

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Selby (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr J Hall, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr A Pugh and Cllr A Wagstaff. Clerk of the Council R Cowley and two candidates for co-option to the Parish Council were also present.

1 - APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Turner, and Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC).

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH OCTOBER 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 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman had no report to make as matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 – CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk had no report to make as matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6- POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA

No Police Report had been received.

7 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – ongoing.

8 - HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS & HEDGES (GCC ref nos)

- 11102027 – Clear drain at the railway bridge stanchions on Ashton Road. It was noted that although there had been heavy rain recently, this area had not flooded as it usually did. Following the recent works carried by Highways, there had been no flooding of this area despite the recent heavy rain. The Clerk would write to Richard Gray to thank him and report that all seemed to be satisfactory for the time being.
- 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. It was agreed to pursue this once the issue at the railway bridge was confirmed to be solved. The Clerk would now write to Richard Gray to ask that this area be given urgent attention. Ongoing.

- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing. The Clerk would chase this up. Ongoing.
- Canal bridge repairs. It was agreed to check the state of the repairs once the winter frosts arrive. Ongoing.
Cllr Wagstaff also reported overgrown hedges on South Cerney Road near Siddington Mill, and that the overhanging trees on Park Way were being clipped by buses and large vehicles.

9 - PLANNING

Footpath from Spire View to canal towpath

There was no further update.

The Parish Council considered planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 8th November 2018

- **18/04027/FUL CT.1597/G**
Applicant: Mrs Maisie England, The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington
Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, and single storey front extension at The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington
Consultation expiry date: 22nd November 2018
No objection.

The Parish Council noted planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 8th November 2018

- **18/03036/FUL CT.2068/1/G**
Erection of single storey front and side extension at 9 Nursery View, Siddington.
Application permitted

10 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

Following the recent appearance of travellers' horses on the playing field, the byelaws were amended to prohibit the grazing of horses as well as riding. Cllr Mrs Painter had reported the horses being on the field to the Police, who had told her it was not their problem. The Clerk would also obtain a quote for securing the corner of the field where access was gained, and a repair to another part of the fence.

11 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of cheques for November had been circulated with the agenda. The cheque totals were:-

- 1511 - £15.98 – R Cowley - expenses
- 1512 - £50.00 – Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association – annual membership
- 1513 - £15.00 – Cotswold Canals Trust – annual membership
- 1514 - £12.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire
- 1515 - £156.60 – F Lovatt – grass-cutting (October)
- 1516 – R Cowley – Clerk's salary (November)

The Clerk presented the monthly spreadsheet showing expenditure compared with budgets, and the accounts statement.

12 - CORRESPONDENCE

F= Finance H= Highways P=Planning PF=Playing Field PC=Parish Council

- 1 PC Notice of Designation of Neighbourhood Area for Cirencester. Cllr Hayward felt that creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Siddington should be an aim of the new Council following the election in 2019.
- 2 PC Email of thanks from Somerford Keynes PC for support regarding the dedication of footpaths at Keynes Park.
- 3 PC Email correspondence regarding the Human Poppy in Cirencester on 11th November.
- 4 PC Notice of temporary closure of part of Siddington Road for re-surfacing. It was noted that this work had since been postponed until the next financial year.
- 5 PC Update on A417 missing link.
- 6 PC GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 7 PC Request for donation to support Holly Harrison as a volunteer in Kenya. The Parish Council considered this request, but felt that its donations should be limited to organisations, causes and activities within the Parish. The Council wished Holly well in her endeavours.
- 8 PC Copy of Cotswold Canals Trust magazine, The Trow.
- 9 PC CPRE magazine, Gloucestershire Views.
- 10 PC Email correspondence from CDC Planning regarding enforcement case 18/00336/OTHER at The Byre.

13 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr A Painter commented on the large hedge opposite the post office, which had now been trimmed back.

Cllr Prosser asked if it were allowed that out of date posters be removed from notice boards at the bus shelters. It was agreed that that could be removed and the Clerk would ask in the Village News for event holders to remove their notices as soon as their events had passed.

Cllr Deller commented on dark areas on Ashton Road near the Greyhound Inn. The Clerk reported that street lamps had been removed under the current upgrade scheme and had not been replaced, and that Pound Close had not been upgraded yet. It was agreed to add these to the Outstanding Issues list.

Cllr Wagstaff reported that the Rosie Rumble Award had been made to Jon Hughes this year for resurrecting the village cricket club, which would now offer the Rosie Rumble Captain’s Cup as a reward for the greatest contribution to the club over the year.

Cllr Hayward suggested that although the cricket club played its matches elsewhere, it would be good to encourage participation by allocating an area for cricket practice nets at the playing field. As a hard base would be needed, permission would need to be sought from Bathurst Estate. It was generally agreed to be a good idea.

14 – CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Both candidates present took the opportunity to present their case for co-option and what they could bring to the role. The Council and candidates were also able to ask questions of each other. The Chairman then thanked both candidates for attending the meeting and advised that they would be informed of the Council's decision the following day. Both candidates then left the meeting. The Council then discussed and considered each candidate's merits and agreed that either would make a very good Parish Councillor. The Council then voted to co-opt Daniel Rajan to the Parish Council.

15 - 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 8.30pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th December 2018 in the Elizabeth Way Community Room.

Chairman