

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM, SIDDINGTON, AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2016

PRESENT

Cllrs. J Hall (Chairman), N Selby (Vice-Chairman), A Painter, Mrs M Painter, Mrs A Prosser, Ms E Jones, Mrs M Turner (from 8.00pm), Mrs A Wagstaff.

District/County Cllr S Parsons

Clerk of the Council R Cowley

Ms Petrina Brown of WILD Project was also present.

1 - APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs B Barnes, N Deller.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14TH JUNE 2016

The Parish Council unanimously approved the minutes as being an accurate record of the meeting.

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

There were no matters arising.

4 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr Hall, spoke to express the sadness of the Parish Council following the death of Cllr Chris Rumble, and to acknowledge the contribution that Chris had made to the Parish of Siddington. Chris passed away on Monday 11th July in hospital after being diagnosed with liver and renal failure. Chris was a fountain of knowledge from land ownership, culverts, drainage, footpaths, watercourses, plus many other aspects of the local area. After his wife Rosie passed away in September 2011, Chris wanted her to be remembered by allocating the Rosie Rumble Award each year to a resident of Siddington for their contribution to the local community. Chris had served on the Parish Council since May 1991, and with his experience and knowledge his contributions were invaluable. He had also served as Chair of the Village Hall Trustees for a number of years. He will be sorely missed by not only the residents of Siddington but also by many of the surrounding parishes who called on him to assist them with rural matters.

The Parish Council then stood and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Cllr Hall noted that there was no formal agreement with Fred Lovatt for grass-cutting in the Parish and that the mower was in need of servicing. It was agreed that Cllr Hall and the Clerk would put together an agreement, review the areas to be cut, and review the mower situation and report back to the Parish Council.

5 - CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report to make this month.

6 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue - ongoing
- Nature Area on playing field. Cllr Mr Jones reported that trees had been ordered and that it would be good to involve the school in the project. Cllr Mrs Wagstaff was tracing volunteers and their availability, and reported that the lead time for hardware was five weeks. “Hazards of dog fouling” signs were easy to source and Cllr Hall would install them.
- Dog signs for playing field – The Clerk had purchased these and Cllr Hall had fitted them.
- Pursue new village signs – ongoing
- New website. This was now up and running and a link would be provided from the main village website to the Parish Council one.
- Painting of sand store door. Cllr Mrs Wagstaff and Cllr Ms Turner would try to source a handyman for this.
- Welcome pack for new residents. Cllr Mrs Wagstaff reported that inserts would be in black and white and mostly A5 size, except for the map which would be folded A4. To print 200 copies would cost £136.00 + VAT including collating. It was agreed to order an initial run of 100 copies.

6 - 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
- 11093177 – Repair of steps leading from Upper Siddington bridge to canal. Cllr Deller had previously agreed to check whether this was a job for the canal volunteers. Cllr Mrs Wagstaff would check whether Community Service would be able to carry out this work.
- Trees on Church Avenue shedding branches. Cllr Hall and the Clerk would check who owns them, Highways or Bathurst.
- It was agreed to add the drain area on Park Way opposite the entrance to The Twenties which now regularly floods after heavy rain. The Clerk would report this to Highways.
- Footpath to Dobbies is overgrown and it was suggested that volunteers could be recruited to cut this back.
- Pavement on the Nursery View side of the railway bridge stanchion is becoming overgrown. Cllr Selby would investigate.
- Hedge on the corner of Ashton Road and Park Way was over-growing the pavement and needed cutting back. The Clerk would write to the owner.
- The owners at 22 The Twenties had complained about a tree opposite their property cutting out the light. Cllr Selby would investigate.
- Gardens at Jubilee Flats are in poor condition. The Clerk would write to Bromfords. (Following the meeting Cllr Mrs Wagstaff reported that Bromfords were already aware and dealing with the matter).

Cllr Mrs Turner joined the meeting at this point.

WILD PROJECT

Petrina Brown of Cotswold Water Park Trust presented the Parish Council with the datasets compiled over the last three years, to use as a reference or to take forward with projects. The project had been led by Petrina, whose speciality was river ecology and Jenny Phelps of FWAG, whose speciality was farming pollution. The purpose of the project had been to involve local organisations and people in improving rivers in the area. Petrina also paid tribute to the valuable contribution made by Chris Rumble. Petrina provided a hard copy of the datasets and would email an electronic copy for distribution to the Parish Council and uploading to the new website. The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to Petrina, Jenny and the team for all the hard work involved in the project.

7 - PLANNING**North Hill Road**

Cllr Hall reported that he had met with Justin Miller (Bloor Homes site manager) on 12th July 2016. Justin advised me that all but 3 homes on the site have now been sold. They plan to commence building plot 1 which faces the Siddington Road at the end of July with a build time of approximately 16 weeks. This will complete all construction on the site and hopefully the entire development will be finished by Christmas 2016. Work on the new bus shelter and footpath has commenced and should be completed by the end of July 2016. The bus shelter will have a wooden bench and a window facing east so occupants can view on coming buses from Siddington. The memorial plaque and notice board will be replaced on completion.

16/01955/FUL

Upper Siddington Lodge, Canal Lane - OBJECTION

The Parish Council agreed to object on the following grounds:

- 1 - It is outside the curtilage of the village and is an intrusion into open countryside.
- 2 - It would create intrusion into privacy of neighbouring properties.
- 3 - The design and scale are too large and not in keeping with that area of the village.
- 4 - Existing access is via a single track road to the north of Upper Siddington House and Langley Cottage. The "existing access" referred to in the application is a strip of overgrown grass alongside an open field and is not open to the highway in Canal Lane. Opening this up would therefore be creating a new access.
- 5 - Access for construction vehicles would have to be via Nursery View and Canal Lane (the latter being a narrow single-track road) as the bridge over the canal on Canal Lane from the direction of Park Way is unsuitable for heavy vehicles.

16/02240/FUL

Extended holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate – NO OBJECTION

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16/02279/FUL

Extended holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate – NO OBJECTION

16/02280/FUL

Extended holiday occupancy at Lower Mill Estate - NO OBJECTION

16/02315/FUL

Single storey rear extension at 1 The Close – NO OBJECTION

16/02360/OUT – Severalls Field – OBJECTION

The Parish Council agreed to re-iterate its objections submitted for the previous application.

16/02556/LBC

Installation 2 sets glazed doors at Roberts House – NO OBJECTION

Tree Preservation Order 16/00002 – Plummers Farm. NO COMMENT

Cllr Mrs Painter commented on a tree planted a number of years ago at Siddington School by pupils and was concerned for its protection in the event of trenches being dug for the new power lines from Love Lane to Fairford. Cllr Parsons suggested contacting the Tree Officer at Cotswold District Council to look at having a Tree Preservation Order made.

8 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of cheques, circulated with the agenda, was approved.

The cheque totals were:-

1312 - £22,299.32 – Playforce Ltd – Climber 7 for play area

1313 - £63.50 – Clerk’s expenses – stamps, “No Dogs” signs, EE phone bill, website domain registration

1314 – £15.00 - A B West – bus shelter cleaning

1315 – £465.00 - Curtis Web Design – website design, maintenance & hosting

1316 - £126.00 – F Lovatt – grass-cutting

1317 - £30.00 – PATA(UK) – payroll services

1318 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (July)

1319 - £25.00 – Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (GPFA) – inspection course

The Parish Council also noted receipt of a grant of £500 from GPFA towards the cost of the Climber 7.

The Clerk presented the first of a new monthly series of spreadsheets showing expenditure compared with budgets. It was noted that the Clerk’s salary was already over budget, but that this was due to the provision of the gratuity for the retiring Clerk.

9 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB

It was noted that there had been not contact with the football club since their AGM. Cllr Mrs Wagstaff would get in touch with them to see what their future plans are.

It was also noted that grass-cutting now appeared to be back on track but would continue to be monitored.

Cllr Mrs Turner would be attending the GPFA inspection course on 14th July.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- PC 1 Feedback from Thames Water regarding flood group's work.
- PC 2 Newspaper cutting detailing award winning site manager at Bloor Homes development.
- PC 3 Email from GAPTC Training regarding the General Power of Competence.
- PC 4 Invitation to GAPTC AGM on 16th July in Newent.
- PC 5 Invitation to nominate a person for the GPFA Honourable Company of Gloucestershire sports awards.
- PF 6 Email from Playforce Ltd introducing their Customer Account Manager, Lisa Phillips.
- H 7 GCC Temporary Traffic Order closing part of South Cerney Road (10m from Ashton Road to The Common from 25th July until 5th August for gas mains replacement.
- PC 8 Email correspondence between Cllr parsons (CDC) and Bromford regarding the sale of 4 Nursery View.
- P 9 Letter of objection for John Hayward to planning application 16/01955/FUL at Upper Siddington Lodge.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mr Painter reported fly-tipping at the top end of Nursery View near the junction with Spratsgate Lane. It was thought this was actually on private land. It was also agreed that Cllr Painter would purchase replacement locks for the playing field gates and arrange for any additional keys (including spares) to be cut.

It was also agreed to consider planting two Black Poplars in memory of Chris and Rosie Rumble in the new nature area at the playing field.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting would be Tuesday 13th September 2016.

Chairman