

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Painter, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith, and Cllr J Sparrow. Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley was also present as was one member of the public.

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.30pm

**1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr M Painter and from Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC).

**2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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**

The Clerk reported that there had been no applicants for co-option to fill the two Casual Vacancies previously advertised. It was agreed to re-advertise.

**4 – OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE AND THE FORTHCOMING CORONATION**

Following the recent sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of His Majesty King Charles III, the Council agreed to look at facilitating a celebration for the coming coronation and also to investigate provision of commemorative items.

**5 – CHAIR’S REPORT**

Cllr Turner thanked the Village Hall, Cllr Hayward and the Clerk for making arrangements for the Accession Proclamation and for the Book of Condolence. Cllr Turner also thanked Revd McKenzie for allowing the Book of Condolence to be located at the church and Cllr Smith for helping during opening times. The Clerk would have the Book of Condolence bound and sent to the County Archive in Gloucester to be held with the other Parish Council records.

**6 – POLICE REPORT**

No report had been received. Cllr Turner reported repeated joyriding along Spratsgate Lane and Cllr Smith had also reported graffiti along Green Lane, but had had no response.

**7 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Hayward reported that he had been joined by the first two volunteers willing to help with the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the steering group would start looking at completed plans of similar parishes. The Council approved the move to selecting and appointing a planning consultant to assist with the plan. It was also noted that government grant funding was available, and also considerable advice and assistance from Cotswold District Council.

**8 – FLOODING MATTERS**

Cllr Turner would canvass members for a date to sort out the flood/emergency equipment store.

**9 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST**

<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>	23.02.22	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Rd junction – (GCC-11244507) Clerk chased Jan 2019. RG (Highways) chasing. Clerk chased Jan 2020 and Sep 2022.</li> </ul>	25.08.16	
<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>	Jul 2017	
<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. Highways advised 26.05.22 that it is on the list for replacement.</li> </ul>	21.12.21	Completed Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footpath sign down on Coach Road opposite school. (GCC-11348847)</li> </ul>	05.01.22	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30mph sign on Siddington Rd from north - and posts damaged on gateway sign. (GCC-11365464). Chased Sep 2022.</li> </ul>	17.05.22	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing 30mph gateway sign on Ashton Road. (GCC-11365467) 26.05.22 – job raised for replacement. 29.07.22 – awaiting work. Chased Sep 2022.</li> </ul>	17.05.22	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing 30mph sign on Siddington Road near Cherry Tree Drive junction. (GCC-11365468) 26.05.22 – job raised for replacement. 29.07.22 – Awaiting work.</li> </ul>	17.05.22	Completed Sep 2022

The Clerk would also write to Richard Gray at Highways to request a dropped kerb opposite Church Avenue to allow disabled to access the church more easily.

The Clerk would also follow up his emails to Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way regarding the footpaths behind Pound Close and leading to the school.

## **10 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS**

- Safe walking to Kingshill School. No update.
- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
  - Siting of defibrillator on bungalow could be problematic.
  - The Clerk would investigate cost of solar powered cabinet.
  - It was also agreed to check the route of the power cable supplying the football pavilion.

## **11 – PLANNING**

### **Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

- **22/02955/TPO**

Applicant: Rodriguez, c/o agent Mr Benjamin King, King's Tree Services Ltd, 25 Quail Meadows, Tetbury, GL8 8PQ

Proposal: T1 - Norway Spruce tree to be felled; T2 - Cypress tree to be felled;

T3 - Goat Willow to be felled; G1 - Three small Cypress to be felled;

T4 - Twin stem Sycamore that is pushing over the stone wall to be felled;

T5 - Small Goat Willow that is pushing over the stone wall to be felled;

All of the above trees have outgrown their own areas, and have become overbearing and unsightly/misshapen. They all have very low amenity value.

T6 - Small Hazel to be coppiced; T7 - Very large Horse Chestnut to be reduced.

Current height 10m, N&S spread 6.5, E spread 7.5, W spread 5.5. Reduction of approx. a third to a finished height of approx. 7m, and an even balanced crown spread of approx. 4.5 - 5m

All of the removed trees are to be replaced but specimen trees and managed going forward. These could include English Oak, Copper Beech, Himalayan Birch, Magnolia, Crab Apple, Flowering Cherry. At 2 The Close, Siddington, GL7 6HQ

Consultation expiry date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

NO OBJECTION

### **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

- **22/01215/FUL**

Variation of conditions 1 (Approved drawings) and 5 (Parking) pursuant to permission 20/01852/REM (Reserved matters pursuant to Outline permission granted at Appeal under LPA ref. 15/05165/OUT for amendments to house designs, parking layout, footpath alignment and cycle route at land parcel at Severells Field, Siddington – Application permitted

- **22/01467/FUL**

Erection of single-storey side extension at 45 North Hill Road, Siddington – Application permitted.

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

There were no updates.

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

There were no updates.

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

- Cllr C Smith would continue to investigate trim trail equipment, and reported that such provision could be eligible for GCC funding under the Build Back Better scheme.
- Cllr A Painter suggested that Siddington Cricket Club might consider contacting the MOD with a view to utilising the old recreation ground opposite the barracks.

**13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION**

There was no further update. Cllr Hayward would contact the Bathurst Estate for an update.

**14 – FINANCE**

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

The amounts noted for August were:

£50.00 – Siddington Village news – donation  
 £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire  
 £11.70 – R Cowley – Clerk’s expenses  
 £175.00 – Curtis Web Design – website fees  
 £1,175.00 – H J Carter – grass cutting  
 £1,908.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs and fit notice board  
 £275.00 – R O W Berry – path edging along Park Way  
 R Cowley - salary

The amounts noted and approved for September were:

£40.75 – R Cowley – No Dogs signs  
 £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire  
 £32.00 – G H Knight – survey printing  
 £50.00 – Siddington Village News – donation  
 £36.40 – R Cowley – Clerk’s expenses  
 £75.00 – R O W Berry – repair shelf in phone box  
 £23.85 – PATA (UK) – payroll services  
 £240.00 – PKF Littlejohn – external audit fees  
 R Cowley – salary  
 HMRC – PAYE & NI

The Parish Council agreed to pay the hire fee of the Village Hall for the Village Show.

**15 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE**

The results of the recent survey carried out were:

In favour: 69

Against: 2

It was agreed that there was a clear mandate to proceed, and Cllr Turner would draft an email to Cllr Spivey (GCC) and Cllr Evemy (CDC) to ask them to progress this.

**16 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 Correspondence and maps regarding potential closure of Green Lane to motor vehicles.
- 2 Correspondence with Bromford regarding potentially site a defibrillator at Pound Close.
- 3 CDC Briefing on Impact of Habit Regulations Assessment (HRA).
- 4 GPFA newsletter.
- 5 Annual external auditor report.
- 6 Planning Appeal notifications regarding refused applications at Siddington House.

- 7 Email correspondence with PCSO Kim Collins regarding HGVs on Ashton Road and Parkway.
- 8 GAPTC update.
- 9 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 10 GRCC update on Community Approaches to Road Safety (CARS) Toolkit.
- 11 Notification of Flood Resilience meeting in Cirencester on 21<sup>st</sup> October to be hosted by Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP.
- 12 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 13 Invitation to councillors to attend Orchard Field launch.
- 14 Reminder to apply to the Community Speedwatch Fund. The Clerk reported that the application for a mobile VAS sign and a quantity of bin stickers had been submitted. It was agreed to investigate the removal of the now defunct VAS sign on Ashton Road.
- 15 CPRE Newsletter.
- 16 CPRE invitation to tour Colesbourne Arboretum.
- 17 Invitation to CDC Town & Parish Forum.
- 18 CDC Cotswold Roundup newsletter.
- 19 CDC Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation.
- 20 GAPTC invitation to councillors networking event.
- 21 GAPTC guidance regarding the death of a public figure.

### **17 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **18 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions for the public present.

### **19 – NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair