

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr H Davies, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr M Turner and Cllr V Wilson. Cllr Evemy (CDC) and Clerk to the Council Mr R Cowley were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Spivey (GCC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH NOVEMBER 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 – SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO THE CLERK

After some discussion, the Council voted (due to the ongoing Covid situation) to have the option to delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity, informed by consultation with the members of the council (by Zoom, email, phone, or other remote means where necessary). The scheme would be enacted by the Chairman and Clerk and would be reviewed on a monthly basis if so enacted, and would not extend beyond May 2022. The Council noted that under current rules, members would still need to physically meet in January to approve the precept and budget for 2022/23.

5 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Chairman asked that consideration be given to including an amount in the annual budget to support activities and community engagement at Siddington School. The Clerk would prepare a proposed budget and circulate to members for comment before finalising a version for approval at January's Parish Council meeting.
- The Chairman also reported that the centenary carols at the Village Hall on 21st December had been postponed due to the worsening Covid situation.

6 – POLICE REPORT

No report had been received.

7 – FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr Hayward reported that it appeared that no work had been carried out in clearing the sump at the bridge adjacent to Siddington Mill. Cllr Deller also report that the road by the old railway bridge abutments recently flooded during heavy rainfall. The Clerk would write to Highways on both matters.

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

- Rubbish in gardens at Jubilee Flats – still increasing.
- Cllr Sparrow reported that the barrier at the Bromford car park was broken. The Clerk would advise Bromford.

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

- Covid 19 – It was agreed to continue to retain the Covid community mobile phone and review the situation periodically.
- Safe walking/cycling access to Deer Park and Kingshill Schools
 - Cllr Spivey was looking into this with Stagecoach.
 - The Council noted that there had been an accident involving two vehicles opposite Church Avenue the previous Saturday.
 - The Council agreed that it would be sympathetic to a campaign for a solution.
 - Cllr Turner asked what cycle route provision was being made across Spratsgate Lane for access to the new estate and Deer Park School. Cllr Evemy (CDC) would look into this.

10 – PLANNING**Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 9th December 2021**

- **20/01221/FUL**
 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 Tudmoor Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA
 Consultation expiry date: 16th December 2021
 NEW DETAILS
 NO OBJECTION
- **21/02544/FUL**
 Applicant: Carrefour Holdings Ltd, c/o agent Mr Howard 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: 22nd December 2021
 ADDITIONAL DETAILS
 NO COMMENT
- **21/03596/FUL & 21/03597/LBC**
 Applicant: Sarah Head, c/o agent Mr Ainslie Innes, Boughton Butler Ltd, Crucible Business Park, 1 Crucible Terrace, Norton, Worcester, WR5 2DQ
 Proposal: Internal remodelling of utility room and erection of a single storey extension for plant room. Skylights to be inserted over the utility room, and dressing from on ground and first floors. Expansion of patio area and addition of accessible ramp. Alterations to garden, including creation of drystone wall to define and greenhouse, pond and associated pathways to connect new elements. Placement of new concrete slab and ASHP unit, to serve barn. Change of Land Use from stables to office and living annex at Nashes Barn, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL.
 ADDITIONAL DETAILS
 NO OBJECTION

