

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr A Painter, Cllr C Smith and Cllr N Deller (from 8.20pm), 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 M Painter and Cllr I Smith, and from Cllr L Spivey (GCC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER 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 unanimously voted to co-opt Ann Gibbons to the Parish Council.

5 – CHAIR’S REPORT

Cllr Turner thanked Cllr Sparrow for her hard work on the Parish Council’s tree at the recent Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter’s Church.

The Clerk reported that appropriate signage for the doors of the emergency stores had been ordered, and the cost of a gritting machine would be about £200 – the Council agreed to make the purchase. Following the recent snowfall the Clerk would also mention in the Village News that residents could not be sued for clearing paths outside their properties (and quote from the GCC website).

6 – POLICE REPORT

No report had been received.

7 – PLANNING FOR THE CORONATION

There been no response to 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. The Clerk would repeat in the Village News.

8 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The was no update.

9 – FLOODING MATTERS

The Council noted that Cllr Spivey (GCC) was chasing Highways for an update on the sump issues at the bridge by Siddington Mill.

10 - 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. Glos Highways drainage works Dec 2022. 	
<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"> Uneven surface of path from Pound Close to School. RC emailed Glos PROW – looking at 10.10.22 	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

The Clerk would chase up the older items yet again, and also write to Highways regarding works being carried out on Siddington Road with no traffic control in place.

11 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
The Council decided to investigate running a power supply from the football clubhouse to an appropriate site on the edge of the playing field. Cllr Hayward, Cllr Anderson and Cllr Smith would look into this further.

12 – PLANNING**Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 8th December 2022**

- **22/03645/LBC**

Removal of part of drystone wall, addition of gateway and infill of existing gateway at land south west of The Byre, Siddington – Application permitted.

Update on Severells Field development

Cllr Turner reported that it was hoped that the Village News would be delivered to residents at Severells Field from January.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

There were no updates.

13 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB**Trim Trail**

Cllr C Smith reported that site visits with three suppliers had taken place. One quote had been received and two more were awaited.

14 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Cllr Hayward had contacted Bathurst Estate and was awaiting a response.

15 – FINANCE

The Council agreed to implement the 2022 pay award as negotiated with NALC and backdated to 1st April 2022.

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

The amounts noted for December were:

£318.00 – First Rescue Training & Supplies Ltd – defibrillator battery

£50.00 – GPFA – annual membership renewal

£50.00 – Siddington Village news – donation

£156.64 – R Cowley – Clerk’s expenses

£28.85 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

£41.44 – SLCC – annual membership renewal

R Cowley - salary

The Clerk would contact Siddington School regarding the Parish Council funds allocated towards school activities.

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget would he would circulate to members before the end of the week.

16 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

The Council noted Cllr Spivey’s efforts in this matter and that Highways seemed reluctant to engage via an onsite meeting.

17 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 NALC National Salary Award 2022/23 information.
- 2 Invitation to CDC Town & Parish Council Forum CDC budget consultation.
- 3 Notification of re-surfacing of South Cerney Road from 21st to 24th November.

- 4 GAPTC request for interviews with Councillors regarding recruitment.
- 5 Notification of temporary closure of Ashton Road for drainage works at old railway bridge.
- 6 Email from Richard Gray of Highways regarding overgrowing bushes between Siddington Mill and Dairy Barn.
- 7 Information regarding CDC budget consultation.
- 8 Notification of Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review final consultation on parliamentary constituency boundaries.
- 9 CDC Cotswold Round Up newsletter.
- 10 Introduction - Janey Gibney – CDC Community Support Officer for Town and Parish Councils.
- 11 Application for co-option to the Parish Council.
- 12 Notice of GPFA AGM.
- 13 GAPTC networking session on youth engagement.
- 14 GAPTC new dates for Being A Better Councillor training.
- 15 Email regarding the Hedgehog Highway Project.
- 16 Information from CDC on how to request a copy of the Register of Electors and its permitted uses.
- 17 CDC Community Support Information Update.
- 18 Notification from CDC of key dates with regard to the elections in 2023.
- 19 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 20 GAPTC December Newsletter.
- 21 Email correspondence with GCC Highways regarding potential closure of Green Lane to motor vehicles.
- 22 GAPTC networking session upcoming 2023 elections.

18 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hayward reported on the proposal by Acorn for an anaerobic digester at a site to the west of Ashton Road in Ashton Keynes (Wiltshire). The Clerk would forward the email received from Acorn in his capacity as Parish Clerk in South Cerney.

Cllr Deller joined the meeting at this point.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that

- CDC's share of the council tax was limited to an increase of £5 or 2.99% whichever is greater.
- the waste collection service had been temporarily suspended due to adverse weather and road conditions.
- discretionary energy payments were being made.
- at a recent CDC meeting
 - it was agreed to make it planning policy that new developments should be required to make defibrillator provision.

- it was agreed to develop a menopause policy to ensure all staff going through the menopause are getting the support they need at work.
- the council tax support scheme had been set for the coming year.
- the Council had rescinded its recovery investment strategy due to increased interest rate costs.

Cllr Deller was advised on the Council's earlier decision regarding defibrillator provision, and agreed to continue to pursue a response from SSE in the meantime.

19 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

20 – 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 10th January 2023 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair