

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL**  
**AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr S Parsons (GCC)(until 8.45pm). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

**1 – APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 – REQUEST FROM CHESTERTON AFC TO SITE A STORAGE CONTAINER AT THE PLAYING FIELD**

The Council agreed in principle to siting a storage container next to the clubhouse at the playing field, provided it was painted to be inconspicuous and native hedging was planted around it to soften its appearance. It was also agreed that it could not be sited in its final location until ground conditions had improved. The Clerk would check with South Cerney Parish Council whether it could be sited temporarily in the car park at their playing field until such time as it could be moved to Siddington.

**4 - FINANCE**

The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget for the coming year to the Council, which was unanimously approved. This would mean a Band D Dwelling paying £49.29 for the year 2021-22 (an increase of 0.24% or just 13p for the year).

**3 – PLANNING**

Cllr Hayward declared an interest in the first item as he was the Appellant, and discussion was moved to the end of the meeting.

**Planning Appeal Notification:**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Land south west of The Byre Siddington Gloucestershire

Description of development: Erection of dwelling with detached car port and workshop

**Cotswold District Council Application Reference: 20/00400/FUL**

Appellant's name: Mr & Mrs J. Hayward

**Appeal Reference: APP/F1610/W/20/3262835**

Appeal start date: 11th January 2021

**Planning Applications received at Cotswold District Council to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021:  
 20/04420/COMPLY 15/05165/OUT**

Applicant: Severells Field Developers Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Holly Simkis,

Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, GL9 1HT

Proposal: Compliance with conditions 10 (ecology) and 15 (construction method statement) of permission 15/05165/OUT (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 Severells Field, Siddington.

Consultation expiry date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Cllr Hayward appraised the Parish Council of his detailed objection submitted on behalf of the Council to CDC regarding the proposed school drop off point, which was deemed to be too far from the school, and not what the developer had previously promised. Concerns were also expressed over who would be responsible for maintenance of the public open spaces on the development once it had been completed, and over potential damage to the newly resurfaced Park Way during the construction phase.

#### **20/04499/FUL**

Applicant: Anesco Ltd, c/o agent Mr Chris Bins, Barton Willmore LLP, 14 King Street, Leeds, LS1 2HL

Proposal: Construction of a temporary 19.94MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with transformers, a DNO substation, customer substation, security fence, landscaping and other associated infrastructure (including a temporary construction access point) at land at Grid Reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Whilst the Council did not object in principle to the development, it did agree to object to the developer's proposed transport plan during the construction phase at the site, which would mean HGVs accessing the site from the north via Bridge Road and Siddington Road through the village where a weight limit was in force. It was agreed that a better and safer route would be from the Spine Road (B4696) junction with the A419 trunk road and via Ashton Road from the south, thereby avoiding the villages of Siddington and South Cerney. It was agreed that there should be some negotiation with the developer regarding what financial benefits they could provide for the community, particularly following the agreement for a solar farm in neighbouring Preston. The Clerk would contact Preston parish clerk for information. It was agreed that a wish-list might include provision of a public foot/cycle path along the old railway line and along the side of the site. The Clerk and the Chairman would arrange a meeting with the developer.

### **5 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 2 GAPTC newsletter and training update.
- 3 GRCC January Newsbites.
- 4 Notification of Flood Meeting to be chaired by Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Cllr Anderson would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 5 Email from CDC requesting a contact to assist with providing mental health support throughout our district, via training opportunities and timely information.

### **6 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Turner commented on the amount of activity at Severells Field and was advised that the developer was carrying out work on the newt ponds before the breeding season.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that CDC was holding a public flood meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February for residents and councillors of parishes affected by the recent flooding.

### **7 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Hayward and Cllr Parsons (GCC) left the meeting at this point and Cllr Smith chaired the meeting for discussion of the planning item postponed from earlier.

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The Council noted that it had raised no objections when the application had first been submitted to CDC and had been surprised when it had been refused. It was felt that the proposed dwelling was in keeping with other properties in the area and would not have a visual impact. There was also concern that the officer had felt that Upper Siddington was a separate "hamlet" and not part of the village of Siddington. This is simply not that case as housing continues unbroken from the centre of the village all way to the proposed site and beyond.

As there was no further business, the acting Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.29pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Chairman