

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner. Clerk to the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

**1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson, Cllr Sparrow and Cllr Wilson, and from Cllr Evemy (CDC) and Cllr Spivey (GCC).

**2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

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**

The Council considered the applications received for co-option to fill the Casual Vacancy, and then voted to co-opt Chris Smith to the Council. The Clerk would advise the applicants.

**5 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Cllr Hayward reported that he had received an email from Maggie and Kevin Pocock regarding advice and assistance for those hosting or supporting Ukrainian refugees. It was agreed that the Council would provide guidance and assistance where possible, but the main source would likely be the district council.

**6- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Council agreed to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for Siddington and that Cllr Hayward would form a steering group to take it forward.

**7 – POLICE REPORT**

**Crime Figures - March 2022**

3 Crimes recorded in total

1	Harassment
1	Distraction Burglary
1	Other

Siddington has a new area Beat Manager, PC Chris PRITCHARD has taken over the role. PC PRITCHARD has worked for the constabulary for nearly 16 years across the county. He has been working in the Cotswolds as part of the response team for the last 5 years and is looking forward to new challenges.

**Responses to last month's meeting:**

## Speed camera kit

A speed camera kit would cost between £175 and £200. As an organisation we do not recommend any particular brands I am aware that other councils have purchased the BUSHNELL RADAR speed gun from amazon.

## Noisy exhausts

A noisy exhaust can be difficult to prove, but we can investigate if VRM's are provided to us.

Please remember dial 999 in an emergency or crime in progress or 101 to report anything else.

PCSO Kim Collins  
South Cerney/Kemble  
Cotswolds Local Policing Area

The Clerk would further investigate speed camera kits.

**8 – FLOODING MATTERS**

- There was no update on any work to the sump near Siddington Mill. Cllr Hayward would contact Richard Gray at Highways.
- The emergency equipment still needed to be sorted and transferred to the new store.
- Work had been carried out on a ditch behind Plummers Farm.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silted up gully in Park Way near The Twenties (GCC-11355490) 17.03.22 – Added to works list for coming financial year.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Rd junction – (GCC-<b>11244507</b>) Clerk chased Jan 2019. RG (Highways) chasing. Clerk chased Jan 2020.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle damaged canal bridge Road closed in January 2018 for repairs to take place. Poor repair work. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding by old railway bridge on Ashton Road. Done. HE checking every 6 months. Monitor situation.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rough parking area at Upper Siddington</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demolished sign at Church Avenue (GCC-11347786) Highways advised 14.02.22 that it will be done by end of financial year.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath sign down on Coach Road opposite school. (GCC-11348847)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overhanging hedges/trees on South Cerney Road. (GCC-11348898)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pothole on Siddington Road just before entrance to stables (GCC-11354930)</li> </ul>	Mar 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pothole on Siddington Road near Spire View (GCC-11354931)</li> </ul>	Mar 2022

There was also concern at the apparent lack of coordination of numerous road closures in the area.

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

- Covid 19 – as the Covid 19 support phone had not been used since September 2021, it was agreed to cancel the contract.
- Safe walking/cycling access to Deer Park and Kingshill Schools – no further update.

## **11 – PLANNING**

### **Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

- **22/00393/FUL**  
 Applicant: Mr Mark Pope & Miss Rebecca Arnold, c/o agent Mr Ian Sullivan, Ian Sullivan Architecture, 101 Victoria Road, Swindon, SN1 3BD  
 Proposal: Erection of 5 holiday lodges and associated works at Oakleaze, Cirencester Road, Siddington, GL7 6HT  
 Consultation expiry date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**NEW DETAILS**  
 The Council agreed to maintain its previous objection.
- **22/00821/FUL**  
 Applicant: Mr Neil O’Sullivan, c/o agent Mr Alex Young, Turley & Young Partnership Ltd, The Studio, 11 Barnmeadow Rd, Winchcombe, GL54 5QA  
 Proposal: Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension with associated works. Demolition of a single storey rear extension and conservatory at 1 The Close, Siddington, GL7 6HQ  
 Consultation expiry date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**NO OBJECTION**
- **22/00937/COMPLY**  
 Applicant: Anesco Ltd, The Green Easter Park, Benyon Road, Reading, RG7 2PQ  
 Proposal: Compliance with conditions 3 (Archaeology), 5 (Landscape Scheme), 8 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan), 11 (Landscaping details native black poplar), and 13 (Construction Management Plan) re permission 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  
 Consultation expiry date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
 The Council strongly objected to the Transport Management Plan submitted as part of this application. The TMP had ignored the Council's concerns regarding the access route for HGV's through a residential area with 90 degree bends and considerable on-street parking, and also ignored the suggested alternative route, which although longer, followed roads more suited to HGVs and avoided residential areas altogether. To suggest that residents and businesses along the TMP preferred route should be encouraged "to keep access routes free of traffic during the hours of operation" would be unworkable and unenforceable in practice. The assertion that the surrounding roads were already subject to use by industrial vehicles was simply not true due to the existing weight restrictions, and any offenders would be reported to the police.  
 The Parish Council therefore reiterated its objections below:  
 "Whilst the Parish Council does not object in principle to the development, it does strongly object to the developer's proposed transport plan during the construction phase at the site, which would mean HGVs accessing the site from the north via Bridge Road and Siddington Road through the village where a weight limit was in force. These roads have difficult bends to negotiate and many parked vehicles. For safety reasons the

Council believes that a better and safer route would be from the Spine Road (B4696) junction with the A419 trunk road and via Ashton Road from the south, thereby avoiding the residential villages of Siddington and South Cerney and their respective weight limit restrictions."

#### **OBJECTION**

#### **Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

- **21/02544/FUL**  
Proposed dwelling at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.
- **21802555/FUL**  
Proposed 3 no. dwellings to replace existing aircraft hangar at Siddington House. Application refused.
- **22/00539/FUL**  
Erection of a rear extension at Lonsdale, Siddington Road, GL7 1PD. Application permitted.

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

No further update.

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

Cllr Hayward had advised Anesco to look again at their proposed Transport Management Plan.

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

- The playing field fence repairs had been completed.
- The Clerk would chase the grass cutting contractor for cutting the field.

#### **13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION**

Cllr Hayward reported that new Environment Agency advice on graveyards had been published and new permits would be required. The advice would be scrutinised, and professional advice would be needed. The licence application cost was likely to be around £2,500.

#### **14 – FINANCE**

The monthly schedules 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:

£50.00 – Village News – April donation

£93.38 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, stationery, tree guards, mileage & parking)

£360.08 – GAPTIC – annual membership renewal

£6,268.00 – R O W Berry – playing field fence repairs

£175.00 – R O W Berry – playing field gate and playground fence repairs

£36.00 – CPRE – annual membership renewal

£794.91 – Gallagher – annual insurance renewal

£26.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (April)

HMRC – PAYE & NI

The Council unanimously approved Bob Berry's quote for refurbishment of the phone box to become a free book swap facility. Cllr Davies was happy to act as "librarian". It was agreed to investigate provision of solar lighting.

**15 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 TPO confirmation for land to the south west of Siddington House.
- 3 GAPTC annual membership renewal request.
- 4 NALC pay award 2021/22.
- 5 Information on Community Emergency Plan Workshops.
- 6 Insurance renewal quote.
- 7 NALC briefing on Ukraine.
- 8 Applications for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 9 CDC Parish & Town Councils update.
- 10 Information on tree planting network group.
- 11 Invitation to GAPTC AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.
- 12 CDC's response in favour of the Boundary Commission's proposals to elect two Cotswold MPs.
- 13 Notification of temporary partial closure of Cirencester Road between Dairy Barn and Preston Mill from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- 14 Notification of temporary closure of South Cerney Road on 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- 15 Notification that Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks annual Resilient Communities Fund is now open for applications.
- 16 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 17 UPDATE TO PLANNING APPEAL NOTIFICATION - Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU.
- 18 Email from Stonewood Partnerships Ltd advising of planning application to revise the parking layout at Severells Field.
- 19 Notification of temporary closure of part of the road to Ewen on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- 20 Notification of temporary closure of the Swindon road from 08/05/22 to 16/05/22 (Sundays Only 20:00 to 06:00) to allow for resurfacing & lining work by Rangeford Village.
- 21 GAPTC training newsletter.
- 22 CDC invitation to Town and Parish Clerks Forum.
- 23 Notification of temporary partial closure of Park Way from Spratsgate Lane to The Coach Road from 16<sup>th</sup> May to 20th June 2022.
- 24 Notification of temporary partial closure of parts of the A417/A419 between 8<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for carriageway resurfacing at Rangeford Villages roundabout.
- 25 GAPTC update, including information on Community Speedwatch scheme.
- 26 SLCC Bulletin, including information for cemetery operators/owners.
- 27 Quote for refurbishment and conversion of the phone box.

## **16 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr A Painter asked whether a dropped kerb might be installed opposite the entrance to Church Avenue. The Clerk would contact Richard Gray of Highways.

Cllr Every (CDC) reported via email:

I have chased up our Environmental Services team regarding the position with the Quiet Lane and have received this update from Phil Measures, the Service Leader:

- We haven’t yet been able to complete a plan for this area, but we will do so. Ubico and my team are visiting on a weekly basis following fly-tip reports, often of builders waste and green waste. Unfortunately we haven’t been able to proceed with enforcement action because evidence has not been found with the waste. Therefore part of the plan may involve trialling the use of detection and preventative measures that have worked elsewhere in other districts and we need to investigate this. Therefore please let the PC know that we will focus on this area with a plan as soon as possible.

## **17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

The Clerk left the meeting for the next item.

## **18 – SALARY REVIEW**

The Council unanimously agreed to implement the NALC revised pay scale with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The Clerk returned to the meeting.

## **19 – NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.48pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman