

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, SIDDINGTON
AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 2021**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr N Anderson, Cllr H Davies, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC).
Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Deller was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

3 – WELCOME

Cllr Hayley Davies was welcomed to the Council and provided the Clerk with her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and her Register of Interests.
Cllr Lisa Spivey was welcomed as the newly-elected county councillor covering the parish.

4 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 4TH MAY 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.

6 – CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Cotswold District Council had received no requests for a by-election and the Parish Council agreed to proceed to co-option to fill the Casual Vacancy. The Clerk would advertise the position.

7 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to former county councillor, Shaun Parsons, for all his sterling work for the parish over many years.
The Chairman also commended Sharna Tinson and Helen Hanks for all their recent voluntary work clearing litter and rubbish in the parish.

8 – FLOODING ISSUES

Cllr Hayward reported that he had written to Thames Water regarding sewage infiltration of the brook behind The Common, but has yet to receive a response. There was a suggestion that the pollution might emanate from a drain from the Love Lane industrial estate.
The Clerk reported that the contractor was awaiting delivery of the steel door for the emergency store in the old bus shelter before he could complete the works.

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

- A damaged kerbstone in Park Way was added to the list (11315696) – scheduled for repair.
- 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.
- Rough parking area above the playground. It was agreed to investigate further a stopping up order and to tidy up the area.
- Hills' roadsweeping efforts from their quarry on Ashton Road needed to be improved.
- Hedge opposite the post office was becoming overgrown. The Clerk would write to the owner.

10 – CLOSURE OF GREEN LANE TO MOTOR VEHICLES TO PREVENT FLY-TIPPING

The Council considered Ben Knight's request for support for his proposal that Green Lane be closed to motor vehicles to prevent fly-tipping. The Council was sympathetic to the proposal, but had concerns about disabled access for walks and that there should be parking arrangements for disabled. Cllr Spivey (GCC) would investigate how best to proceed.

11 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS (INCLUDING COVID-19)

- It was agreed to retain the Covid community mobile phone and review the situation in September.
- Horses in the field between Pound Close and Siddington Road were becoming aggressive to walkers on the public footpath. The Clerk would write to landowner.

12 – PLANNING**Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 4th June 2021**

- **20/04550/FUL**
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
ADDITIONAL DETAILS
NO OBJECTION
- **21/01752/FUL**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jefferies, c/o agent Mr Lee Clarke,
Lee Clarke Architectural Services, 1D Barton Court, Gloucester Street, Cirencester, GL7 2DL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension at 94 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ
Consultation expiry date: 2nd June 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/01860/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Thibakaran, c/o agent Mr Raja Sekaran, Aarcicon, 42 Brudenell Close, Amersham, HP6 6FH
Proposal: Alterations to the ground floor entrance to first floor flat through external staircase at The Post Office Stores, 26 Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HD
Consultation expiry date: 2nd June 2021
NO OBJECTION

- **21/01905/FUL**
 Applicant: Mr C Glinn, c/o agent Mr Rod Naverette, Home Plan Design Services, 27B High Street, Highworth, Swindon, SN6 7AG
 Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions at 29 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES
 Consultation expiry date: 2nd June 2021
 NO OBJECTION
- **21/01996/CLOPUD**
 Applicant: Evans, c/o agent Cotswold Architectural Design, Rear Studio, 80 Cricklade Street, Cirencester, GL7 1JN
 Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use of Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a single storey rear extension at Winter's Folly, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HD
 Consultation expiry date: 24th June 2021
 NO OBJECTION
- **21/02009/FUL 15/01565/OUT**
 Applicant: Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, Gloucestershire, GL9 1HT
 Proposal: Removal of Conditions 22 (layout and provision of solar park) and 23 (removal of equipment) on permission 15/05165/OUT - allowed on appeal APP/F1610/16/W/3151754 at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington
 Consultation expiry date: 14th June 2021
 The Council was concerned as to the future use of the land previously proposed as a solar park and felt that the area should have a condition imposed to prevent any future development taking place on it.
 OBJECTION
- **21/02137/FUL**
 Applicant: Mr J Hall, c/o agent Mr J Phillips, Abberley Design Ltd, 4 Butts Farm Courtyard, Poulton, GL7 5HU
 Proposal: Erection of car port, replacement of flat roof above dormer windows with pitched roof at 42 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ
 Consultation expiry date: 22nd June 2021
 NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 4th June 2021

- **20/04199/FUL**
 Replacement of rear conservatory with kitchen extension at 7 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington
- **20/04499/FUL**
 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, Gloucestershire.
- **21/00352/FUL**
 Kitchen and garage extension at 96 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ
- **21/00692/FUL**
 Two storey extension to front at 17 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington
- **21/01271/FUL**
 Erection of a replacement garage and workshop at 27 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG

- **21/01373/FUL**

Erection of extension to front, dormers to rear and enclosed walkway at Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6HT

Update on Severells Field development

It was noted that HGVs were using Parkway through the village to access the site, instead of using Spratsgate Lane. The Clerk would write to the developer.

Flooding issues on the top corner of Parkway would also be monitored to ensure they did not worsen during construction.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

Cllr Evely (CDC reported that the application had been granted consent, but that a proper transport plan was needed to avoid vehicles access the site via the village. Cllr Hayward was seeking further advice on the level of community benefit that should be expected.

13 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB

Chesterton AFC had requested permission for the Swindon league to hold their cup final at Siddington. The Chairman and Clerk had declined the request citing potential parking issues.

14 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Following a meeting with the Bathurst Estate, Cllr Hayward had circulated a proposal for the Parish Council to acquire an area of land to the east of the current graveyard free from the Estate for the purposes of providing additional burial space. The likely costs to the Parish Council would be in the region of £5,000 for legal costs, fencing/hedging and landscaping. The Council unanimously approved the Chairman and Clerk to progress the proposal.

15 – FINANCE

- The Council formally approved the quotation for fencing repairs at the playing field. The Clerk would instruct the contractor.
- The Council approved a request from Siddington & Kemble Playgroup for £200 of funding for a gazebo.
- The Council approved the quotation for additional surfacing work for the Spire View footpath. Cllr Spivey (GCC) would check whether she would be able to provide any funding.

The monthly schedule of payments for June 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 – June donation

£64.95 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill and stationery)

£86.40 – Playsafety Ltd – annual playground inspection

£23.85 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

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HMRC – PAYE & NI

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (June)

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

Annual Governance & Accountability Return

- **(A) - The Parish Council unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement.**

- **(B) – The Parish Council unanimously approved the Accounting Statements.**

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Request for funding from Siddington & Kemble Playgroup.
- 2 SLCC update.
- 3 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 4 GCC Councils Connected Newsletter.
- 5 GAPTC update and guidance on the return to physical meetings.
- 6 RoSPA annual playground inspection report.
- 7 Email correspondence from Siddington Cricket Club regarding locating in the parish. The Clerk would suggest a meeting with Cllr Langdon and Cllr Smith to discuss the club's proposals.
- 8 Quote for additional surfacing of the Spire View footpath.
- 9 Email from Ben Knight with proposal for future of Green Lane.
- 10 Quote for playground repairs as per inspection. The Council unanimously approved the quotation. The Clerk would instruct the contractor.
- 11 CDC email requesting Parish Councillors' contact details.
- 12 Quote for fencing repairs at the playing field.
- 13 Invitation from CPRE for councillors to attend online planning seminars.
- 14 Notification from CDC of Regulation 16 Consultation on South Cerney Neighbourhood Plan.
- 15 Formal request for funding for Siddington & Kemble Playgroup.
- 16 CPRE e-newsletter.
- 17 Information from GAPTC on presentation by Gloucestershire Police.
- 18 Email update on Severells Field development from Stonewood Partnerships.
- 19 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 20 Information on ash die-back replanting scheme and offer of free trees from GCC. The Clerk would enquire as to the availability of native hedging for use at the proposed graveyard extension.
- 21 Invitation to Parish Councillors to visit Hunters Nursing Home. The Clerk would reply to advise that Hunters was actually in Preston parish rather than Siddington.
- 22 Thank-you card from former councillor, Ann Prosser.

17 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr M Painter reported the increasing rubbish in the gardens at Jubilee Flats.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that the Council had had its AGM and there had been changes to the make-up of the Cabinet.

Cllr Spivey (GCC) reported that

- the new county council had 24 new councillors out of a total of 53

- she was getting to grips with the division and meeting parish councils.

18 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

19 – NEXT MEETING

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.58pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021 in St Peter's Church, Siddington.

Chairman