

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr M Young.
 Clerk to Council, Mr R Cowley was also present.

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hayward and also from Cllr Spivey (GCC) and from Cllr Evemy (CDC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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 Cllr Evans and Cllr Young to the Parish Council. Cllr Evans and Cllr Young signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and provided their Registers of Interests to the Clerk.

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 September to 30th September 2023**

There were **5 crimes** to report this month.

CRIME BREAKDOWN

Burglary Residential – 0

Burglary Business & Community – 0

Theft – 2 (1 x Theft of Pedal Cycle & 1 x Shoplifting)

Criminal Damage – 0

Violence – 2 (1 x Domestic Issue, 1 x Coercive or controlling Behaviour)

Public Order – 0

Concern for Welfare - 0

Fraud – 0

Sexual Offence – 1

Drugs – 0

Other Notifiable – 0

INFORMATION

There are continuing trends of online banking frauds. Please look up on the Gloucestershire Website or

Please report any incidents to Action Fraud- [Reporting fraud and cyber crime | Action Fraud](#) or by calling the number below.

You can also report any concerns or incidents by calling **0300 123 2040** Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm. If you are calling from abroad, please call +44 300 123 2040.

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

The South Cerney 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 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Hayward had earlier reported via email:

- Two residents had confirmed their willingness to work on the Neighbourhood Plan along with Cllr Hayward. There is a lot involved in preparing the plan and more volunteers will be needed very soon.
- Cllr Hayward had been speaking to planning consultants who have experience of neighbourhood planning and there are two practices that seem keen to help us. The help they will provide will depend on how much of the drafting, research and consultation the community/the NP team want to do and how much we wish/need to delegate to the professionals.
- The next stage is to meet the two consultants, receive their proposals and select one. It would be good to have any additional volunteers available for those meetings – anyone interested please contact me on john@haywardproperty.co.uk.

7 – FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr Hayward had earlier reported via email:

I had a conversation with the team who were plotting the route of the surface water drainage around South Cerney Road. They were being very thorough but when I met them on the first of three days' survey work, they had discovered nothing we didn't know, but were helpfully clearing the watercourses. Other residents had had more conversations with them, and were not convinced that the area they surveyed is sufficient to provide all the answers. The Parish Council should whoever had commissioned the survey to provide a report on their findings.

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. 21.09.23. RG reported – “on routine cleaning schedule and when localised flooding is reported we send the community gang to clear debris. The gullies connection to the main carrier drain was jetted, with nothing reported back for further action.” (X) 	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. 21.09.23. RG reported – “When this has been reported I have forwarded onto the contractor’s safety inspection team for inspection. My system tells me that the weight limit signs were replaced but at the time of inspection the “except for access” plate was legible and not in need of being replaced. I can arrange another inspection now and if required arrange for a new plate to be installed.” 	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) 21.09.23 – RG chased with Gloucestershire PROW. 	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. Chased Mar 2023. Clerk to chase again (Jun 2023), and also hidden in hedge foliage. 21.09.23. RG reported – “there has been some confusion with respect as to where the maintenance liability lies for gateways and gateways which incorporate the speed limit termination/start points. I have now received clarification which is the community offer 50/50. I understand that Gill has now explained this and she is seeking a quote for you. Once in we can process an application for repairs etc. Also, I have had a look at this and it would appear that the foliage is growing from a third-party boundary hedge. This would be the responsibility of the adjoining landowner. We have already approach Bathurst whom we believe to be the owners, as a fall back and without prejudice when I next have the community gang, I will get some local trimming undertaken.” 	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. Chased Mar 2023. 21.09.23. RG reported – “there has been some confusion with respect as to where the maintenance liability lies for gateways and gateways which incorporate the speed limit termination/start points. I have now received clarification which is the community offer 50/50. I understand that Gill has now explained this and she is seeking a quote for you. Once in we can process an application for repairs etc.” 	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. Possible 2023-24 under 50/50 Community Offer. Clerk to chase again (Jun 2023). Progress paused to await Bathurst plans for Talland. 	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 Worked to be carried out over October 2023 half-term 	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). 21.09.23. RG reported – “This was added to our flailing list for when resources are available.” 	Oct 2022

It was agreed to request the removal of the defunct VAS speed sign on Ashton Road.

9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington. Cllr Hayward and the Clerk would continue to liaise on taking this forward.

10 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 7th September 2023

- 23/02030/FUL**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Simmonds, c/o agent Mr Colin Rowland, Halzac Design Ltd, 1 Whitgift Close, Swindon, SN5 6HQ
Proposal: Erection of detached 3 bay double storey ancillary garage, relocate vehicular access and install drop kerb, wall off existing access and associated works at Secret Cottage, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH
Consultation expiry date: 18th August 2023
NEW DETAILS. This application had already been permitted by Cotswold District Council before the Parish Council meeting

Update on Severells Field development

- The Clerk would chase up the replacement of the temporary footpath with Cllr Evemy and CDC Planning Enforcement.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

- The Clerk would ask Cllr Evemy for an update from Planning Enforcement regarding deliveries being made via the wrong entrance and through the village, in contravention of the approved traffic plan.
- The Council wondered when a road closure order might be made for Ashton Road to allow the cabling to cross from Nursery View to solar farm site.

11 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB

Trim Trail

Cllr Turner had investigated the possibility of Lottery funding for the trim trail. It was agreed that this route for financing would be preferable to crowdfunding which was felt to be too time-consuming. Cllr Young would assist Cllr C Smith. The Clerk would write to Bathurst Estate to request permission for installation of the trim trail.

Grass cutting

The Clerk would request another cut from the contractor.

Dogs

The Clerk would remind residents via the Village News that dogs are not permitted in the children's playground.

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Cllr Turner reported that she had emailed Bathurst Estate again with the suggestion of an alternative area of land, but had not yet received a response.

13 – FINANCE

The monthly schedules 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:

£50.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (October)

£940.00 – H J Carter – grass cutting

£16.12 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)

R Cowley – salary (October)

The Council agreed to remove recently retired parish councillors as bank signatories. It was felt that there were sufficient signatories now, so no new ones were added.

14 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

Cllr Spivey (GCC) had earlier reported via email that she had emailed Karen Pearman at GCC Highways today to ask about what the process is for a temporary stopping up order for the Green Lane. This would be with the intention of assessing the impact on fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. Another possibility is to apply for a Public Space Protection Order.

Cllr Turner reported that she had sought advice on the Parish Council might proceed from a former parish councillor and was waiting to hear back.

Cllr Turner would also write to raise the issue with Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP.

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Notification of closure of Parkway 18-19 September for construction works.
- 2 Notification of emergency closure of Green Lane 14-25 September due to dumped asbestos.
- 3 Notification of closure of South Cerney Road 02-06 October for CCTV drainage investigation.
- 4 Notification of closure of Clarks Lane from 15 September for up to 21 days.
- 5 Invitation to contribute to the creation of Slow Ways, a crowd-sourced, community-verified national walking network that connects all of Britain's towns, cities and national parks.
- 6 GRCC invitation to a Community-Led Planning Options Information Evening on 16th October. The Clerk would forward this again to Cllr Hayward for information.
- 7 Email update from Richard Gray regarding various Highways issues.
- 8 GAPTC networking events reminder.

- 9 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 10 Invitation from the OPCC to join the Councillor Advocacy Scheme (community policing). Cllr Gibbons indicated that she might be interested in representing the Parish Council, but this would depend on meeting times and locations. The Clerk would enquire further.
- 11 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 12 Email from a resident of Nursery View regarding road closure.
- 13 Email response from Karen Pearman of Gloucestershire Highways regarding proposed closure of Green Lane.

16 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Gibbons reported that there was an unnecessary temporary bus stop sign in Parkway. The Clerk would ask Stagecoach to arrange its removal.

Cllr Young reported that part of the front boundary wall at the post office was falling down. The Clerk would write to the owner to request that it be made safe.

Cllr Deller reported that

- he had removed all the overhanging brambles from the footpath by the railway stanchion on Ashton Road.
- There was a broken pane in the phone box. The Clerk would ask Bob Berry to make safe and replace.

17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

18 – NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next Parish Council meeting would be at on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair