

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward, Cllr I Waters, Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr M Turner, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young, and Cllr M Evemy (CDC).
Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley was also present.

Cllr Hayward opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr C Smith and Cllr I Smith.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

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 matter arising.

4 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair thanked all those involved in the recent well-attended public meeting regarding the CDC Local Plan Consultation. Cllr Hayward and Cllr Young would investigate the purchase of a screen and projector for future use in order to avoid the need to borrow equipment.

5 – POLICE REPORT

Siddington parish crime statistics report Aug – Nov 2025

Your ‘Rural South’ community Neighbourhood Policing Team

PS G GLOYN – Police Sergeant

PC C MORLEY-BLACKWELL – NPT beat officer

PCSO ROWE, the dedicated PCSO for the area is now assisting in also covering the Cirencester town centre area. This means that she has less time to dedicate solely to the areas of South Cerney and Siddington. To assist with this PCSO FELLOWS is now dedicating time to assist with the areas to ensure we continue to provide cover to all areas.

Recorded crime – Siddington parish

Crime Comparison Statistics For Parish Council
Period : 27AUG2025 - 26NOV2025 Compared With 27AUG2024 - 26NOV2024
Parish : 275

Parish=Siddington

HO Band	Crime 27AUG25 26NOV25	Crime 27AUG24 26NOV24	+/-	% Crime Diff
Violence	5	10	-5	(50.00%)
Burglary	0	1	-1	0.00%
Theft	0	1	-1	0.00%
Criminal damage	2	2	0	0.00%
Other notifiable	1	0	1	0.00%
=	8	14	-6	(42.86%)

In the three months of this year compared to the three months of the last year we have seen a fall in crime of 42.86% - this has seen notably less violence, burglary and theft in the area when compared to the same dates of 2024.

Proactive patrols are regularly completed in the area and these will continue.

We hope you will have also noted the increased visits of the police speed van to the village which has been deployed to Siddington on a number of dates over the last few months.

At the Parish Council meeting, members queried when the “proactive patrols” had been carried out as none had been noticed.

6 – FLOODING MATTERS

Following recent, but not exceptional, heavy rain, flooding had been noted in:

- Parkway and Siddington Road. The Clerk had reported Parkway to the Local Highways Manager, who had arranged for jetting the same day (Monday) of Parkway and Ashton Road. However, flooding had continued on the day of the meeting (Tuesday). The Clerk would report this again.
- A fountain of sewage from Thames Water manholes in Cherry Tree Drive. Cllr Every (CDC) would visit the following day.
- South of the village on Ashton Road. Traffic lights in operation as Thames Water manholes overflowing again.
- Manhole covers in field north of Taland and the church.

7 – OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u>	
<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. 21.10.24 – Clerk chased with Gloucestershire PROW. Jan 2025 – Clerk chased. Feb 2025 – Clerk chased. May 2025 – Clerk chased. May 2025 – FDW (PROW) advised landowner claimed sign had been removed during works at the school. Clerk provided proof this was not the case. FDW taking up with landowner. Sep 2025 – Clerk chased. Nov 2025 – Clerk chased. 05.12.25 – FDW advised sign to be installed on nearby telegraph pole. 	05.01.22 Nov 2022
<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. 21.10.24 – GP arranging for new sign to be erected to gateway and 30mph sign to be changed to original at no cost to Parish Council. Jan 2025 – Clerk chased. Feb 2025 – Clerk chased. New sign awaited. May 2025 – Clerk chased. New sign still awaited. Sep 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – Contractor may have lost sign. If so, new one will be ordered. Dec 2025 – Clerk chased. 05.12.25 – GP spoke to Contractors asking them to sort ASAP. GP will chase again on Monday when the Supervisor is back in the office. 	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"> • 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. 21.10.24 – GP advised on list for cutting back and programmed for December 2024. Jan 2025 – Clerk chased. Feb 2025 – Clerk chased. 27.02.25 – GP advises contractor to carry out work before end of financial year. May 2025 – Clerk chased. GP chasing. Aug/Sep 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – GP - Added to list for flailing. Usually starts around November. Dec 2025 – Clerk chased. 05.12.25 – GP - on the list for flailing. GP amended the plans to include the area which didn’t get done last year. 	Oct 2022
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8 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- **Defibrillator**
 - Village Hall defibrillator had been taken and not returned. Ambulance Service had located it and Cllr M Young had collected.
 - The Clerk was still having difficulty obtaining advice from Fairford TC on the process for arranging a non-metered supply for the defibrillator installation on Parkway. The Clerk would forward information to Cllr Evemy, who was due to meet with the mayor and Clerk later that week.
- **ANPR cameras** – the Clerk reported that he had still received no response from Highways regarding non-installation of the promised posts for the cameras. The Clerk would ask Cllr Spivey (GCC) to intervene.

9 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 4th December 2025

- **25/03574/FUL**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Blades, c/o agent Mr Ian Golding, Goldings, High Gables, Daglingworth, Cirencester, GL7 7AE
Proposal: Erection of a 3-Bed dwelling and associated works at Sawyer Court, Siddington, GL7 6NB
Consultation expiry date: 16th December 2025
The Council noted that this application did not show how the dwelling would be connected to the mains sewer as the site was “landlocked”. Also, failing that, there was insufficient space on site for a treatment plant drainage field.
The Council also agreed that its earlier objections to the previous application (25/00443/FUL) were also valid for this application:
 - Insufficient parking provision - the application shows now shows two parking spaces, but of only 4.6m length, whereas the minimum is 4.8m in length.
 - The Parish Council also supports the flooding concerns raised by other objectors.

- The Parish Council also feels that, if permission is granted, the following conditions should be imposed:
Hours of construction should be limited to between 9.00am and 5.00pm on weekdays only.
A delivery programme should be approved by the local authority, and a bond obtained to ensure that the programme is adhered to.

OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 4th December 2025

- **25/02982/FUL**
Erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension including gablet and flat roofed dormer window within rear of garage at Greystone Cottage, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HW. Application refused.
- **25/02993/FUL & 25/02994/LBC**
Erection of a single storey rear extension, alterations, Air Source Heat Pump, widening of the vehicle access and associated works at Nashes Barn, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL.
Applications permitted.

Cllr Evemy reported that the application for the second phase of the Siddington Park development would be heard by the CDC Planning Committee.

10 – FINANCE

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:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (December)
 £121.38 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan)
 £9,590.89 – Playdale Ltd – trim trail (50%)
 £37.35 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
 £48.00 – Busy Fingers – printing
 £100.00 – Siddington Village News – distribution event
 £50.00 – GPFA – annual membership renewal
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £50.57 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage, stationery, phone)
 R Cowley – salary (December)
 HMRC – PAYE & NI

Community Support Request Update

The Clerk had contacted the Headteacher at Siddington School regarding the funding request for Read With Me volunteers to read with children in school. The Headteacher had advised that the school already had reading volunteers in place and did not wish to re-allocate Parish Council funding away from other planned activities.

11 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Trim Trail

The Clerk reported that installation was due to commence on Thursday 11th December.

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young reported that unfortunately the team had suffered another honourable loss, and that the match planned for the previous Saturday had had to be postponed due to the condition of the pitch following heavy rain.

Maintenance

- The Council noted that residents appeared to be very happy with the new path created from the canal bridge down onto the playing field.
- Following the recent death of a dog that had run onto the road, the Council agreed to investigate the cost of installing wire netting along the length of the fence alongside Parkway.

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

13 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

There was no further update.

14 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cotswold District Local Plan Update - Regulation 18 Consultation 2025
- 2 CDC Town & Parish Council Forum – Slides and Q & A.
- 3 Notification of publication of the new Register of Electors.
- 4 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 5 Update on dedication of the Spire View footpath. The Council agreed to investigate the possibility of having a pedestrian gate installed at the Corin end of the canal towpath (BSN13) to prevent access by motorcycles and bicycles.
- 6 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.

15 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Sparrow reported an incident of obstruction by a vehicle parking fully on the pavement in Ashton Road. The Clerk would forward details on to the police.

Cllr Barge reported that the annual carol service would be taking place in St Peter's Church on Sunday 14th December at 4.00pm, and he hoped as many members as possible would be able to attend. Cllr Sparrow agreed to give a reading on behalf of the Parish Council.

16 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

17 – COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Cllr Evemy (CDC):

- provided an update on Local Government Re-organisation:
 - All seven councils in Gloucestershire had responded to the government.
 - CDC had unanimously supported the proposal for a single unitary authority for Gloucestershire as it presented less disruption and fewer financial issues.
 - Final decision on form of re-organisation would be made by central government.

- New arrangement for town and parish councils (Neighbourhood Partnerships) within the county, would be made based on unitary council divisions.
- There would be a public consultation in January and the government was expected to make a decision on the form of local government for Gloucestershire in July.
- reported that there would be a consultation on town and parish councillor allowances in January.
- provided an update on the CDC Local Plan Consultation:
 - The consultation would run until 2nd January 2026.
 - Two exhibitions would take place in the south of the district: in Fairford on 11th December, and in Cirencester on 18th December.
 - There had been a series of public meetings across the district.
 - Cllr Evemy would provide a fuller answer to the query regarding holidays homes in the district.

Cllr Barge reported that

- The Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan group had met that morning and was drafting objections to the CDC proposals.
- A second bulletin was about to be distributed to residents.
- A database of email addresses had been compiled from those who had attended the public meeting to enable them to be kept informed.

Cllr Turner reported that she had found the online consultation clunky and not user-friendly, and the font was difficult to read. Cllr Evemy would pass these comments back to the communications team at CDC.

Cllr Hayward, Cllr Barge, and Mr Underhill would prepare the Parish Council's response and circulate to members by 20th December.

18 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that the completed plan had been sent to the consultants for any final amendments, after which it would be circulated to the Parish Council. It would then be passed to CDC. It was expected that the consultation would be launched on 7th January.

19 – NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.18pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair