

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evey (CDC)(from 7.50pm).
Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and two members of the public were also present.

1 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Turner proposed that Cllr Hayward be re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Sparrow and the Parish Council was all in favour.

2 – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was agreed to postpone election of the Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

3 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Deller and from Cllr Parsons (GCC).

4 – WELCOME CLLR SPARROW

Cllr Sparrow was welcomed to the Parish Council and the Clerk confirmed that all necessary paperwork had been completed.

5 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 13TH APRIL 2021

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were unanimously approved as being a true record.

5 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

7 – CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

One application had been received. After due consideration the Council voted unanimously to co-opt Hayley Davies to the Parish Council. The Clerk would arrange for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

8 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Following her resignation from the Parish Council (effective that evening) the Chairman thanked Cllr Prosser for her sterling service to the Council over the past twenty-six years.

9 – FLOODING ISSUES

Cllr Hayward reported that the brambles had been cleared from south the bridge by Siddington Mill, but that it had not yet been ascertained who would be responsible for further clearance work – Gloucestershire Highways or the Environment Agency.

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

- A damaged kerbstone in Park Way was added to the list (11315696) – ongoing.

- Bromford car park on Park Way. Correspondence from Bromford had confirmed that access key fobs would be available to residents on application to Bromford and contact details would be provided adjacent to the barrier.
- Potholes on Canal Lane (11313094)
- Potholes on Pound Close (11317685)
- Damaged bend warning sign on Siddington Road near Talland (11310612)
- Rubbish in gardens at Jubilee Flats –Bromford had raised tickets for clearance.

11 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

It was agreed to continue to maintain the Covid community mobile phone for a month or two longer.

12 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 28th April 2021

- **21/01271/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Mark Haller, c/o agent Mr Gary Lawes, Jagged Edge Design Ltd, The Studio, Irongate Farm Business Units, Rodmarton, Cirencester, GL7 6PQ
Proposal: Erection of a replacement garage and workshop at 27 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG
Consultation expiry date: 12th May 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/01373/FUL**
Applicant: Mark And Rebecca Pope, c/o agent Steve Wright, Steve Wright Planning Services, 10 Mulcaster Avenue Grange Park Swindon SN5 6EH
Proposal: Erection of extension to front, dormers to rear and enclosed walkway at Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6HT
Consultation expiry date: 12th May 2021
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 28th April 2021

- **21/00882/FUL**
Proposed car port and stores with accommodation over at new dwelling known as Elder Cottage, Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington
Application permitted.

Update on Severells Field development

The Chairman reported that he had misread the rules regarding judicial review and so the deadline for submission had only just been missed. The Council noted that the developer had reneged on undertakings given at the application and appeal stages with regard to the school drop-off point adjacent to the school. An email from Holly Simkiss from the developer, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, offered ongoing contact during the construction phase.

Cllr Evely (CDC) joined the meeting at this point.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

Anesco had declined to increase its offer of community benefit, citing viability issues. The Chairman would seek further industry advice. Cllr Evely (CDC) would check on progress of the application with the planning officer.

13 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB

The Clerk reported that a third quote for fencing repairs had been received. It was agreed that a decision on approval would be made at the next meeting.

Concern was raised about potentially dangerous parking around junctions during football matches.

14 - FINANCE

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

The amounts noted and approved were:

£50.00 – Village News – May donation

£113.00 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, GDPR fee, stationery)

£150.00 – J A Gardiner – annual internal audit

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (May)

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

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 3 Advice from CDC following the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- 4 GRCC Cotswold Community Wellbeing Service newsletter.
- 5 Cotswold District Council Taxi/private hire policy consultation 2021
- 6 Email correspondence with CDC and others regarding design and rollout of new design street name signs.
- 7 Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 8 Invitation to Parish Council to a virtual meeting with the Police..
- 9 Email update from Stonewood Partnerships Ltd on the Severells Field Development.
- 10 NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin regarding remote meetings.
- 11 Email correspondence with Sharon Ellis regarding the footpath from Spire View to the canal towpath.
- 12 Email from Clare Painter of Bromford regarding the car park on Park Way.
- 13 Email from Clare Painter of Bromford regarding rubbish accumulating at Jubilee Flats.

16 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Sparrow reported cyclists using the old canal path (public footpath BSN13) towards the industrial estate despite the small no cycling signs. The Clerk would endeavour to get larger signs installed by Gloucestershire PROW.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that the CDC cabinet had approved an additional £10,000 for a study into the light rail link between Cirencester and Kemble.

17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public present.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.16pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021 in St Peter's Church, Siddington.

Chairman