

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr S Parsons (GCC)(7.45pm to 8.20pm). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020

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 – REDUNDANT PHONE BOX ON ASHTON ROAD

After some discussion of a variety of potential uses the Council agreed

- that the Clerk would source a quote for refurbishment to include provision of shelving for a potential book exchange
- that a final decision on future use could be made after refurbishment and when the Covid-19 pandemic had eased.

5 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the Clerk has asked for suggestions (with costings) for expenditure in the coming financial year.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting at this point.

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

- Rough parking area at Upper Siddington – Cllr Hayward had spoken to workmen at the re-surfacing of Park Way and had been told that it could not be included. They had suggested that planings from other re-surfacing work nearby might be obtained from other road contract work in warmer weather and brought to the site where it could be spread and rolled at the Parish Council’s cost. The Clerk would speak to Richard Gray at Highways.
- Spire View footpath – it was noted that work had been completed. The path would be monitored over the winter to see if any additional work was needed.
- Cllr Anderson was chasing up replacement parts for the new bus shelter.
- GCC 11282129 – rusted through signpost at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. No further news. The Clerk would chase this up again.
- GCC 11283846 – Wrecked weight limit sign at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. No response. The Clerk would chase again and copy in Cllr Parsons.

7 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

No further update on any issues.

8 – PLANNING

Planning decisions made at Cotswold District Council to 3rd December 2020

- **20/03723/FORST**
Felling License application at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Application permitted.
- **20/03744/TPO 06/00057/TPO**
Lime tree nearest to garage and house - there is a large horizontal limb, high up that has grown away from the main crown. Now it is away from the main crown it is starting to grow vertical points. Proposed work to reduce this limb back to the main crown periphery (25% approx.). The lowest limb of this tree removed to raise the crown at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Application permitted.
- **20/03918/DD**
Willow (T11) - Fell Complete removal of tree following recent storm damage on 28/9/20 where the tree was brought down in high winds at 1 The Close, Siddington.
No tree to be replanted in this same location. No objection.

Update on Severalls Field Application

Cllr Parsons reported that new plans with a revised layout for a school drop-off point were expected to be submitted soon. Cllr Parsons also wished to thank all those who had submitted objections via the CDC planning portal.

9- PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

The Clerk reported some parts of the fence alongside Park Way were in a poor state of repair. The Council agreed to the Clerk sourcing a quote for repairs for consideration at the next meeting.

10 - FINANCE

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

The amounts noted and approved were:

£7,998.36 – Externiture Ltd – new bus shelter at Elizabeth Way
 £10,644.00 – Green Attitude Ltd – Spire View footpath re-surfacing
 £50.00 – Village News – December donation
 £86.98 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, stationery)
 £35.63 – SLCC – annual membership renewal
 £23.25 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
 £10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone
 R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (December)

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

The Council also noted that a contribution of £3,332.65 had been received from GCC towards the cost of the bus shelter, and that contributions of £2,500 from Bathurst Estate and £3,500 from GCC (via Cllr Parsons) towards the cost of the Spire View footpath were expected shortly. The Council would also be reclaiming the VAT element of these expenses.

The Clerk also reported that he was expecting a final invoice for this year’s grass cutting. The Council also noted with sadness the recent passing of Fred Lovatt, who had carried out

grass cutting around the village for a number of years, and wished to express its condolences to his family and friends.

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

Cllr Parsons left the meeting at this point.

Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road

The Clerk had circulated detailed quotes for the type of speed warning sign used in Crudwell, and Richard Gray's limited response to a request for more detailed costings. The Council also considered a suggestion that the replacement be situated elsewhere on Ashton Road, but agreed that the current location was probably best. The Clerk was asked to check the process for arranging installation by someone other than Highways.

11 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Update from Matthew Irwin of Highways England on drainage work at the old railway bridge on Ashton Road.
- 2 Suggestions for future use of the phone box on Ashton Road.
- 3 Information for Parish Councillors on obtaining a copy of the Electoral Register from CDC.
- 4 GPFA Newsletter and Notice of AGM.
- 5 Notice of GAPTC AGM and Annual Report.
- 6 GAPTC - Committee on Standards in Public Life policy consultation briefing.
- 7 Notice of GRCC AGM.
- 8 Copy email from Preston PC regarding naming of Siddington Park development.
- 9 Copy email from Highways regarding proposed amendment to 30mph speed limit on Park Way.
- 10 Email correspondence from Cllr Parsons and Andrew Parker-Mowbray of Highways regarding ANPR cameras.
- 11 Email from GCC regarding the Ash Dieback Project.
- 12 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 13 GCC Councils Connected Newsletter.
- 14 GAPTC training update.
- 15 Email correspondence from Tony Pugh regarding speed warning signs.
- 16 Quote from Traffic Technology for speed warning signs.
- 17 Information on costs of speed warning signs from Richard Gray of Highways.

12 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr M Painter asked if there had been any more news on extending the graveyard. Cllr Hayward would check and report back.

Cllr Langdon reported that the wall alongside the pavement on Ashton Road adjacent to his property was in a poor state of repair. The Clerk would write to Bathurst Estate.

Cllr Every (CDC) reported

- that the ending of the option to pay for CDC car parking with cash had been postponed.
- that following the recent successful online CDC planning training session, others were being planned.
- that a revised planning protocol had been introduced whereby ward councillors must present a valid planning reason why an application should be referred to CDC's Planning Committee.
- that a working group had been set up to look at the regulation of short-term lets.

13 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.42pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th January 2021.

Chairman