Langdon, Cllr A Painter and Cllr M Painter, and also from Cllr S Parsons (GCC).

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH JULY 2019

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

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

There were no matters arising.

4 – APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors considered Mr Nick Anderson's application, and unanimously voted to co-opt Mr Anderson to the parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Anderson to the Council. The Clerk would provide Cllr Anderson with the necessary paperwork for completion.

5 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Tim Jefferies had recently passed away. Mr Jefferies had been well-known in the Parish over very many years, and had provided many of the trees around the village. The Chair would write a letter of condolence and thanks to Mrs Jefferies on behalf of the Parish Council.

6 – CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on three emails he had received:

- Richard Gray of Highways had responded to a request for repainting of 30mph roundels on the road surface and for 30mph repeater signs. He had advised that the roundels at the entrances of the village would be repainted, but that it was now policy to allow others to fade, and that 30mph repeater signs were not permitted.
- An email from a concerned resident regarding the speed and road behaviour of cyclists passing through the village as part of events or cycling clubs. It was agreed to write to the various local cycling clubs and event organisers, and the Cotswold Water Park Trust.
- Richard Gray of Highways had been advised that the date for commencement of resurfacing of Siddington Road was 8th November 2019.

7 - POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA

Date 06/09/2019 Produced by: PCSO Adrien KAPRONCZAI

Summary:

This report covers the period of 1st August to 1st September 2019. During this period there were 3 crimes. This compares with 10 in the same period last year.

Crime Breakdown:

Burglary residential - 1

Violence – 1

Theft – 1 – unauthorised taking from motor vehicle

Further information about crime statistics can be found on www.police.uk

Information:

PC Jupp and PCSO Kapronczai apologise for their absence. Police can be contacted by telephoning the non-emergency number 101, or e-mail on: 101,

101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Information can also be passed via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. We are also contactable on line either via the Constabulary website www.gloucestershire.police.uk and follow the links from the Neighbourhood Policing section on the left of the page, or email to one of the officers below. firstname.secondname@gloucestershire.police.uk

Many thanks
PC Shane Jupp
PCSO Adrien Kapronczai

8 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)

- Ashton Road flooding – ongoing. Highways England seeking a permanent solution. Monitor.
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain, although not recently – ongoing.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing.
- Parking on rough ground adjacent to the children's play area – ongoing.
- It was noted that the second section of the canal towpath work had not been carried out in August as planned. The Clerk had emailed Mike Barton at Gloucestershire PROW for more information, but he was currently away.
- Spire View footpath. Whilst the surface was acceptable at present it would probably need some surface dressing at some point in the future. The path had occasionally suffered from becoming overgrown in places and one resident of Spire View had done some cutting back (just prior to Bathurst Estate arriving to carry out work). It was agreed to ask if the residents were willing to carry out periodic trimming back, and if so, then to ask Bathurst Estate if they would permit this.

9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- A member of the public present suggested provision of a seat outside the bus shelter in Elizabeth Way. It was noted that the Parish Council had previously budgeted for a new roadside shelter, but had put this on hold following Gigaclear's broadband installation under the footpath there. Former councillor David Prosser advised that he had, whilst a member of the Council, previously produced plans for fold-up seating at the site. The Clerk would try to find these plans and also a price for a canopy to attach to the current shelter.

10 - PLANNING**Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 5th September 2019**

- **19/02071/FUL CT.3819**
Applicant: Mr Mark Nixon, c/o agent Mr Johnathan Rixon, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY
Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension at Cirrus, The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY
Consultation expiry date: 9th September 2019
NO OBJECTION
- **19/02100/FUL CT.0692**
Applicant: Helen McHattie, c/o agent Mr Iles, I.B.A., Units E & F, The Old Brickyard, Ashton Keynes, Wilts, SN6 6QR
Proposal: Proposed new dwelling and associated works at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 30th July 2019
The Parish Council objects to this application. A single dwelling accessed via the pub car park as at present would not generally generate enough traffic to cause concern, but this application could lead to further "infill" of the site with more dwellings, and thereby increase the conflict with pub users and become an issue, particularly a safety one. The application form states that the current use is garden. From Google Earth, the use is clearly not paddock like the remaining part of the holding would it be classed as "garden"? It is not attached to any dwelling as one would expect of a garden. It is surrounded by paddocks and is in reality in open countryside, albeit very close to the built part of the village. The front elevation design is poor with the front door misaligned with the centrally positioned first floor window.
OBJECTION
- **19/02156/FUL CT. 2959/2/K**
Applicant: Mrs Jane Heryet, c/o agent Mr Jonathan Rixon, Rixon Architects Limited, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension at 27 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ
Consultation expiry date: 31st July 2019
The Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment. The extension would create a building which would be too large for the plot on which it sits.
OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 5th September 2019

- **19/01926/FUL CT.0692**
Proposed detached car port/store at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR – Application Permitted
- **19/02308/LBC CT.8652**
Remove existing external plastic soil vent pipe to the western elevation and replace with a new cast iron SVP at Church Farmhouse, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ – Application permitted
- **19/02352/FUL CT.1490/2/A**
Erection of front porch at 24 North Hill Road, Siddington, GL7 1PG – Application permitted

11 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with representatives Siddington FC and Chesterton AFC on 29th July 2019. It had been agreed that Chesterton would from now on be

the primary user of the facilities and that this would allow Siddington the time to re-organise and recruit a new committee following the departure of its chairman.

The other main points agreed at the meeting were:

- Chesterton have taken on the utility bills for the clubhouse and will apportion for Siddington's use.
- Chesterton have carried out a lot of tidying up, both inside the clubhouse and in its surrounding area.
- Both clubs to encourage sensible considerate parking on the street.
- Parish Council to consider allowing parking on field for home teams when ground conditions permit. Also to look at ground reinforcement for on-grass parking.
- Both clubs to clean up all rubbish and leave facilities immaculate after use.
- Communication between clubs to be via email where possible.
- Onsite storage container for mowers and other equipment – permission needed from Bathurst Estate.
- Main gate needs replacing – Grip Tyres and A&B Fencing willing to sponsor replacement. It was agreed to ask for quotes for other fence repairs.
- Steve Bond of Chesterton is cutting and maintaining the pitch – and has recently won an award for his work there. This has negated the need for the Council's contractor to cut the whole field, and he has now quoted £60 per cut to cut everything except the pitch.
- The former chairman of Siddington would be paying the club's current outstanding grasscutting contribution for the 2018-19 season in three instalments.
- Chesterton had requested help with funding new aluminium goalposts. The Clerk would seek clarification on costs etc from Chesterton. It was agreed that funding could be applied for via Cotswold District Council.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to each club contributing £200 annually towards the Parish Council's costs in respect of the playing field. The Clerk and the Chairman would draw up an agreement for each club for circulation to the Council for approval. The agreement should include proposals for youth football activities in the village.

12 - FINANCE

The monthly schedules of cheques for August and September had been circulated with the agenda.

The cheque totals were:

1565 - £101.30 – R Cowley – expenses

1566 - £315.00 – H J Carter – grasscutting

1567 - £24.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire

1568 - £175.00 – Adam Curtis – website maintenance, tech support and hosting

1569 – R Cowley – clerk's salary (August)

1570 - £16.40 – R Cowley – expenses

1571 - £75.00 – R O W Berry – stile repairs

1572 - £360.77 – F Lovatt – grasscutting (Jul & Aug)

1573 - £23.25 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

1576 - £240.00 – PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fees

1574 – R Cowley – clerk's salary (September)

1575 – HMRC – PAYE & NI

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

The Council agreed to add Cllr Smith and Cllr Turner to the list of Council authorised bank signatories.

Following a proposal from Cllr A Painter, the Council considered the replacement of the Millington memorial bench at the churchyard as it was now falling apart. The Council agreed to the replacement with a recycled plastic bench as at the playing field. The Clerk would obtain prices for supply and installation and also obtain approval from the church.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 1 PC Email from CDC with information on public consultation on designs for new Waterloo car park in Cirencester.
- 2 PC Email from Mike Harding of Corin Ltd regarding repairs to footpath adjacent to their factory.
- 3 PC Letter from Cllr A Painter regarding replacement of Millington memorial bench at St Peter's Church.
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- 4 PC Cotswold Canals Trust magazine, The Trow.
- 5 PC Email from Jon Griffiths regarding speeding and street lighting in the village.
- 6 PC GRCC newsletter.
- 7 PC Confirmation of CDC Tree Preservation Order at The Common.
- 8 PC Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 9 P Confirmation from CDC Planning Enforcement of investigation into apparent vehicle access creation at 3 Empire Villas.
- 10 PC Request for support for Village Show (room hire costs). The Parish Council noted the good attendance at this event
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- 11 PC GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 12 H GCC notification or road closures – Siddington Road re-surfacing.
- 13 PC GAPTC email regarding CDC Eco Crime programme.
- 14 H Update on Ashton Road drainage issues.
- 15 F External Auditor Report.
- 16 F/PF Request from Chesterton AFC for funding towards new goalposts at the playing field.
- 17 PC GAPTC sector update.

- 18 PC Invitation to Parish Council to take part in St Peters Church Christmas Tree Festival from 6th-9th December. Cllr Turner agreed to be the lead on this project.
- 19 PC CDC press release announcing start date for new recycling arrangements. The Council noted that the new recycling arrangements would now begin in March 2020 and not in November 2019 as originally planned.
- 20 H Email correspondence regarding positioning of HGV signage on Park Way. It was agreed to ask Highways if the weight limit sign at the Somerford Road junction of Park Way could be moved forward of the hedge line to make it more visible to vehicles turning in.
- 21 F Request for donation to Cobalt charity. The Council agreed that with limited resources, donations should be kept to organisations within the Parish.

14 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Rajan reported that Peter Gibbons would be handing over the post office to new operators the following Monday. The Parish Council wished to express it’s thanks to Peter for his valued contribution to the community over the years and to wish him well for the future.

Cllr Turner reported that what appeared to be builders’ waste had been left in the car park on park Way. The Clerk would inform Bromfords.

Cllr Hayward had received a request for a dog poo bin at the end of canal path on Ashton Road. It was agreed to ask CDC to move the one currently outside the Village Hall to this new location.

Cllr Hayward also reported that the two black poplars at the playing field appeared to have gone missing. Cllr Turner would check.

15 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Denys Young, Chair of the Village Hall Trustees

- thanked the Parish Council for its recent contribution to the costs of the new porch at the Village Hall.
- reported that the cycle route sign outside Barton Leaze was no longer visible.
- asked that the “skid risk” sign left at Upper Siddington be removed.
- Reported that there had been a suggestion to have a “book swap” facility in the village, possibly at the Village Hall.

Former councillor, Mr David Prosser, suggested that the proposed agreement with the two football clubs should include the extent of their entitlement to use the facilities.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 9.04pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th October 2019 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman