

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2021**

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). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and two members of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 12TH & 26TH JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the previous two 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 matters to report other than those covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 – FLOODING ISSUES

Cllr Hayward reported that he had arranged to meet in early March with Tristan Chippendale of Bathurst Estate to walk round the various ditches and culverts on the estate’s land and to agree what the community could do to help maintain them and alleviate future flooding problems.

Cllr Hayward also reported that he had prepared sketches and specification for conversion of the old bus shelter on Elizabeth Way to a store for sand, bags and other emergency supplies. The Clerk had requested quotes for the work.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) advised that the interim managing director of the new owners of Wildwood Park was now in close contact with Thames Water over flooding and sewage issues.

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

- Old railway bridge on Ashton Road – no flooding had occurred at this point in recent weeks, but it would continue to be monitored.
- Cllr Anderson reported that the new bus shelter had been repaired.
- GCC 11282129 – rusted through signpost at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. Post replaced.
- GCC 11283846 – Wrecked weight limit sign at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. Sign reinstated.
- Rubbish in garden at Jubilee Flats – the landlord, Bromford, had been informed. Most rubbish had been removed.

- Cllr Parsons reported that work was ongoing to sort out the flooding on the final bend in Park Way.

7 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

Cllr Hayward reported that there was no further update.

8 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 4th February 2021

- **20/04042/FUL & 20/04043/LBC**
Applicant: Mr Paul Nash, c/o agent Mr Chris Davies, CMD Architects Ltd, South Bank House, Wood End Lane, Newmarket, Nailsworth, GL6 0RH
Proposal: Installation of 6no. rooflights and fenestration alterations to facilitate conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation at Barton Farm, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH
Consultation expiry date: 2nd February 2021. NEW DETAILS
NO OBJECTION
- **20/04550/FUL & 20/04551/LBC**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Llewelyn-Bowen, c/o agent Nicola Pugh, Plan-A Planning & Development Ltd, Suite B, 45 Dyer Street, Cirencester, GL7 2PP
Proposal: Alterations and extension to ancillary outbuilding to form annex. Relocation of existing secondary vehicular access and associated ancillary development at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX
Consultation expiry date: 17th February 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/00150/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Martyn Winstone, c/o agent Mr Nigel Jowsey, H A Planning, 67 Cleevemount Road, Cheltenham, GL52 3HD
Proposal: Single storey rear extension and front porch at 29 Elizabeth Way, Siddington GL7 6JL
Consultation expiry date: 17th February 2021
NO OBJECTION

Update on Severells Field development

Cllr Evey (CDC) and Cllr Hayward had met with the planning officer at CDC to explain the Parish Council's and community's objections to the applicant's proposals for the school, drop-off point. CDC had asked the applicant if they would take on board the objectors' concerns, but the applicant had not changed its position and had asked for the application to be determined. The planning officer had asked Cllr Evey for delegated authority to determine the application. Cllr Evey was considering this, bearing in mind that there had to be a material planning reason to take the application to the CDC Planning Committee to be decided. Cllr Hayward asked if the view of a lawyer with planning experience – he suggested George McKenzie, who had represented CDC at the appeal hearing - might be sought as a second opinion, and Cllr Evey would speak to the planning officer and report back to Cllr Hayward.

Cllr Smith reported that the applicant had written to the Corinium Education Trust, which runs the school, to ask them to confirm that they did not require the second access point to school. The trust would respond to confirm that second access point was not required, but that the drop-off point close to the school was still desired.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

It was agreed that Cllr Hayward, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Smith and the Clerk would meet with Anesco to discuss what community benefits might be available.

9- PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

The Clerk reported that Chesterton AFC had declined the offer of the storage container previously agreed as it was not suitable, and would endeavour to source a more suitable smaller one later this year.

The Council noted that two ponies had escaped from their owner where they had been grazing in the canal basin and wandered onto Park Way and the playing field. The Council wished to record its thanks to Charlotte Ayres who made sure they were confined in the children's play area and called the Police. Charlotte had also stayed on for over two hours to ensure no unaccompanied children entered the playground until the police and owner returned to retrieve the ponies.

The Clerk reported that he had received one quote for the fencing repairs and was awaiting two more.

10 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of payments for February had been circulated with the agenda, along with the monthly accounts statement and finance spreadsheet.

The amounts noted and approved were:

- £50.00 – GAPTC - training
- £50.00 – Village News – February donation
- £62.98 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill & stationery)
- £235.00 – H J Carter – grasscutting
- £10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone
- R Cowley – Clerk's salary (February)

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

11 – NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

The Council considered and unanimously adopted the new Model Code of Conduct for Members as provided by the Monitoring Officer of Cotswold District Council. The Clerk would update the website and circulate the new version to members.

12 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 3 Email from NALC with link to survey from HM Land Registry for parish and town councils.
- 4 NALC survey on government proposals for reform of the Right to Contest under the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 operated by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.
- 5 Press release from CDC announcing *Crowdfund Cotswold*, a platform to enable residents to raise money to improve their neighbourhoods, and invitation to launch of scheme.
- 6 Email from CDC with recommended Model Code of Conduct.

- 7 Survey from CDC on the management of public open space in new residential developments (*The Gateway – Bloor Homes*). The Clerk would complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 8 Notification of urgent closure of Ashton Road for repairs and diversion route in place.
- 9 Information on Digibus project. It was felt that the Parish Council did not have any locations available for siting the Digibus.
- 10 Quote for fencing repairs at the playing field.
- 11 CPRE Gloucestershire Newsletter.
- 12 CDC Business Matter newsletter.
- 13 Update on storage container at the playing field.

13 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Deller was concerned that there had been further power cuts recently. The Clerk would write to SSE to ask for an explanation.

It was noted that Cllr Langdon had volunteered to carry out litter picking around the parish and the Clerk had provided litter grabbers and rubbish sacks.

Cllr Evely (CDC) reported that the CDCD flood forum meeting for Cirencester, Siddington and South Cerney would be taking place online on Thursday 11th February. Cllr Anderson would be attending for Siddington.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) reported that

- he was attending a meeting with Insp Ellson of Gloucestershire Police on Thursday 11th February for an update on the potential use of ANPR cameras.
- the Government had decided to proceed with the planned local and Police & Crime Commissioner elections on 6th May.

14 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public present.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.32pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2021.

Chairman