

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2021

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr S Parsons (GCC) (from 8.15pm). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and one member of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Evemy (CDC).

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH MARCH 2021

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 TO FILL TWO CASUAL VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

One application had been received. After due consideration the Council voted unanimously to co-opt Jan Sparrow to the Parish Council.

5 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

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

6 – FLOODING ISSUES

The Clerk reported that Nathan Keepin would advise when he would be starting work on the bus shelter to an emergency equipment store.

Cllr Hayward reported that the brambles had been cleared from south the bridge by Siddington Mill to allow Highways to clear the silted-up sump and culvert at that location. The Clerk would chase this up with Highways.

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

- A damaged kerbstone in Park Way was added to the list (11315696)
- Bromford car park on Park Way. It had been noted that Bromford had installed a barrier at the car park to prevent fly tipping and vehicles being abandoned there. However, this had been done without applying for planning permission, and without making local residents (who had used the car park for many years) aware. It was noted that the car park was ostensibly for use by Bromford residents, but Bromford had no way of ensuring that their residents did use it. The Council also noted that as the car park had been used “as of right” for over thirty years, users may have prescriptive rights. The Clerk would write to Bromford expressing the Council’s disappointment with the lack of communication.

- Cllr A Painter reported an increase in potholes in Pound Close. The Clerk would report this to Highways.

8 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

It was agreed to continue to maintain the Covid community mobile phone.

9 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 8th April 2021

- **20/01221/FUL CT.3626/D**

Applicant: Wiggins, c/o agent John Dyton, Eric Cole Ltd, Eagle Suite, The Wheelhouse, Bonds Mill, Stonehouse, GL10 3RF

Proposal: Two storey extensions to enlarge dwelling and provide an annexe at Tudmore Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA

Consultation expiry date: 1st April 2021

NO OBJECTION

- **20/03252/FUL CD.3626/E**

Applicant: Wiggins, c/o agent John Dyton, Eric Cole Ltd, Eagle Suite, The Wheelhouse, Bonds Mill, Stonehouse, GL10 3RF

Proposal: Relocate and enlarge existing access, erection of garage, workshop and storage buildings at Tudmore Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA

Consultation expiry date: 1st April 2021

NO OBJECTION

- **20/04199/FUL CT.4893/D**

Applicant: Dr J. Brown, c/o agent Steve Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell Building Design, 2 Court Orchard, Painswick, GL6 6UU

Proposal: Replacement of rear conservatory with kitchen extension at 7 Cherry Tree Drive, GL7 1PJ

Consultation expiry date: 30th March 2021

NO OBJECTION

- **20/04499/FUL**

Applicant: Anesco Ltd, c/o agent Mr Chris Bins, Barton Willmore LLP, 14 King Street, Leeds, LS1 2HL

Proposal: Construction of a temporary 19.94MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with transformers, a DNO substation, customer substation, security fence, landscaping and other associated infrastructure (including a temporary construction access point) at land at Grid Reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington.

NEW DETAILS

Consultation expiry date: 19th March 2021

NO OBJECTION to the new details but objection to the proposed access route maintained.

- **21/00352/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Keith Sizeland, 96 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ

Proposal: Kitchen and garage extension at 96 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ

Consultation expiry date: 1st April 2021

NO OBJECTION

- **21/00692/FUL CT.2959/2/J**

Applicant: Hegarty, c/o agent Dan Newman Turner, Cotswold Architectural Design, Rear Studio, 80 Cricklade Street, Cirencester, GL7 1JN

Proposal: Two storey extension at the front at 17 Cherry Tree Drive, GL7 1PJ

Consultation expiry date: 30th March 2021

The Council agreed with objections raised by neighbours regarding a new bedroom window being an invasion of privacy and felt that a skylight instead would be preferable.

OBJECTION

- **21/00882/FUL**

Applicant: Helen McHattie, c/o agent Mr Iles, I.B.A., Unit E & F, The Old Brickyard, Ashton Keynes, Wilts, SN6 6QZ

Proposal: Proposed car port and stores with accommodation over at new dwelling known as Elder Cottage, Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 9th April 2021

NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 8th April 2021

- **20/01852/REM**

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 Severells Field.

Application permitted.

- **21/00150/FUL**

Single storey rear extension and front porch at 29 Elizabeth Way, Siddington, GL7 6JL.

Application permitted.

Planning appeal decisions to 8th April 2021

- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/20/3262835**

Land adjacent to Upper Siddington House, Upper Siddington, Siddington GL7 6HL

Decision: The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for erection of dwelling together with detached car port and associated ancillary development, at land adjacent to Upper Siddington House, Upper Siddington, Siddington, GL7 6HL, in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref 20/00400/FUL, dated 29 January 2020, and subject to the conditions set out in the schedule.

Update on Severells Field development

The Council agreed a proposed fee of £2,500 for legal following Cotswold District Council granting of permission for a drop-off point for the school at a considerable distance from the location offered by the developers in the planning application that was granted permission at appeal. Cllr Hayward would instruct Counsel.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

No response had been received from Anesco to Cllr Hayward's letter requesting that they revise their offer further. The Clerk would write to Anesco.

10 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a third quote for fencing repair work, and that he had chased the grass cutting contractor about starting this season. The football club had kindly offered to keep the wildflowers area marked out for the grass cutter to avoid.

11 - FINANCE

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

The amounts noted and approved were:

£1,748.00 – Bathurst Estate – playing field rent

£50.00 – Village News – April donation

£25.02 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill & postage)

£325.00 – R O W Berry – re-setting the benches at the playing field in concrete

£15.00 – Cotswold Canals Trust – annual membership renewal

£36.00 – CPRE – annual membership renewal

£662.01 – Came & Co – annual insurance renewal

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (April)

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

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

12 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 CDC Business Matters newsletters.
- 3 Email from Siddington School PTA regarding potential use of the playing field.
- 4 Press release from GCC announcing household recycling centres moving to summer opening hours from 21st March 2021.
- 5 Transcript of Geoffrey Clifton-Browne’s Flood Forum Meeting on 5th March 2021.
- 6 Email from Paul Hazell, Executive Chairman, announcing changes at Cotswold Water Park Trust / Cotswold Lakes Trust.
- 7 Email from David Vernon-Smith thanking the Parish Council for its continued financial support for the Village News.
- 8 Email from Rev Jennifer McKenzie regarding using St Peter’s Church for Parish Council meetings.
- 9 Email correspondence from Clare Dalby regarding the Spire View footpath and the canal towpath.
- 10 Notification of closure of part of Cirencester Road (Siddington Mill to Preston Toll Bar) for urgent tree works to be carried out.
- 11 Notification of triathlon passing through Siddington on 22nd May 2021.
- 12 GPFA - Return to Play - updated guidance for outdoor grass roots sport from 29th March 2021.
- 13 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.

- 14 Information on conducting Council meetings after 7th May 2021.
- 15 Invitation to join Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan online workshops.
- 16 Notification of GAPTC AGM on 24th July 2021.
- 17 Email correspondence from Bromford regarding the installation of a barrier at the Park Way car park.
- 18 Notification of SSEN's Resilient Communities Fund for 2021, which opens on the 6th April and runs until 10th June 2021.
- 19 Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 20 GRCC newsletter.

13 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr A Painter reported that the football club were driving vehicles across the field to the clubhouse. The Clerk would speak to the club and ask that this only be done when absolutely necessary.

Cllr Deller reported that the children's playground appeared to be very well used. It was agreed that maintenance of the equipment be reviewed when the annual RoSPA inspection had taken place.

14 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public present queried whether the new solar farm at the MOD airfield at South Cerney was related to the proposed solar farm on Ashton Road. The Clerk advised that it was not, and was being developed by another company for the MOD.

The member of the public was also advised that the rough area used for parking above the children's playground was likely to be included in a list of improvements for the village should agreement be made for community benefits with the developers of the solar farm on Ashton Road.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.31pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May 2021.

Chairman