

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner. Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present. Two members of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Langdon.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 14TH JULY & 20TH AUGUST 2020

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings 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 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

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

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

- Park Way flooding on top bend – the Council noted that Highways had cleared the gullies either side of the road and had installed a new culvert under the road itself.
- Spire View footpath – the Clerk reported that he was awaiting the formal offer of the financial contribution and the confirmation from the Bathurst Estate that the footpath would be dedicated as a full Public Right of Way and added to the Definitive Map.
- Cllr Anderson reported that the new bus shelter at Elizabeth Way was due to be installed on 1st October.
- Flooding by old railway bridge on Ashton Road – following recent flooding, concern was expressed at how to prevent the build-up of silt at the site. Previously sand bags had seemed to work well, but these were not favoured by the local Highways manager. It was noted that both Gloucestershire Highways and Highways England were sending out jetting teams.

6 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

- **Covid-19 Response**

It was noted that although things were quiet at the moment, the volunteers response team were still available and the contact phone number would remain active.

7 – REDUNDANT PHONE KIOSK

Although it was unlikely that any conversion work would could be carried out at present, it was agreed to seek suggestions for its future use.

8 - PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 3rd September 2020

- **20/01852/REM**

Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, Gloucestershire, GL9 1HT

Proposal: Reserved matters pursuant to Outline permission granted at Appeal under LPA ref. 15/05165/OUT (Erection of up to 88 dwellings, to include vehicular access off Park Way; new pedestrian and cycle links to the wider area; improvements to Siddington School; including improved access facilities and the erection of a new purpose built school hall; a solar park; ecological enhancements; strategic landscaping; and associated infrastructure) for the provision of internal layout, internal road layout and parking, appearance and scale of house type designs, landscaping strategy, drainage strategy, ecology strategy and renewable energy strategy at land parcel at Severalls Field, Park Way, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 13th August 2020

The Council noted that the revised proposals assumed that the existing school drop-off arrangements on the Coach Road would continue. The Council agreed that the proposed two drop-off spaces on the new development for the school were wholly inadequate. A new and larger drop-off point for the school within the development to alleviate congestion on the Coach Road was highly desirable and was also one of the few benefits to the surrounding community. It was agreed that the developers had not addressed the issue of school congestion. What had originally been proposed had not been for the benefit of the academy trust, rather it was for the benefit of the surrounding community. There had also been some doubt over the provision of a new assembly hall for the school, which the new school head definitely wanted. Cllr Smith would seek further clarification with regard to the drop-off point and the new school hall. It was agreed to write to Cllr Evemy of CDC and make him aware of the strong feeling held by the Council that officers should not permit development without the full involvement of the Parish Council. **OBJECTION**

- **20/02366/COMPLY CT.9143**

Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton Gloucestershire GL9 1HT

Proposal: Compliance with condition 13 (Footways/cycleway) of permission 15/05165/OUT - Outline application for the erection of up to 88 dwellings, to include vehicular access off Park Way; new pedestrian and cycle links to the wider area; improvements to Siddington School, including improved access facilities and the erection of a new purpose built school hall; a solar park; ecological enhancements; strategic landscaping; and associated infrastructure.

Consultation expiry date: 23rd September 2020.

The Council was not in favour of upgrading the footpath from Pound Close to the church to a bridleway to allow the use of bicycles, as all paths leading from the Pound Close end were footpaths not bridleways and therefore inaccessible to bicycles. The Council would also be totally opposed to upgrading the footpath from Pound Close to the school to a bridleway for health and safety reasons as this was a major walking route for children attending the school. The Council agreed that other paths in the Parish (such as the remainder of the old canal towpath alongside Corin Ltd), were in greater need of upgrading rather than the footpath from Pound Close to the church. **OBJECTION**

- **20/02327/FUL & 20/02328/LBC**

Applicant: Mr Sam Denton, c/o agent Mr Matt Edwards,
Cotswold Architects, 5 Downs Way, Baunton, Cirencester, GL7 7DH
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension at The Garden Apartment, 6
Siddington Hall, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 28th August 2020
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions by Cotswold District Council to 3rd September 2020

- **20/02344/HEDGE**

Remove 6m section of hedgerow to allow pipeline installation at 450m north of Upper Up, 290m east of Spratsgate Lane, Siddington. Application permitted.

- **20/02564/HEDGE**

Removal of 6.0m of hedgerow to enable the installation of a new foul sewer which will connect the new development south of Cirencester to the existing South Cerney Sewer Pumping Station. Application permitted.

9 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

Following incidents where residents' driveways had been blocked by inconsiderate drivers attending football matches, it was agreed the Clerk would write to Chesterton AFC to remind them of their obligation to ensure safe and considerate parking.

10 – PROPOSAL FOR WILDFLOWERS PLANTING AT THE PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk presented a proposal which he had prepared with assistance from former Parish Councillor Ellie Jones of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Areas selected included the bank behind the children's playground and three areas along the eastern hedgerow. Ground preparation and sowing would take place in late September or October. Chesterton AFC would assist with the first stage of preparation. Both areas would be sown with Yellow Rattle, which suppresses grass roots and a mix of other wild flowers would also be included on the bank area. A small number of additional volunteers would be needed for sowing and associated tasks. It was agreed to budget £400 in the current financial year with any underspend being carried over.

11 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of payments for September had been circulated with the agenda.

The amounts were:

£83.95 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, stationery)

£470.00 – H J Carter – village and playing field grass cutting (July)

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (August)

£12.00 – R Cowley – expenses (phone)

£23.25 – PATA UK – payroll services

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R-Cowley – Clerk's salary (September)

HMRC – PAYE & NI

The Clerk was authorised to make the above payments by bank transfer.

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

12 - CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CPRE update.
- 2 Advice on verge maintenance.
- 3 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 4 Training opportunities with GAPTC.
- 5 CDC Councillors briefings.
- 6 GCC Highways update.
- 7 Updates from GAPTC.
- 8 Email from Chesterton AFC notifying of a fun day at the playing field on 1st August.
- 9 Email from Cllr Turner regarding Park Way drain and Coach Road footpath.
- 10 GCC Councils Connected newsletters.
- 11 CPRE E-newsletter.
- 12 Notice of Temporary Closure of Green Lane for water mains works.
- 13 Regulation 14 Notice of Consultation on South Cerney Neighbourhood Plan.
- 14 Notification from CDC of online conference on climate emergency action planning on 10th October 2020.
- 15 Email from Mike Barton of Gloucestershire PROW regarding upgrade of footpath from Pound Close to Siddington Road by the Severalls Field developer.
- 16 Email from Publica Group regarding provision of street name plates.
- 17 Update from GAPTC including news salary scales for 2020-21, website accessibility requirements (and cost of implementation by Adam Curtis). It was agreed to make this an agenda item for October's meeting.
- 18 Email from GCC promoting Gloucestershire Day on 21st September.
- 19 Email correspondence from Matthew Irwin of Highways England and from Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways regarding recent flooding by the old railway bridge on Ashton Road.

13 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Turner reported that there was now a skip at the Jubilee Flats.

14 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public present commented that it was good to see that the Parish Council was keeping an eye on the latest development proposals for Severalls Field.

The Clerk and members of the public then left the meeting and the Council considered the latest salary scales information supplied by NALC and applicable to the Clerk.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.38pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th October 2020.

Chairman