

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr I Waters, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young. Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley, and one member of the public were also present.

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Deller and Cllr Gibbons and from Cllr Evemy (CDC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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 Ian Waters to the Parish Council. Cllr Waters signed his declaration of acceptance of office and provided his register of interests to the Clerk.

4 – CHAIR’S REPORT

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

5 – POLICE REPORT

Crime Comparison Statistics For Parish Council

Period : 01 JULY 2024 – 28 SEPT 2024 Compared With 01 JULY 2023 – 28 SEPT 2023

Parish : 275

Parish=Siddington

Recorded crime – Siddington parish (3 monthly report)

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 01JUL24 28SEP24	Crime 01JUL23 28SEP23	+/-	% Crime Diff
Violence	Threats to Kill	1	0	1	0.00%
Violence	Harassment	2	0	2	0.00%
Violence	Assault with injury	1	1	0	0.00%
Violence	Stalking	1	5	-4	(80.00%)
Violence	Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	1	0	1	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual Assault on a male -13	0	1	-1	0.00%
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	1	0	1	0.00%

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Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	0	1	-1	0.00%
Theft	Theft/unauthorised taking m/veh	0	1	-1	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	1	0	1	0.00%
Criminal damage	Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	0	1	-1	0.00%
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Excluding Cannabis)	0	1	-1	0.00%
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)	1	0	1	0.00%
Other notifiable	Other notifiable offences	0	4	-4	0.00%
=		9	16	-7	(43.75%)

Compared to the same period last year crime rates are down by **43.75%**. All details can be seen in the above table.

Kind regards
Beverley Rowe
PCSO 9254
 South Cerney/Kemble
 Cotswold Local Policing Area
 Gloucestershire Constabulary

Cllr Young reported that the next advocacy scheme meeting had been re-scheduled again for November, and that the system of quarterly reports would continue due to manpower shortages at Gloucestershire Police. Cllr Turner would draft an email to the Police & Crime Commissioner to express the Council's dissatisfaction with the frequency of reports and the scant information provided.

6 – BATHURST ESTATE

No update.

7 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that 125 household questionnaire responses had been received, and an initial analysis indicated that:

- Speed and volume of traffic, HGVs, condition of the roads, and parking were issues of concern to residents.
- The village was seen as being friendly and welcoming with a rural feel.
- There was some support for a 20mph speed limit in the village.

These findings would be included in a report to the Parish Council.

Cllr Hayward reported that continued government funding for neighbourhood plans had been confirmed and that a grant application would be submitted.

It was also noted that a housing needs survey would be carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

8– FLOODING MATTERS

- The Council noted that despite the recent heavy rain, there had been no issues at The Common, due to the efforts of Jan Bayley, Jonathan Rixon and others.
- The Council also noted the closure of South Cerney Road to enable the clearance of blockages in culverts near Siddington Mill.

- The drains on Park Way had taken some time to clear the water on the road. The Clerk would chase this up with Highways.

9 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u>	
<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.” 14.11.23 - The Clerk would chase again. 22.12.23 – RG ordered new sign. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	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 had worked. 	
<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. The Clerk would chase again. The Clerk chased again. Jan 2024 - Gloucestershire PROW writing to landowner. 	05.01.22 Nov 2022

<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.” 14.11.23 – Sign now totally demolished. Clerk would chase again. Awaiting quote for repair (50/50 Community Offer). Feb 2024 – Clerk chased again. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up. 02.07.24 – GP sorting replacement. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	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.” 14.11.23 – Clerk would chase again. Awaiting quote for repair (50/50 Community Offer). Feb 2024 – Clerk chased again. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up again. 02.07.24 – GP advised replacement ordered. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	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. 14.11.23 – Work done, but not to the expected standard as still uneven around tree roots. Cllr Spivey to investigate. 10.01.24 – Cllr Spivey reported via email that the path had been improved, but not to high standard, which would not be possible without major expensive work. The Clerk would take photos and email Cllr Spivey and Gloucestershire PROW. It was noted that the path serves the school, Spire View, and Severells Field. 	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.” 14.11.23 – Clerk to chase again. 22.12.23 – RG reported that resources had run out – re-added to list. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up again. 02.07.24 – GP advised would look to get flailed. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	Oct 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding on Parkway corner. 22.12.23 – RG arranging CCTV and exploratory investigations. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up again. 02.07.24 – GP advised that landowner refused to deal with. GCC drainage team will look into. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	Nov 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding on Parkway at old railway bridge by entrance to The Twenties. 22.12.23 – RG added to CCTV list for next financial year. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up again. 02.07.24 – GP advised would chase up CCTV. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 	Nov 2022

The Clerk had already chased up these matters with Highways and Public Rights of Way (with Cllr Spivey (GCC) copied in), but without a satisfactory response, but would continue to chase.

10 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington – Cllr Hayward reported that this was in hand.
- Cllr M Young confirmed that the Village Hall defibrillator would continue to be registered with The Circuit, and he would confirm access code details with them.

11 – PLANNING**Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 3rd October 2024**

- **24/02608/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Andy Day, c/o agent James Slater & Co, 19 Dyer Street, Cirencester, GL7 2PP
Proposal: Erection of rear extension at 17 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES
Consultation expiry date: 10th October 2024
NO OBJECTION
- **24/02682/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Jonathan Rixon, Pages Mead, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY
Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension at Pages Mead, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY
Consultation expiry date: 14th October 2024
NO OBJECTION

Planning Appeal Decision

- **22/00393/FUL**
Site address: Land at Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Siddington, Cirencester, GL7 6HT
Proposal: Erection of 5 Holiday lodges and associated works
Decision: Dismissed

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

Cllr Hayward reported that there was still a delay due to SSEN not connecting the site to national grid, but that it was hoped to be done by the end of the year.

Update on the school development

Cllr Young reported that work was expected to be completed by 29th November.

12 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Cllr Turner reported that improving disabled access was in hand.

Trim Trail

Cllr M Young and Cllr C Smith reported that they were still gathering supporters.

13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

No further update from Bathurst Estate. Cllr Hayward was investigating options.

14 – 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)
- £142.36 – P Badger – materials for commemorative wallhanging
- £30.00 – A Curtis – website amendments
- £71.20 – R Cowley – expenses (commemorative plaque, mileage & phone)
- R Cowley – salary (October)

15 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE – UPDATE

Cllr Hayward reported that he had completed drafting instructions to Counsel and would be submitting them soon.

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Information on GCC Ash Dieback trees replanting scheme.
- 2 CDC Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- 3 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 4 Survey on residents' views on crime in Gloucestershire.
- 5 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 6 CDC survey of residents' views on parking in the district.
- 7 GRCC information on free session about community consultations.
- 8 Email from Stonewood regarding the fate of the defibrillator used at the Severells Field development. The Clerk would request delivery of the defibrillator to himself.
- 9 CDC Cotswold Round Up newsletter.
- 10 Copy of an email from a resident to Stonewood regarding the provision of the school drop-off point at Severells Field. The Clerk would write to Stonewood to ask if they had responded to the resident. The Clerk would also respond the resident's email with Cllr Hayward's comments on the situation.

17 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr C Smith suggested an earlier time to visit the organic nursery on Park Way. The Clerk would write to request a different time.

18 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public present

- reported on an incident on the Coach Road (which had been reported to the police), and asked about provision of street lighting. The Clerk would make enquiries with Highways via Cllr Spivey (GCC), but was felt unlikely to be successful.
- reported that bin lorries had been seen using the weight restricted bridge over the canal, and that her black wheelie bin has been missed for emptying for several weeks.

19 – NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.07pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair