

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr A Painter, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith (until 8.30pm), and Cllr J Sparrow, and Cllr M Evemy (CDC)(from 7.35pm) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC)(from 7.43pm). 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 N Deller and Cllr M Painter.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 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 Council noted that the date for the Coronation of King Charles III had been set for Saturday 6th May 2023. It was agreed to have the Coronation as a standing item on the agenda.

4 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 – POLICE REPORT

No report had been received. Cllr Turner reported that the “joyriding” on Spratsgate Lane and the Love Lane industrial estate appeared to be organised race meetings publicised on social media. The Chair would draft a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner asking for robust action to be taken.

6 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Hayward reported that the steering group had met for the first time and that another resident had come forward to join them.

7 – FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr Turner reported that it was planned to sort out the emergency stores on 29th October.

8 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silted up gully in Park Way near The Twenties (GCC-11355490) 17.03.22 – Added to works list for coming financial year. 	23.02.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	25.08.16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle damaged canal bridge Road closed in January 2018 for repairs to take place. Poor repair work. Ongoing. 	Jul 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding by old railway bridge on Ashton Road. Done. HE checking every 6 months. Monitor situation. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rough parking area at Upper Siddington 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath sign down on Coach Road opposite school. (GCC-11348847) 	05.01.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30mph sign on Siddington Rd from north - and posts damaged on gateway sign. (GCC-11365464). Chased Sep 2022. 	17.05.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing 30mph gateway sign on Ashton Road. (GCC-11365467) 26.05.22 – job raised for replacement. 29.07.22 – awaiting work. Chased Sep 2022. 	17.05.22
<u>OTHER ISSUES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropped kerb on Siddington Road opposite Church Avenue. RC meeting RG 14.10.22 	Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgrown footpath behind Pound Close. RC chased Glos PROW – looking at 10.10.22 	Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uneven surface of path from Pound Close to School. RC emailed Glos PROW – looking at 10.10.22 	Sep 2022

Cllr A Painter asked that foliage overgrowth along the east side of the road from Preston Toll Bar to close to Siddington Mill be reported and added to the list.

9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Safe walking to Kingshill School.
 - Cllr Spivey (GCC) reported that she had walked the route to Kingshill School with a CDC officer who had advised that it was a safe route.
 - The Council noted that the bus to Kingshill School had been reinstated.
- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
 - The Clerk reported that the cost of a solar-powered defibrillator cabinet alone would be in excess of £2,100.
 - It was agreed to investigate the potential of siting a defibrillator on the outside fence of the substation next to the playing field.

10 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 6th October 2022

- **22/03226/FUL**

Applicant: Bathurst Development Limited, c/o agent Miss Dawn Brodie, Savills, Wytham Court, West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey extension to an existing school. Alterations to playground and car parking area plus ancillary development at Siddington CofE Primary School, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL

Consultation expiry date: 17th October 2022

The Parish Council did not object to this application. However, it was agreed that a condition should be imposed whereby construction delivery hours would be restricted so as to not coincide with school arrival and departure times, along with penalties should the condition be breached. Officers are asked to liaise with the Parish Council and District Councillor Mike Evemy on the drafting of the condition to ensure that detailed local knowledge is harnessed to the mutual benefit of the applicant, the school and the community.

COMMENT

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 6th October 2022

- **22/02955/TPO**

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
Application permitted.

Update on Severells Field development

The Council noted that a number of the properties were now occupied and it was agreed that the village Welcome Pack be updated and made available on the Parish Council website. The Clerk would mention this in the Village News and Cllr Hayward would ask the editor to ensure that copies were delivered to the new houses.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

There were no updates.

11 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB

Cllr C Smith had circulated information on trim trails from suppliers. Cllr Smith was asked to arrange site visits and seek further advice from the suppliers.

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

13 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted for October were:

£80.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire for Village Show

£50.00 – Siddington Village news – donation

£167.65 – R Cowley – Clerk’s expenses

R Cowley - salary

14 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

Cllr Turner would draft an email to GCC and Cllr Spivey setting out the reasons for closure to vehicle traffic.

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GAPTC - Notes and material following Road Safety Councillors' Networking.
- 2 CDC – information on Clean & Green Community Projects.
- 3 Email from Richard Gray at Highways regarding dropped kerb proposal opposite Church Avenue.
- 4 Email from Stonewood Partnerships regarding HGVs driving through the weight limit area of the village.
- 5 Email from GCC regarding the exceptional circumstances in 2022: restocking trees planted last season (offer of replacement trees) – graveyard extension stock.
- 6 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 7 GAPTC newsletter.
- 8 GAPTC training offer.
- 9 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.

16 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Painter reported that vehicles had been driven across the playing field. The Clerk would speak to the football club.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that a working group had been set up to look at what could be done to help with the cost of living crisis, and that town and parish councils had been asked to complete a survey of what support was being provided locally.

17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions for the public present.

18 – 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 8th November 2022 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair