

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 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)(until 8.45pm). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and five members of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8TH DECEMBER 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 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman had no matters to report other than those covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 - 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. 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.
- Rubbish in garden at Jubilee Flats – the landlord, Bromford, had been informed.

6 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

It was noted that the Covid-19 Support Group phone had proved a useful contact resource during the recent flooding.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) emphasised the importance of everyone following the rules during the Covid-19 national lockdown.

7 – REVIEW OF THE RECENT FLOODING EVENT IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Parsons reported that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the various organisations and agencies involved with the communities affected.

It was agreed a response plan should include:

- Methods of warning residents of imminent flooding
- Ways to protect their properties

- Provision and deployment of sand and sand bags where needed in the parish – coordinated by the Parish Council and operated by a team on volunteers.

It was agreed that the old bus shelter should be partly converted to form a new store for sand, sand bags and any emergency equipment and signs. Cllr Hayward to meet at the shelter to assess how much space could be used before obtaining a quote. It was noted that the current grit store needed sorting out.

Stocks of sandbags were currently good, but additional sand might be needed.

Flooding - causes and potential solutions:

- Lack of maintenance of river and drainage ditches and culverts
 - Encourage the EA and landowners to keep ditches and drainage systems clear
 - Volunteers to check ditches and culverts twice a year and report to Parish Council
- Thames Water had a structural problem with flood water entering the sewers system and overflowing into houses and gardens
 - Thames Water needs to deal with this by re-lining their sewers and sealing their manholes.

The Clerk reported that South Cerney Parish Council was keen to engage with Jenny Phelps of FWAG for co-ordinated land management solutions and also with Siddington and Cirencester to maintain a united approach to the District and County Councils, Thames Water, the EA and Highways.

Concerns were also expressed at the threat of flooding in the churchyard.

It was agreed to set up a small group to progress a flood response plan and the Clerk would arrange an online meeting in due course.

It was agreed that flooding would be a permanent item on future Parish Council agendas.

8 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 7th January 2021

- **20/01852/REM**
 Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, Glos, GL9 1HT
 Proposal: Severalls Field development.
 Consultation expiry date: 22nd December 2020
 NEW DETAILS – NO COMMENT
- **20/03759/COMPLY**
 Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, Glos, GL9 1HT
 Proposal: Compliance with Condition 21 (school drop-off point) of Permission (15/05165/OUT) - Severalls Field development.
 Consultation expiry date: 21st December 2020
 NEW DETAILS. The Council considered the revised school drop-off point proposed by the applicant to be wholly inadequate and failed to reflect what was required by the planning inspector when allowing the appeal. Cllr Hayward had drafted a strongly worded and detailed objection, which it was agreed should be submitted to CDC.
 OBJECTION

- **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: 29th December 2020

NO OBJECTION

- **20/04335/HEDGE**

Applicant: Rhiannon Butcher, Clancy Docwra Ltd, Clare House, Coppermill Lane, Harefield, UB9 6HZ

Proposal: Removal of 20m section of hedgerow to enable installation of sewer at hedgerow to the west side of Spratsgate Lane, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 4th January 2021

NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions made at Cotswold District Council to 7th January 2021

- **20/02787/FUL**

Proposed tennis court and enclosure at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR. Application permitted.

9- PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

The Council considered the proposal from Chesterton AFC whereby the club and the Parish Council would jointly purchase a mower for the club's use, and the club would then undertake the grass cutting for the whole playing field including the children's play area. The Council had reservations about the proposed arrangement in the longer term, and decided to remain with the current set up.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) left the meeting at this point.

The Council considered the quotes from Bob Berry for fence work at the playing field. The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative quotes for comparison.

10 - FINANCE

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

The amounts noted and approved were:

£50.00 – Village News – January donation

£12.00 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill)

£25.00 – CPRE – annual membership renewal

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (January)

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

It was noted that the contributions towards the Spire View footpath had been received from GCC (Cllr Parsons' contribution) and from the Bathurst Estate.

As the Clerk had received no suggestions before the meeting for budget expenditure in the coming year, he would draft a budget for circulation to the Council, which would meet on Tuesday 26th January to approve.

Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road

The Clerk reported that Highways had confirmed that vehicle activated speed warning sign would have to be installed by their contractor, and that the Parish Council would not be able to make their own arrangements.

11 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 GAPTC updates.
- 3 Email correspondence from Adam Mathers of Anesco regarding Siddington Solar Project. The Clerk would reply to advise that not all residents had received copies of the flyer, and also regarding the proposed electric vehicle charging points. The Clerk would contact Preston Parish Council with regard to what community benefits could be expected from the developer of a solar farm.
- 4 GAPTC – AGM Minutes.
- 5 Email from GAPTC with information on the OPCC ‘Safe & Social Roads’ survey for parish and town councils. The Clerk would complete the survey on behalf of the Council and mention the lack of cycle path provision.
- 6 Introductory letter from CDC Monitoring Officer, Patrick Arran, together with new Model Code of Conduct.
- 7 Email from Highways with diversionary route for HGVs during the temporary closure of Spratsgate Lane.
- 8 Grass cutting proposal for the playing field from Chesterton AFC.
- 9 Covid-19 national lockdown update from GPFA.
- 10 Letter from Dr Paul Morrish of Shipton Oliffe suggesting joint applications from groups of parishes for 20mph Traffic Regulation Orders for built-up areas. The Clerk would reply indicating the Council’s interest in participating.
- 11 Notice of designation by Natural England of the Cotswold Water Park as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- 12 Email of thanks from residents of The Common for help received during the recent Christmas flooding incident.

12 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that the temporary toilets installed at Wildwood Park during the recent flooding incident would be collected this week.

13 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public present suggested that for safety reasons the Council should carefully consider the type of fencing to be installed alongside the playing field in Park Way.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.12pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Chairman