- **21/03859/FUL**
Applicant: Mrs Lynn Walsh, Elleberta, Siddington Road, Siddington, GL7 1PE
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension at Elleberta, Siddington Road, Siddington, GL71PE
Consultation expiry date: 22nd December 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/04200/FUL**
Applicant: Laura Murphy, Unit 8/9, The Green, Easter Park, Reading, RG7 2PQ
Proposal: Removal of condition 9 (ecology assessment) re 20/04499/FUL to allow for connection works under permitted development at land at grid reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington
Consultation expiry date: 3rd December 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/04313/TPO**
Applicant: Mr James Stow, 12 Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Proposal: T2 - Lime on plan 16_02062_DD-LOCATION_PLAN-952288. A mature tree close to 12 Fraziers Folly, adjacent to the previously fallen tree. There is an abundance of epicormic/ sucker growth which obscures full inspection lower stem and base. Remove in order to assess for the presence of fungal fruiting bodies or signs of decay. Crown reduction of 30%, remove dead wood, crown lift to first floor window height, reduce growth of branches toward no.12 & n.14 Fraziers Folly 1x G1 - Silver Birch on plan Tree Preservation Order No 16_00002. Root / base of the tree shows rot visible above ground, fell due to angle of growth of the tree over the shared drive belonging to Plummers Farm T1 - Horse Chestnut on plan C.T.P.83. Remove the upper branch of the limb growing over the shared driveway and also remove the remanence of the previously fallen limb. At 12 Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 9th December 2021
NO OBJECTION
- **21/04411/LBC**
Applicant: c/o agent Mr David Cant, Bruton Knowles, Olympus House, Olympus Park, Gloucester, GL2 4NF
Proposal: Retiling a single roof slope above the East Elevation and external works to replace a UPVC soil stack in heritage cast iron, realigning a cast iron gutter, lead work. fitting new rooflights and re-pointing at Church Farmhouse, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ
Consultation expiry date: 21st December 2021
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 9th December 2021

- **21/03812/FUL**
Single-storey rear extension at 14 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES. Application permitted.
- **21/02543/FUL**
2 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.
- **21/025/FUL**
Proposed 4 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.

Update on Severells Field development

The Council noted that the first phase had been released.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

The Council still had concerns regarding access route for construction traffic. Cllr Evemy (CDC) advised that a transport plan needed to be approved before construction could begin.

11 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB

The Clerk was still awaiting a response to the request that the developers at Severells Field might consider contributing to the cost of fence repairs at the playing field. The Clerk would chase this up.

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Cllr Hayward reported that he was awaiting a response to an email to the Bathurst Estate.

13 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted and approved were:

- £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire
- £50.00 – Village News – December donation
- £12.00 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill)
- £23.85 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
- £37.53 – SLCC – membership renewal
- £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire
- £100.00 – GPFA – membership renewal
- £10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone
- R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (December)
- HMRC – PAYE & NI

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 Emailed general update for November’s meeting from Cllr Spivey (GCC).
- 3 Email from CDC regarding supply of Full Register of Electors December 2021 to Parish Clerks and Councillors.
- 4 Email from CDC/GRCC regarding flood warden scheme.
- 5 Notification of temporary closure of Park Way (Coach Road to Spratsgate Lane) from 10th - 18th January 2022. The Council had concerns about the apparent lack of coordination of the numerous instances of roadworks recently.
- 6 Email correspondence from CDC and GAPTC regarding CDC’s proposal to charge parish and town councils for the cost of elections from 2023.

15 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Davies asked what was happening with the phone box. The Clerk had asked Bob Berry for a quote for refurbishment, and would chase this up.

Cllr Deller commented on the increased number of HGVs travelling through the village. It was agreed that it was best to photograph the vehicle involved whenever possible (including the registration number) and forward to the Clerk, who would in turn report it to the police.

Cllr Wilson reported that there had been break-ins of the sheds on the allotments. Christmas cards designed by village children were now on sale in the shop.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that

- he was chasing up a response from the CDC officer on the request to close Green Lane to vehicular traffic to combat fly-tipping.
- discussion of the proposal to charge parish and town councils for the cost of elections had been deferred until the CDC Cabinet meeting in January. This was to allow time for consultation with town and parish councils. The Clerk would attend an online consultation on 16th December. The Council agreed to budget an amount each year to cover the cost of four-yearly elections (where the cost would be shared with CDC elections) and to draw on unallocated reserves in the extremely unlikely event that a by-election was required.

15 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

16 – NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.42pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th January 2022 to approve the budget and precept for 2022/23 and would be held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman