SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT
Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr J Hall, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr A Pugh, Cllr M Turner and Cllr A Wagstaff. Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC) joined the meeting at 8.00pm. Clerk of the Council R Cowley was also present.

1 - APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Selby (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Painter and Cllr M Painter.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH JULY 2018
The minutes of the previous Parish Council were unanimously approved as being a true record.

3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
There were no matters arising.

4 – CLERK’S REPORT
The Clerk had no report to make as matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5- POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA
No Police Report had been provided.

6 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST
- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – ongoing.
- New village signs installed. Cllr Hall was thanked for all his efforts in bringing this to fruition.
- Wall between 1 Empire Villas and the junction with Church Avenue – ongoing. It was noted that although part of the wall had been repaired, not all the capping had been done.

7 - HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES (GCC ref nos)
- 11102027 – Clear drain at the railway bridge stanchions on Ashton Road. Richard Gray of Highways was pursuing this with Highways England as it was believed the Historic Railways Estate or Network Rail, as successors to British Rail, remained liable for the upkeep of the drains and tanks. The Chairman had written to RG urging Highways and Historic Railways England to co-operate and take urgent action to clear drains and the source of the silt for the long term, as this situation was leading to accidents and breakdowns caused by the road being regularly blocked by flooding. GCC jetted and cleared silt from one side. Highways England had appeared to have accepted responsibility, but were still in discussion with their solicitors. Chair continued to press for action to be taken. Ongoing.
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain. Still flooding during heavy rain. It was felt that the capacity of the drain was inadequate and another gully was likely to be needed. Ongoing.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing. The Clerk would chase this up.
- Canal bridge repairs – no further response or action.

8 - PLANNING

Footpath from Spire View to canal towpath
It had been noted that Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way (PROW) would be interested in taking on the footpath if brought up to standard. Cllr Parsons might have funding available. PROW would be meeting shortly with a contractor to discuss improvements to the canal towpath. It was agreed that the residents of the Bloor development should be encouraged to form a management committee to deal with the company responsible for maintenance of the estate.

The Parish Council considered planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 6th September 2018

- 18/02078/FUL CT.1490/1/Z
  Applicant: Mr & Mrs Harrison, c/o agent Mr Bernie Iles, IBA, Units E & F, The Old Brickyard, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, SN6 6QR
  Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension at 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG
  Consultation expiry date: 15th August 2018
  The Parish Council did not object to the principle of the extension, but was concerned at the asymmetric pitched roof and urged the applicants to re-think this aspect.

- 18/02670/FUL CT.3452/K
  Applicant: Mr D. Reece, c/o agent Mr Lee Clarke, 25 Golden Farm Road, Cirencester, GL71BP
  Proposal: Single Storey Side Extension (part retrospective) at 1 Empire Villas, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HB
  Consultation expiry date: 30th August 2018
  The Parish Council felt the proposal was an over-development of the site and the proposed, almost flat, roof was incongruous and alien to the village. The structure distracted from the harmony achieved by the existing flank gable elevation corresponding with the gable to the adjacent new house and closed off a visually important gap. If the planning authority were minded to grant permission despite the Parish Council’s objection, the Council asked that the applicant be invited to set the front elevation of the extension back about a metre from the main front elevation so as to preserve the articulation of the right hand corner of the existing building. OBJECTION

- 18/02760/FUL CT.9272
  Applicant: Bromford, c/o agent Quattro Design Architects Ltd, Matthews Warehouse, High Orchard Street, Gloucester Quays, Gloucester, GL2 5QY
  Proposal: Erection of 36 replacement dwellings and associated infrastructure at Paterson Road, Cirencester
  Consultation expiry date: 28th August 2018
• **18/03036/FUL CT.2068/1/G**
  Applicant: Mr Marc Berry, c/o agent Mr Gareth Hughes, Corinium Architectural Services, 2A The Woolmarket, Dyer Street, Cirencester, GL7 2PR
  Proposal: Erection of single storey front and side extension at 9 Nursery View, Siddington
  Consultation expiry date: 25th September 2018
  The Parish Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds of over-development and the loss of privacy at No 8 Nursery View which is attached to the property. The Council also had concerns about the shallow pitch of the roof of the proposed extension not being in keeping with the rest of the property, which would be obvious when approached from the east. OBJECTION

The Parish Council noted planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 6th September 2018

• **18/01746/FUL CT.2068/1/F**
  Subdivision of property to 2 separate dwellings as it was prior to 2004 at Japonica Cottage, 9-10 Nursery View, Siddington, GL7 6HN – Application permitted

### 9 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING
It was noted that the football season had started and the grass-cutting contractor was doing a good job. The Clerk reported that he had been advised that weeds were growing through the mulch under the new Woodland 7 climbing frame. The Clerk had contacted the supplier who had advised that occasionally weeds may take root and should be treated with herbicide. Cllr Hayward would deal with the weeds. The Clerk would write to the new chief executive of the Bathurst Estate to confirm the ground-sharing arrangement with Siddington FC and Chesterton FC.

### 10 - FINANCE
The monthly schedule of cheques for August and September had been circulated with the agenda. The cheque totals were:-

**August:**
- 1494 - £43.97 – R Cowley - expenses
- 1495 – £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire
- 1496 - £175.00 – Adam Curtis - website
- 1497 - £210.00 – Harry Carter – grass-cutting (June)
- 1498 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (August)

**September:**
- 1499 - £15.98 – R Cowley – expenses
- 1500 - £240.00 – PKF Littlejohn – external auditor fees
- 1501 - £660.00 – S Burnett – tree surgery on Park Way
- 1502 - £105.00 – Harry Carter – grass-cutting (August)
- 1503 - £22.50 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
- 1504 - £203.79 – F Lovatt – grass-cutting (July/August)
- 1505 – HMRC – PAYE & NI
- 1506 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (September)

The Clerk presented the monthly spreadsheet showing expenditure compared with budgets, and the accounts statement.
11 – CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL
The Parish Council noted with sadness the resignation of Cllr Ellie Jones and wished to record its gratitude for all her hard work during her time as a Parish Councillor. As there had been no requests received by Cotswold District Council for a by-election, the Parish Council resolved to proceed with co-option to fill the vacancy. The Clerk would invite applications via the Village News, website and notice board. The closing date for applications would be 31st October 2018.

12 – APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES
The Parish Council agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting when more members were expected to be present. Cllr Hayward would attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

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<td>Draft Order from the Department for Transport for the stopping up of part of the highway in front to Siddington Village Hall. Cllr Hayward reported that this was expected to be confirmed by early October, after which time work would be able to start on the new porch.</td>
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11 PC Email from Cllr Parsons (CDC) regarding funding for commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. The Clerk would contact CDC for the application form.

14 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Parsons (CDC/GCC) reported that:
- Nominations for the CDC Chairman’s Community Awards were open until Friday 28th September. The Clerk would copy and circulate the nomination form to members.
- The new CDC Local Plan was adopted at a special council meeting on 3rd August.
- There would be re-surfacing work on the A429 at Kemble and the Fosse Way over the coming week.

Cllr Prosser reported that
- the hedge at the new house on the corner of Park Way opposite the Post Office needed cutting back
- the contractor had done a good job cutting back the lime trees on Park Way.

Cllr Wagstaff asked that it be noted that the playing field and the allotments were now listed as designated Local Green Spaces. This status severely restricts any possibility of development at these sites.

Cllr Hayward reported that he had had a meeting with the new Chief Executive of the Bathurst Estate, Peter Clegg, who was keen to have good relations with the village. Mr Clegg was also very receptive to finding additional graveyard space for St Peter’s Church.

13 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.52pm. The next meeting would be Tuesday 9th October 2018 in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman