

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 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, and Cllr M Evemy (CDC).
Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley was also present.

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr N Anderson and Cllr M Painter, and from Cllr L Spivey (GCC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 4TH OCTOBER 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 – CHAIR’S REPORT

Cllr Turner thanked those who had helped with the sorting out of the emergency stores.

- The Clerk would order appropriate signage for the doors.
- The Clerk would investigate the cost of a replacement gritting machine.
- The Clerk would order a snow shovel, a sand shovel and some bags of builders’ sand.
- Cllr Sparrow would arrange for the gutters on the Parkway store to be checked.
- The bags of road grit would be transferred to the localised grit bins.
- The Clerk would offer the redundant mower for sale in a serviced condition via the Village News.

5 – POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

This report covers the period of 1st October 2022 to 31st October 2022

There were seven crimes reported during this period.

CRIME BREAKDOWN

Criminal Damage – 1 traffic lights

Violence – 3 (one incident was a dog bite, the second concerned threatening messages & the third incident a verbal altercation)

Theft – 2 (one incident theft from a vehicle & the other was shoplifting)

INFORMATION

For further information concerning the crime figures please go to the police website

www.police.uk

The Siddington Policing Team can be contacted by telephoning the non-emergency number 101 or emailing 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Information can also be passed via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. We are also contactable on line either via the Constabulary website www.gloucestershire.police.uk and follow the links from the Neighbourhood Policing section on the left of the page.

Many thanks

PC Christopher Pritchard (Area Beat Manager)
PCSO Beverley Rowe

6 – PLANNING FOR THE CORONATION

The Clerk would include in the Village News requests for suggestions for ways to mark the occasion and for a volunteer or volunteers to take things forward with the support of the Parish Council.

7 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Hayward reported that the steering group had met again, and that the first step was an application for the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area to be approved by Cotswold District Council.

8 – FLOODING MATTERS

The Clerk would ask Cllr Spivey (GCC) for an update from Highways on the sump issues at the bridge by Siddington Mill.

9 - 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"> 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. RG advised will be looked at in coming financial year 2023/24. 	Sep 2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgrown footpath behind Pound Close. RC chased Glos PROW – looking at 10.10.22. Now cleared. 	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. Glos PROW suggested asking Cllr Spivey (GCC) for some of her highways funding to carry out the work. 	Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive foliage along east side of road between Preston Toll Bar and junction with South Cerney Road (close to Siddington Mill). 	Oct 2022

10 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
 - Cllr Deller undertook to investigate the potential of siting a defibrillator on the outside fence of the substation next to the playing field.
- The Clerk reported that he had purchased a replacement battery for the defibrillator at Wildwood Park.

11 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 3rd November 2022

- 22/03538/FUL**
Applicant: Spire House Developments Ltd, c/o agent Mr Justin Dowling, Christopher Stanley Architecture & Planning Ltd, 218 Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF
Proposal: Erection of detached 4 no. bed dwelling within curtilage of existing dwelling and erection of two-storey rear extension and single-storey front porch to existing dwelling at 88 Siddington Road, GL7 1PF
Consultation expiry date: 21st November 2022
The Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds of over-development in that the proposed new dwelling was far too large for the available plot.
OBJECTION

Update on Severells Field development

Cllr Turner reported that she had been in touch with Holly Simkiss of Stonewood partnership regarding the number of new residents at Severells Field for the purpose of Village News distribution.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

There were no updates.

12 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB

The Council agreed to a request from Chesterton AFC for permission to erect a fence behind the goal mouth to prevent lost balls.

Cllr C Smith had arranged a site visit from one trim trail supplier and was awaiting a date from the other.

13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

14 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted for November were:

£12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire

£50.00 – Siddington Village news – donation

£14.40 – R Cowley – Clerk’s expenses

R Cowley - salary

15 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

The Council agreed that Cllr Spivey should be asked to press Highways’ legal team for a detailed response regarding the request for a closure of Green Lane to motor vehicles, and to also ask for a site visit. It had also been suggested that the Parish Council pay the cost of a Traffic Regulation Order to reclassify Green Lane as a bridleway.

Cllr Hayward and Cllr I Smith left the meeting at this point.

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Notification of vacancies on GAPTC executive committee.
- 2 Information from CDC regarding the Rural England Prosperity Fund.
- 3 Correspondence from Richard Gary of Highways and quote for **replacement** of VAS sign on Ashton Road.
- 4 GAPTC newsletter.
- 5 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 6 GAPTC link to food and fuel crisis networking session recording.
- 7 GAPTC invitation to climate and biodiversity action networking session and follow up email with session recording and related papers.
- 8 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 9 Notification from GRCC of a series of flood awareness webinars from 7th – 11th November.
- 10 Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan Consultation.
- 11 Email from Richard Gray of Highways regarding provision of a dropped kerb for Church Avenue.
- 12 Response from Gloucestershire Constabulary regarding anti-social behaviour.
- 13 CDC press release regarding fly-tipping.
- 14 Email notification of closure of Ashton Road from 12th to 15th December 2022.
- 15 Email correspondence between Cllr Turner, Highways and Cllr Spivey regarding potential closure of Green Lane to motor vehicles.
- 16 CDC 2023/24 Budget Consultation.
- 17 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 18 Information from CDC and GAPTC on Town and Parish Council elections from 2023 onwards.
- 19 NALC National Salary Award 2022/23 information.

17 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Sparrow reported that she would be preparing the Parish Council’s tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter’s Church.

Cllr Every (CDC) reported that

- CDC’s budget consultation for 2023/24 was now under way.
- CDC would be discussing the following week the new arrangements for local elections from 2023.

18 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

18 – NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th December 2022 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair