

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM, SIDDINGTON, ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mrs. A. Wagstaff (Chairman), A. Painter, Mrs. M. Painter, Mrs. M. Turner, B. Barnes, N. Deller, N. Selby, J. Hall and Mrs. A. Prosser.

District/County Cllr. S. Parsons from 8.10 pm.

Public. There was one member of the public present.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. C. Rumble (Vice Chairman).

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 were approved and signed, subject to the following:- Under "Finance" cheque number 1280 is Lister Wilder, 1281 is A.B. West and 1282 is the Glos. Rural Community Council.

MATTERS ARISING

- A copy of the "Outstanding Issues" sheet, updated by the Chairman, was circulated. It was noted that this will be sent with the agenda in future.
- Richard Gray has promised to chase up the underground plans for the land near Laurel Cottages.
- It will cost about £3500.00 to remove the grass island at the entrance to Church Avenue, but at present Highways cannot say whether the Community Offer Scheme will continue into next year. Mr. Gray wants a reminder sent regarding the Council's interest after 1 April 2016.
- Bromford have told the Clerk that they will remove the rubbish in the back of the abandoned truck in Park Way as long as the owner of the truck then removes the empty vehicle off Bromford property. Their Housing Officer – Nicola Mann - will see the owner before any action is taken.
- Foliage in the verge at The Butts has been cut back and the verge strengthened with compacted plantings. Hopefully some large scale patching can be carried out next year if funds permit.
- The school sign, missing near the village shop, is on the list for ordering by Highways.
- Examples of village signs were circulated and John said he would examine the feasibility of replacement signs at the Ashton Road and Somerford Road entrances to the village.
- Further enquiries will be made regarding the website and John will report back to the next meeting.
- Cllr. Mrs. Painter reported that Mr. & Mrs. Glennie had improved the footpath surface at The Coach House at their own expense. The surface had previously been churned up by traffic.
- John mentioned the possibility of a Village Starter Pack – he produced one used by South Cerney as an example of what could be done in A5 format. It was mooted that Bloor Homes might like to sponsor this. John said he would ascertain the printing cost from Peppermint Print for say 100 copies and then approach Bloor Homes.
- With regard to painting the salt store in Park Way, Andrew West has confirmed that he will see to this as soon as possible, having been delayed by family problems. He will obtain the key from the Post Office when ready to start.

PLANNING

North Hill Road

Alison confirmed that when Highways have signed off the pavement construction, work can begin on the bus shelter. A resident has emailed complaining about the positioning of the road sweeper lorry, which was originally parked at the top of Cherry Tree Drive. Following a complaint to the police, it was moved to Siddington Road, to the right of the previous location and at the widest point in the road. The resident

feels this new location is dangerous but John has discovered that there is insufficient room for the driver to park on site due to other lorries entering and leaving the area. It was agreed that the road was being kept clear of mud as much as possible.

Shaun Parsons says he is still not satisfied that the drainage condition has been complied with. He has received no assurances as to which direction the excess water will travel – north/south to The Common or East/West to Siddington Mill. Shaun says he will take this to the CDC Planning Committee if not resolved soon.

Severalls Field

Notes of the 26 January 2016 meeting with representatives from Great Gable, Hunter Page and the Infrastructure Design Studio were distributed to those not on email. Alison requested comments within the next week. Members agreed that whilst it appeared that their concerns had been listened to, there was no guarantee that the various proposals put forward will be implemented. Neil Selby talked at length about Section 106 Agreements and he agreed to take this function on board, with members sending him their thoughts on where the money could be used.

A copy of the Clerk's letter of objection to CDC dated 21 January 2016 is attached to the January 2016 minutes.

Nashes Barn, Coach Road - 15/05577/FUL

Change of use of land to equestrian and erection of a stable block and tack room block. **NO OBJECTION.**

Chesterton Development (Up to 2350 residential dwellings) – 16/00054/OUT

This is a major development in an adjoining Parish. No comments were made on the application at this stage. Savills will be making a presentation to the Council on 16 February 2016, 7.30pm, in the Elizabeth Way Community Room.

Shorncote Concrete Batching Plant, Shorncote Quarry – 15/0095/CWMAJM

Variations of Conditions concerning commencement time and hours of working. As there had been difficulty in accessing details of the application, Alison said she would contact the Gloucestershire County Council.

Vehicular Access, 1, Empire Villas, Ashton Road – 15/05474/FUL

The Clerk said he had not received notification of this application but would contact the appropriate Planning Officer to register the Council's objection.

Detached Dwelling, 7, Empire Villas, Ashton Road – 15/04480/OUT

Shaun confirmed that he would be speaking at the CDC Planning Committee meeting on 10 February 2016. It was reiterated that the Council's concerns were about access and these had been conveyed to Joseph Seymour, CDC Planning Department on 21 December 2015.

The Clerk read the CDC Draft Officer's Report on Access/Highway Safety, which recommended that the application be approved.

At this stage, Shaun mentioned that an invitation from the Gloucestershire County Council was being sent to parishes to attend a meeting regarding concerns about congestion and road safety on the A429 Fosse Way. Shaun said that this route would go around two sides of the proposed Chesterton Development and additional traffic would be generated on several roundabouts. Parish Councils were being encouraged to participate in this debate. On the wider issue, Shaun said that Planning Authorities should look at the long term consequences of large scale planning applications such as Chesterton, not just the next five years.

FINANCE

- The monthly schedule of cheques, circulated with the agenda, was approved. The cheque totals were:-
1284 – K. S. Harrison - £294.13
1285 – Siddington Evergreen Club - £300.00
1286 – A .B. West - £20.00

- The Clerk said he had received more information regarding the new external audit arrangements that will take effect on 1 April 2017. He recommended that the Council adopts the arrangements that Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. (SAAA) is putting in place. The Council comes under Group 1-Opted-in Authorities with income or expenditure exceeding £25,000.00. Arrangements for 2017/18 and subsequent years will be the almost the same as they are now. The only difference will be that the completed annual return will be sent to an external auditor appointed by the SAAA and not to Grant Thornton. **It was agreed to accept the Clerk's recommendation.**

- PATA Payroll Service has clarified the position regarding automatic enrolment workplace pensions. The current Clerk is not affected but a future Clerk who is under the State Pension age and earns less than £5284.00 per annum can opt in to a pension scheme but there is no obligation for the employer to make contributions. A declaration will have to be made to the Pensions Regulator at the Council's staging date (when automatic enrolment applies) that the Council has complied with its employer duties even if no one is automatically enrolled.

- An updated Inventory of Parish Records has already been circulated to members. A copy will be attached to these minutes.

- The Clerk confirmed that the Gloucestershire County Council had paid their £50.00 contribution towards verge grass cutting for 2015/2016.

- It was noted that the Football Club's grass cutting bill of £500.00 has yet to be paid.

PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB

- A copy of the Assessment Report on the playing field facilities from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (GPFA) had been circulated with the agenda. The comments in the Report were noted, especially that there were no seats or litter bins around the football field. When all the assessment forms have been sent out, the GPFA will compile a summary of marks and averages to see how Siddington compares to other parishes.

- The Clerk reported that three of the five remaining companies quoting to replace the "Spider" had still to complete their figures. Sovereign and Playforce figures have been received, but Wicksteed, Playdale and Playahead were awaited. Glebe Contractors had withdrawn their interest.

- Alison outlined the plans for the new nature area in the south-east corner of the playing field. Some of the items to be included were a litter bin, dog waste bin, notice boards, grass protection mesh, picnic bench, balance bar and stepping stones.

THE QUEEN'S 90th. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

These will take place over 11/12 June 2016 and it was noted that CDC were waiving their charges for street parties and road closures. Marcia will make enquiries as to what could be feasible in Siddington, and, in addition, members were asked to circulate their suggestions.

HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES

It was noted that the road re-surfacing of Siddington Road has been postponed until 2016/2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alison produced the Police Report for January 2016. There were 4 crimes compared with 3 in the same period last year. These were analysed as 2 Burglary, 1 Criminal Damage and 1 Violence. The last Neighbourhood Co-ordination Group meeting was held on 25 January 2016. This was attended by 4 people. As a result of this and past poor attendances it was agreed that these will now be held every 6 months, not 4. The next meeting is likely to be in July 2016.

MEETINGS

- A litter pick has been organized for Saturday 5 March 2016.
- A meeting with Savills regarding the proposed Chesterton Development will be Tuesday 16 February 2016 as previously mentioned.

POINTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no points put forward and it was noted that the date of the next meeting was 8 March 2016.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No points were raised and the meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Chairman

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 19 FEBRUARY 2016

CHEQUE NO. 1287 – SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL – SECTION 106 FOR NORTH HILL ROAD RECEIVED FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL	<u>£32,519.00</u>
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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 8 MARCH 2016

CHEQUE NO. 1288 – K. S. HARRISON – CLERK'S NET SALARY MARCH 2016 £273.73 + EXPENSES £45.51	<u>£319.24</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1289 – A. W. SERVICES – FINAL GRASS CUTTING/MAINTENANCE	<u>£110.00</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1290 – A .W. WEST - CLEANING BUS SHELTERS	<u>£15.00</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1291 – SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL – HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	<u>£36.00</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1292 – THE BATHURST ESTATE – PLAYING FIELD RENT	<u>£1520.00</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1293 – PATA (UK) - PAYROLL SERVICES	<u>£22.50</u>
CHEQUE NO. 1294 – HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS ONLY – PAYE CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>£205.20</u>

END OF SCHEDULE