

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2023

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr A Painter, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith and Cllr J Sparrow, and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr L Spivey (GCC)(from 7.55pm). 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.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6TH DECEMBER 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

Cllr Turner welcomed newly-co-opted Cllr Gibbons to the Council. Cllr Gibbons provide the Clerk with her Register of Interests and completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4 – CHAIR’S REPORT

Cllr Turner had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 – POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

There were 4 crimes reported during this period.

CRIME BREAKDOWN:

VIOLENCE – 2 (1 incident Malicious Communication and 2nd Incident a verbal altercation)

THEFT - 1 Theft of Bicycle (which has since been returned to owner)

OTHER OFFENCES – Offence against a person

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

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. Cllr Turner would draft a piece for the Village News outlining the Parish Council's ideas for a village picnic and barbecue at the playing field on either Sunday 7th or Monday 8th May, also mentioning that the Council had allocated financial support for the event. The Clerk would contact the football club to check what fixtures they had that weekend and to ask if they would be involved with use of the clubhouse.

7 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The was no update.

8 – FLOODING MATTERS

The Clerk reported that both stores (flood and grit) were now equipped, signage had been installed and that a salt spreader had been purchased. The Clerk would publish the key holders' contact details on the noticeboard and the post office.

The Clerk would write to Thames Water (and copy in Gloucestershire Highways) regarding the dangerous situation with manhole covers being lifted by overflowing sewers on Ashton Road.

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. 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 continue to chase up the older items.

It was noted that the recent drainage works at the old railway bridge abutments appeared to have been successful, with no new flooding evident.

The Clerk would request larger “No Cycling” signs for the canal towpath.

10 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
 - The Clerk would check that the football club were agreeable to the proposal to run an electricity supply from the clubhouse.
 - The Clerk would also submit the application for grant funding for the defibrillator to CDC.
 - Cllr Deller reported that SSE had made “promising noises” regarding potentially siting the defibrillator at the sub-station, and that he was awaiting contact from SSE’s Community Liaison Officer.

Cllr Spivey (GCC joined the meeting at this point.

11 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 5th January 2023

- **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), 12 (External lighting) 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. The Council noted that the Revised Traffic Management Plan submitted showed the Council’s requested new access route via the A419, Spine Road and Ashton Road from the south, rather than through the village from the north.
- **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 semi-detached 4 no. bed dwelling adjoining 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: 5th December 2022
New details
NO OBJECTION

- **22/04255/FUL**
 Applicant: V Martin, c/o agent Mr Colin Rowland, Halzac Design Ltd,
 1 Whitgift Close, Swindon, SN5 6HQ
 Proposal: Demolition of the existing flat roof utility and shed, new single storey kitchen extension, first floor dormer extension, new solar panels and associated works at 22 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG
 Consultation expiry date: 4th January 2023
 NO OBJECTION
- **22/04363/FUL**
 Applicant: Mr N 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, including demolition of a single storey rear extension and conservatory - Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of approval 22/00821/FUL to raise roof ridge at 1 The Close, Siddington, GL7 6HQ
 Consultation expiry date: 11th January 2023
 NO OBJECTION

PLANNING & PLANNING ENFORCEMENT APPEAL DECISION from the Planning Inspectorate:

Site address: Siddington House Siddington Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6EU

- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/22/3302427** – CDC Application Ref: 21/02555/FUL (*delegated decision*)
Proposal: Proposed 3 no. dwellings to replace existing aircraft hangar
Appeal Decision: Dismissed
- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/22/3302428** - CDC Application Ref: 21/02544/FUL (*delegated decision*)
Proposal: Proposed dwelling
Appeal Decision: Dismissed
- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/22/3300052** - CDC Application Ref: 21/02543/FUL (*delegated decision*)
Proposal: 2 no. dwellings and garages
Appeal Decision: Dismissed
- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/W/22/3299249** - CDC Application Ref: 21/02556/FUL (*delegated decision*)
Proposal: Proposed 4 no. dwellings and garages
Appeal Decision: Dismissed
- **Appeal Ref: APP/F1610/C/22/3290110** - CDC Case Ref: 21/00298/OTHER (*Appeal documents are available to view under our Application Ref: 21/02556/FUL*)
 Appeal against Listed Building Enforcement Notice (Operational Development) - Without planning permission, the erection of timber fencing to the northern, western and southern boundaries of the land
Appeal Decision: Succeeds in part and permission for that part is granted, but otherwise the appeal fails, and the enforcement notice is upheld as corrected in the terms set out in the formal Decision.

Update on Severells Field development

There was no further update.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

There was no further update.

12 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB**Grass cutting**

The Council felt that the grasscutting timings had been somewhat erratic in 2022. Cllr Smith or Cllr Turner would monitor the situation in 2023 and advise the Clerk when the grass was getting long so that the contractor could be chased up.

Dogs

The Clerk would order signage reminding dog walkers to clean up after animals.

Trim Trail

Cllr C Smith reported that another estimate had been received and that the third was still awaited.

13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Cllr Hayward was still awaiting a response from Bathurst Estate.

14 – FINANCE

The Clerk had circulated the draft budget to the council before the meeting. The Council unanimously approved the budget and precept requirement for 2023/24. The budget was set at £24,500 (a reduction of £50 on 2022/23). However, due to the reduction of the Council's tax base for the coming year, it would mean an increase of just £0.66 (1.31%) for the year for a Band D dwelling.

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

The amounts noted for December were:

£50.00 – Siddington Village news – donation

£535.19 – R Cowley – expenses (phone, stationery, mileage, flood/grit store equipment)

£235.00 – H J Carter – grass cutting

R Cowley – salary

HMRC – PAYE & NI

The Clerk reported that the school would be using its Parish Council activity funding to enable the children to work with an artist to create some artwork for the Coronation.

15 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

It was agreed to maintain the pressure on GCC Highways for a site meeting so that they could fully explain their objections to the proposals. Cllr Spivey (GCC) would also organise a petition to GCC.

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 2 Email from Jonny Bruce with proposals for The Field Gardens & Nursery on land at Parkway. It was agreed to invite Mr Bruce to speak to the Council at the next meeting.
- 3 Notification of extension of Ashton Road closure for drainage works.

- 4 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 5 CDC Christmas and New Year waste collection and recycling arrangements.
- 6 GPFA Annual Report and Newsletter.
- 7 GAPTC reminder of councillors' networking session on the upcoming 2023 elections.

17 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gibbons reported that a resident had asked if the verge in Parkway could be removed to allow the footway, which was uneven and narrow, to be widened. It was agreed that this would be cost-prohibitive, but Cllr Spivey (GCC) would arrange for a safety inspection to be carried out.

Cllr Every reported

- on the requirements for voter ID for the upcoming local elections and that there would be a public information campaign to raise awareness.
- that the CDC budget consultation had concluded and the results had been published. CDC would meet to set the budget on 15th February.
- the requirement by Natural England for a Mitigation Strategy was holding up decisions on some planning applications within 8km of the North Meadow SSSI in Cricklade.

Cllr Spivey reported

- **Budget setting**
 - GCC is in process of budget setting and the picture is very much the same as at district level - government expects Local Authorities to put up Council Tax by the maximum allowed (2.99%) and the Social Care Levy (2%) will also be included, so Council Tax will rise by 4.99% again this year.
 - GCC also has a built in fees and charges increase of 3% across all directorates. But whilst the £560million budget is presented as a growth budget, much of that "growth" is in fact meeting the inflationary pressures on both staff and contracts as well as all of the other cost rises seen across the board (heating, lighting, fuel etc etc).
- Children's Services continues to require improvement and we have 890 children in care, which is far more than our neighbouring authorities. As this, along with Adult Social Care, are demand led services, until we have genuine investment in tackling the root problems, which cause the huge numbers of children in care and can adequately resource that care in County (out of county placements cost the authority millions and millions every year), then nothing will change.
- Children's Social Services and Adult Social care consume over 2 thirds of the overall budget, which means that everything else is must be funded by just 1 third of the budget. So whilst many residents contact me about roads and highway issues, the truth is that there is simply not enough money to do everything that residents want. I will continue to try to see as many improvements to the local highway network, and also to demand that the quality of work carried out is properly evaluated.
- Education provision, especially for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or in need of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), is abysmal, with even the target of 40% of assessments within 6 months not being met.
- Major infrastructure projects are concentrated in the main towns of Gloucester and Cheltenham, and the M5 junction 10 improvements which will facilitate a major

growth area. There is really nothing for the Cotswolds. I will be pushing back on this and continue to lobby for our area.

- This is also true of public transport where we need to see a real investment so that the modal shift required to meet our carbon emission reduction targets can be met.
- I will be continuing to work on all these issues and will be making the case for more spend in critical areas and better funding for the Cotswolds at the budget meeting on the 15th February.
- If you have any specific questions or issues, please contact me on:
Email – lisa.spivey@gloucestershire.gov.uk; Tel – 01285 653405

18 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

19 – NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting would be at on Tuesday 14th February January 2023 at the newly-agreed time of 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair