

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY, SIDDINGTON,
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016**

PRESENT

Cllrs. J Hall (Chairman), N Selby (Vice-Chairman), N Deller, J Hayward, Mrs E Jones, A Painter, Mrs M Painter, Mrs A Prosser, A Pugh, Mrs M Turner, Mrs A Wagstaff.

Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC) from 8.00pm

Clerk of the Council R Cowley

1 - APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Prosser.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2016

Cllr Mrs Wagstaff proposed that minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Selby and the Parish Council was all in favour.

3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The question of requests for donations from organisations outside the village was raised. It was noted that organisations other than those based in the Parish must be registered charities.

4 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

5 – REPORT ON INSTALLATION OF GIGACLEAR FIBRE-OPTIC BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Deller reported that Gigaclear were making better progress with the installation than expected – the camp to Nursery View had been completed and Elizabeth Way and Ashton Road as far as Bowly Crescent were expected to be completed by Christmas. Work would recommence in the New Year.

6 - CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report to make this month.

7 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue - ongoing
- Nature Area on playing field. Cllr Mrs Jones reported that the planting session had taken place over the weekend of 19-20 November, and that she was liaising with the school regarding the planting for the remaining 100. The two black poplars would also need to be planted in due course.
- Pursue new village signs – ongoing. Cllr Hall had emailed Gillian Portlock of Amey Gloucestershire for an update but had received no response so would chase again. Cllr Hall reported that there had still been no response.

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

- 11072155 – Replacement of missing Siddington school sign – ongoing
- 11081789 – Repositioning of Park Way reflective posts – ongoing
- Restoration of fallen road sign on Ashton Road – ongoing
- Resurface parking area by playing field – ongoing
- 11102027 – Clear drain at railway bridge stanchions on Ashton Road – ongoing
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction.
- Wall on western side of Ashton Road between Empire Villas and Church Avenue is crumbling in places. Stones appear to have been replaced in places. The Clerk had written to the Bathurst Estate.
- Silt on pavement and road by old railway bridge stanchions near The Greyhound. Cllr Hall would investigate.
- Footpath between Pound Close and the school – now resurfaced with tarmac, and dog bin has been reinstated.
- Street light by the bus shelter appeared damaged – Cllr Pugh reported that the light was working, but that the lens appeared to be damaged.
- Speed limit sign on Park Way appeared to be leaning considerably.
- Cllr Hayward raised concerns about large lorries using the canal bridge to access the Butts development.
- Handrail on steps leading from Upper Siddington bridge to canal still missing.

9 - PLANNING

North Hill Road

Cllr Hall reported Bloor Homes had provided a commuted sum of £1000 for future maintenance of the new bus shelter. The Council would be voting to approve the transfer of ownership to the Council later in the meeting.

Cllr Hall also reported that he and Cllr Deller and Cllr Mrs Turner had walked the route of the proposed new footpath link to the canal towpath, the best route being a “dog-leg” to avoid joining the towpath at a point requiring a long set of steps. Bloor Homes would contact Edward Allsop at Bathurst Estate so that work could start. It was noted that it would be a permissive footpath and that Bathurst Estate would probably close it on one day per year. Concern was raised over the condition of the canal towpath itself with a number of roots making passage with pushchairs difficult. Cllr Hayward would check the ownership of the towpath.

Cllr Parsons reported that Thames Water had cleared much of the foul weather pipe running alongside Ashton Road. Cotswold DC has the legal responsibility to ascertain ownership of the pipe and a meeting was being arranged for January.

Cllr Mrs Wagstaff reported that she would be delivering the remaining welcome packs over the Christmas period.

16/00054/OUT – Chesterton development – new details.

It was noted that the only access to the eastern section of the development (675 houses and offices and light industrial units) would be from Spratsgate Lane. There was a danger that Siddington, and Park Way in particular, would become a rat-run. Cllr Parsons reported that the application was likely to be heard in the next four months and, due to its size, by the full District Council, rather than the Planning Committee. Cllr Hayward would draft the Parish

Council's objection for consideration, and the Clerk would forward the Parish council's previous objections to Cllr Hayward.

16/02863/FUL – alterations & extension at Siddington House, new details. NO OBJECTION

16/02864/LBC – Listed building consent for above application. NO OBJECTION

16/04578/FUL – 12 month holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate. NO COMMENT

16/04570/FUL – 12 month holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate. NO COMMENT

16/04569/FUL – 12 month holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate. NO COMMENT

16/04527/FUL – 12 month holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate. NO COMMENT

16/04568/FUL – 12 month holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate. NO COMMENT

10 - FINANCE

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

1346 – Not issued

1347 - £54.00 – Wicksteed Playgrounds – Playground inspection

1348 - £27.48 – R Cowley - Clerk's expenses (phone bill & ink cartridge)

1349 - £22.50 – PATA (UK) – Payroll services

1350 - £68.40 – F Lovatt – Grass cutting (November)

1351 - £10.00 – A B West – Cleaning bus shelter

1352 - £24.00 – Siddington Village Hall – Room hire

1353 - £20.00 – Society of Local Council Clerks - Membership

1354 – HMRC – PAYE

1355 – R Cowley – Clerk's salary (December)

The Parish Council unanimously approved making the above payments.

The Parish council also noted the receipt of £1,000 from Bloor Homes as a commuted sum for future maintenance of the new bus shelter.

The Clerk presented the monthly spreadsheet showing expenditure compared with budgets, and a statement of the Council's bank accounts.

Suggestions for expenditure in 2017-18 were invited. Ideas included possible footpath improvements, allowance for playground expenditure, accrual of funds towards a tennis court, provision of a table tennis table. It was agreed that the Council should consider replenishing its reserves in the event of major expenditure being required (such as the recent replacement of the Spider at the playing field). The Chairman and the Clerk would prepare a budget for circulation and consideration at the next meeting in January. It was noted that the precept request had to be submitted to CDC by 31st January 2017.

11 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

The Clerk reported that he had been provided with a quote for replacement of the chain/sleeve/seat on the aerial runway amounting nearly £400. It was agreed to consider this replacement of as part of the budget for 2017-18 and to make a temporary repair if necessary in the meantime. The Clerk would ask Bob Berry if he could source a replacement sleeve. It was also noted that a rubber bung covering a fixing was missing on the Climber. The Clerk would arrange a replacement under warranty.

12 – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF NEW BUS SHELTER TO PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Hayward proposed that Cllr Hall and Cllr Pugh be authorized to sign the transfer document on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Selby and the Parish Council was all in favour.

13 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

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| PF | 1 | GPFA playing field and playground assessment. |
| P | 2 | Results of GAPTC survey on local authority consultation on its local plan. |
| P | 3 | CDC Planning Officer's Delegated Report on planning application for 1 Ashton Road (1 Empire Villas). |

14 - COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr A Painter and Cllr Mrs Turner expressed concern at the ongoing poor road surface and potholes in Pound Close. Although it was felt that little would be done by Highways, it was agreed to add this to the list.

One of the locks on the notice board appeared to be broken and Cllr Mrs Wagstaff would check where a replacement had previously been sourced from.

15 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting would be Tuesday 10th January 2017 in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman