

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, SIDDINGTON  
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr C Langdon (until 8.50pm), Cllr I Smith (until 8.40pm), Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr M Turner. Cllr Evemy (CDC) and Clerk to the Council Mr R Cowley were also present. Cllr L Spivey (GCC) joined the meeting at 7.55pm.

**1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson, Cllr A Painter and Cllr M Painter.

**2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 – CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillors considered the applications for co-option to fill the Casual Vacancy. A vote taken and Victoria Wilson was elected to join the Council. The Clerk would forward the necessary information and documents. The Chairman would contact the unsuccessful candidate.

**5 – FUTURE METINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

After discussion it was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Committee Room at the Village Hall on a trial basis.

**6 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation to Nick Grayson and the team who had put on an excellent Village Show on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The Chairman also congratulated Phoebe Paterson Pine on winning her gold medal at the recent Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

The Chairman presented the Police report gratefully received from PCSO Kim Collins:

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 10AUG21 10SEP21	Crime 10JUL21 09AUG21	+/-	% Crime Diff	Detect 10AUG21 10SEP21	Detect 10JUL21 09AUG21	+/-	% Detect Diff
Violence	Harassment	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Assault with injury	1	1	0	0.00%	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft from vehicle	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
=		3	4	-1	(25.00%)	0	1	-1	0.00%

“HGVs – Letters have been sent to the HGVs that we have been made aware of.

PCSO Rowe and PCSO Collins have visited the building site and they were very positive with their response. They are aware of the issues and are trying to control the Lorries. We have been made aware that these issues are continuing so we will visit the site again. Speeding – We have increased our presence to monitor the speeding. On 11/09/21 we had the mobile speed device monitoring traffic. No speeding on this occasion. We will continue to carry out speed checks going forward.”

It was reported that vehicles parked on some pavements were obstruction the passage of pedestrians. The Clerk would ask the PCSOs to visit any problem areas.

## **7 – FLOODING MATTERS**

Cllr Hayward reported that he had written to residents of The Common regarding the agreement from Bathurst Estate for them to access their land to keep culverts clear to reduce the impact of any flooding. Jonathan Rixon was organising a work party.

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

## **8 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)**

- Damaged kerbstone in Park Way (11315696) – repair completed.
- Potholes on Pound Close (11317685) – patching work now completed.
- Rubbish in gardens at Jubilee Flats – appeared to be on the increase again.
- Long grass and brambles along the path between Park Way and The Twenties. The grass contractor had cut back the grass. The Clerk had investigated and it did not appear that the land had any ownership. The Clerk would ask the grasscutter to cut back any brambles to the line of the fence.
- Speed limit and village signs were becoming overgrown by hedges. Cllr Langdon volunteered to cut them back.

## **9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS (INCLUDING COVID-19)**

- It was agreed to retain the Covid community mobile phone and review the situation periodically.

## **10 – PLANNING**

### **Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- **21/02543/FUL**  
Applicant: Carrefour Holdings Ltd, c/o agent Mr Howard Waters,  
Mathewson Waters Architects, The Old Surgery, Crowle Road, Lambourn,  
Hungerford, RG17 8NR  
Proposal: 2 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU  
Consultation expiry date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- **21/02544/FUL**  
Applicant: Carrefour Holdings Ltd, c/o agent Mr Howards Waters,  
Mathewson Waters Architects, The Old Surgery, Crowle Road, Lambourn,  
Hungerford, RG17 8NR  
Proposal: Proposed dwelling at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU  
Consultation expiry date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

- **21/02555/FUL**  
 Applicant: Mr J Shannon, c/o agent Mr Howard Waters,  
 Mathewson Waters Architects, The Old Surgery, Crowle Road, Lambourn,  
 Hungerford, RG17 8NR  
 Proposal: Proposed 3 no. dwellings to replace existing aircraft hangar at  
 Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU  
 Consultation expiry date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- **21/02556/FUL**  
 Applicant: Mr J Shannon, c/o agent Mr Howard Waters,  
 Mathewson Waters Architects, The Old Surgery, Crowle Road, Lambourn,  
 Hungerford, RG17 8NR  
 Proposal: Proposed 4 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington,  
 GL7 6EU  
 Consultation expiry date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
 Although the Council approved of the individual designs of the dwellings, it agreed to  
 object to the above four applications on safety grounds regarding access for  
 pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles to the total development of an additional ten homes  
 on this site.  
 OBJECTION
- **21/02735/FUL**  
 Applicant: Aura Power Developments Ltd (with The Bathurst Estate as co-applicant),  
 c/o agent Mr Joe Taylor, Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd, Suite 1C,  
 Swinegate Court East, 3 Swinegate, York, YO1 8AJ  
 Proposal: Installation of a solar farm comprising an array of ground mounted solar  
 PV panels with associated infrastructure including housing for inverters, transformers  
 and electrical equipment, a substation compound, fencing, security cameras, access  
 tracks, associated landscaping and cabling for grid route of approx. 7.9 kilometres in  
 length at land at Grid Reference 398111 195688, Kemble Wick, Kemble,  
 Gloucestershire  
 Consultation expiry date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
 NO OBJECTION
- **21/03060/FUL**  
 Applicant: Mark & Rebecca Pope, c/o agent Steve Wright, Wright Planning Services,  
 10 Mulcaster Avenue, Grange Park, Swindon, SN5 6EH  
 Proposal: Alterations to existing outbuilding to form garage with leisure room in roof  
 space at Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6HT  
 Consultation expiry date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
 NO OBJECTION
- **21/03069/FUL & 21/03070/LBC**  
 Applicant: Sarah Head, c/o agent Mr Ainslie Innes, Boughton Butler Ltd,  
 1 Crucible Terrace, Norton, Worcester, WR5 2DQ  
 Proposal: Erection of single-storey extension to barn, installation of ASHP unit,  
 access ramp and internal alterations. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of  
 office/living annex. Erection of greenhouse and associated landscaping works at  
 Barton Farm, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH  
 Consultation expiry date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
 NO OBJECTION

