

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr S Parsons (GCC). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and one member of the public were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Painter.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 13TH OCTOBER 2020

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

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the post office regarding the potholes in their forecourt.

4 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman suggested that the ANPR Cameras Reserve be renamed the Road Safety Reserve, which would enable it to be replenished on an ongoing basis and to be used for general road safety projects as well as ANPR cameras. The Council approved. Cllr Parsons reported that the Surveillance Camera Commissioner had granted a licence to the ANPR camera in Rodborough, and it was hoped that further licences would be issued in due course. Road safety issues would be included on future agendas under Health & Safety. The Chairman referred to the unauthorised firework display at the playing field on 5th November. It was agreed to write to the organiser to advise them that it was not only irresponsible during the current Covid-19 restrictions, but also breached the playing field byelaws.

5 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)

- Spire View footpath – it was noted that work was well under way and good progress was being made.
- Cllr Parsons reported that Highways England had found blockages in the drainage system near the old railway bridge and were still working on solutions.
- GCC 11282129 – rusted through signpost at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. No further news.
- GCC 11283846 – Wrecked weight limit sign at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. The Clerk would chase again and copy in Cllr Parsons.
- Re-surfacing in Park Way – it was noted that the foreman on site was expected to be as accommodating as possible to residents regarding access during the works.
- A ROAD CLOSED sign appeared to have been abandoned at The Common. The clerk would collect this to return to Highways.

6 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS INCLUDING COVID-19 RESPONSE

- **Covid-19 Response**

It was noted that Jude Grayson had re-activated the volunteers' response team during the current lockdown, and the contact phone number would remain active.

7 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 5th November 2020

- **20/03723/FORST**

Applicant: Forestry Commission, Admin Officer, Bullers Hill, Kenneford, Exeter, EX6 7XR

Proposal: Felling License application at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Consultation expiry date: 27th October 2020

NO COMMENT

- **20/03744/TPO 06/00057/TPO**

Applicant: Marcus Moore, 130 Lynmouth Road, Rodbourne, Swindon, SN2 2DH

Proposal: Lime tree nearest to garage and house - there is a large horizontal limb, high up that has grown away from the main crown. Now it is away from the main crown it is starting to grow vertical points. Proposed work to reduce this limb back to the main crown periphery (25% approx.). The lowest limb of this tree removed to raise the crown at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Consultation expiry date: 19th November 2020

NO OBJECTION

- **20/03759/COMPLY CT.9143**

Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, GL9 1HT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 88 dwellings, to include vehicular access off Park Way; new pedestrian and cycle links to the wider area; improvements to Siddington School, including improved access facilities and the erection of a new purpose built school hall; a solar park; ecological enhancements; strategic landscaping; and associated infrastructure at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 23rd November 2020

The Chairman referred to the letter received by CDC from an officer at Gloucestershire Highways, which raised no objection to the proposed two parking spaces as a drop-off point for the school, and even went as far as to doubt the need for them, as the developer had stated that they would only reasonably be for use by residents of the new estate. The Highways officer's response had been based on a letter dated March 2020 from the former head at the school, and which was now out of date and did not reflect the current views of the school, its governors or the Corinium Education Trust. Cllr Parsons would endeavour to get the Highways officer's letter retracted and Cllr Evemy would alert the planning officer at CDC to the situation.

The Chairman and the Clerk would draft a letter refuting the Highways officer's letter and pointing out the lack of consultation. A copy would be sent to GCC's Chief Executive.

OBJECTION

8 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

The Clerk reported that the first phase of wildflower planting along the eastern edge of the playing field had been completed. The Council wished to record its thanks to Robert

Finucane and Jack Blamey for their hard work, and to Ellie Chambers for her expert advice. Planting the second phase along the bank behind the playground would be looked at when Covid-19 restrictions permitted.

9 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of payments for November had been circulated with the agenda.

The amounts were:

£50.00 – Village News – October donation

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£130.53 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, wildflower expenses)

£562.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs (including new gate)

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (November)

The Clerk was authorised to make the above payments by bank transfer.

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

Sponsorship of some grass verge areas

The Council agreed to the offer of sponsorship of some of the grass triangle at The Common and the verge alongside the playing field, subject to more information being provided by the sponsor.

Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road

The Clerk had circulated details of Crudwell Parish Council’s speed warning sign, and it was agreed to ask Richard Gray of Highways for a more detailed breakdown of his estimated costs. The Clerk would also investigate further so that a fair comparison might be made.

10 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Email correspondence between Cllr Parsons and GCC regarding future development and access to Siddington School.
- 2 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 3 CPRE newsletter.
- 4 CDC ‘Call for Sites’ for potential housing, renewable energy, commercial, community uses, as well as land that may be suitable for accommodating gypsies, travellers and travelling show people
- 5 GAPTC Covid-19 and training update.
- 6 GAPTC Covid-19 secure public meetings update.
- 7 Notice of temporary road closure near Preston Mill. The Council noted that this closure coincided with the closure of Park Way. The Clerk would write to Highways and copy in Cllr Parsons.
- 8 Email from CDC with guidance on commemorating Remembrance Sunday.
- 9 Email from Crudwell Parish Council with information on speed warning signs.
- 10 Information on Councillors reclaiming cost of calls made for parish council meetings
- 11 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 12 Copy email from CDC Address Management to Cllr Evemy regarding names of new streets on the Siddington Park development.

- 13 Notification of temporary closure of Park Way for re-surfacing.
- 14 Notification of temporary closure of Ewen Road on 13th January 2021 for BT overhead work.
- 15 Further correspondence from Highways regarding the closure for resurfacing of Park Way.
- 16 Notification of CPRE AGM on 17th November 2020.
- 17 Update from NALC regarding Remembrance Sunday.
- 18 Email from Adam Mathers regarding arranging a meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss the Siddington Solar Project. The Clerk would write back suggesting Thursday 19th November at 6.00pm.
- 19 Invitation from CDC to a live Q&A session about CDC's proposed 2021-22 budget.
- 20 Email from CDC regarding Planning Training courses for Parish Councillors.
- 21 GAPTC news and training update (including information on ANPR cameras and GDPR).

11 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr A Painter reported further potholes re-appearing in Pound Close.

Cllr Prosser reported leaves accumulating in the gullies and was concerned about potential blockages.

Cllr Deller reported that there were a number of outdated notices on boards around the village. The Chairman and Clerk would tour the village and make necessary revisions.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that a support package had been put together to allow the leisure centre and museum to continue functioning.

12 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public present felt the Council should be wary of what the sponsor of the verges was proposing.

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.27pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th December 2020.

Chairman