## **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

- **21/02137/FUL**

Erection of car port, alterations to dormer windows at 42 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ

### **Update on Severells Field development**

After some discussion the Council felt that the spelling “Severells” should be used in one on the street names for the development at Severalls Field.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that it was likely that the application to site solar panels on the roofs of dwellings rather than in a solar park would be approved.

### **Update on Anesco Solar Farm development**

Cllr Hayward reported that he had been advised that construction on the solar farm was likely to begin in early 2023, and be energised by the end of the year. It was noted that Anesco had not increased their offer with regard to community benefits but discussion would continue.

## **11 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB**

Cllr Langdon and the Clerk had met with Gavin Jones of Chesterton AFC regarding ground-sharing with Siddington Cricket Club. The Council’s reservations with regard health and safety due to the proximity of the children’s playground were shared and Chesterton AFC’s concerns regarding overlaps in the football and cricket seasons and the need to move the football pitch after time, effort and money had been spent were discussed.

The Council was not in favour of a ground-sharing arrangement at present, but would continue to investigate other potential sites in the Parish where a cricket ground might be established. In the meantime the Council agreed that the provision of cricket practice nets at the playing field for Siddington Cricket Club be investigated, and it was noted Chesterton AFC were most agreeable to the cricket club using the clubhouse during their practice sessions.

It was noted that one of the picnic benches at the playing field had been removed from its fixings. The Clerk would ask Bob Berry to re-install both benches.

Cllr Smith left the meeting at this point.

## **12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION**

Cllr Hayward reported that in discussions with the Bathurst Estate it was agreed that the Trustees be requested to agree the transfer of the land for the graveyard extension to the Parish Council provided that planning permission was forthcoming for the change of use. This in turn would be dependent on agreement from the Environment Agency as the area in question was in a flood zone. A report for the EA would be prepared.

Cllr Langdon left the meeting at this point.

## **13 – FINANCE**

The Council agreed to maintain the monthly support of £50 for the Village news and agreed to review the situation on March 2022. It was agreed to encourage the Village News to recruit a volunteer to seek other fundraising and sponsorship.

The Council agreed that should the organisers of a village fete in 2022 request assistance from the Parish Council, it would be looked upon very favourably.

The monthly schedules of payments for August and September had been circulated with the agenda, along with the monthly accounts statement and finance spreadsheet.

The amounts noted and approved were:

**August:**

£50.00 – Village News – August donation

£98.57 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill and stationery)

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (August)

The Clerk had been authorised previously to make the above payments by bank transfer.

**September:**

£50.00 – Village News – September donation

£35.84 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill and stationery)

£175.00 – Adam Curtis – website maintenance/support/hosting

£23.85 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

£37.00 – St Peter’s PCC – room hire

£240.00 – PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (September)

HMRC – PAYE & NI

**14 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 GCC Councils Connected newsletters.
- 3 Email from Holly Simkiss of Stonewood regarding HGV signage.
- 4 Cotswold District Council Gambling Act 2005 Policy Consultation.
- 5 Email from Cllr Spivey (GCC) regarding funding for re-surfacing the Spire View footpath.
- 6 GCC Highways schedule for patching works and road closure orders.
- 7 GRCC Cotswold Community Wellbeing Service July Newsletter.
- 8 Email update from Gavin Jones of Chesterton AFC. The Council congratulated the club on its continued success.
- 9 Email from Tom Maddox regarding expected start date on the Spire View footpath.
- 10 CDC Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation Update.
- 11 Emails correspondence with CDC regarding naming of streets on the Severalls Field development.
- 12 Information on Cotswold Police and Crime Commissioner Roadshows.
- 13 Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 14 Notification of cycle event on 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- 15 GRCC Newsbites.
- 16 CPRE Campaigns Update.
- 17 Notification of temporary closure of road from Somerford Road to Ewen.
- 18 Email from Scott McNeill regarding “20 is plenty” campaign.

- 19 Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan Update.
- 20 GAPTC news and training update.
- 21 External auditor report.
- 22 Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 23 Email from Preston PC with their response to planning application 21/02702/OUT.

### **15 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Evely (CDC) reported that CDC would be running a Town & Parish Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Spivey (GCC)

- had asked at a recent GCC meeting about what plans were being made to deal with future flooding in Cirencester, Siddington and South Cerney. She would be meeting with Cllr Vernon Smith in the next couple of weeks.
- would arrange a site-specific meeting with Highways for Siddington (as for South Cerney earlier in the day) to look at any issues.
- reported that a Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was being formulated.

### **16 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

### **17 – NEXT MEETING**

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman