

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Selby (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, Cllr A Pugh, Cllr M Turner and Cllr A Wagstaff. Cllr S Parsons (GCC/CDC) joined the meeting at 8.00pm. Clerk of the Council R Cowley and one member of the public were also present.

**1 - APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Hall.

**2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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**

It was noted that there had been some interest in co-option amongst residents and this would be discussed at the next meeting after the deadline of the end of the month.

**4 – CLERK’S REPORT**

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

**5- POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA**

**Date 09/10/18 Produced by: PCSO Adrien KAPRONCZAI**

**Summary**

This report covers the period of 1<sup>st</sup> of September to 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018. During this period there were **2** crimes. This compares with **4** in the same period last year.

**Crime Breakdown**

Sexual offences - 1

Violence – 1

**Information**

PC Lightfoot and PCSO Kapronczai apologise for their absence, they are hoping to be able to come next time. Police can be contacted by telephoning the non-emergency number 101, or e-mail on; 101 [101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk). Information can also be passed via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. We are also contactable on line either via the Constabulary website. [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk) and follow the links from the Neighbourhood Policing section on the left of the page, or email to one of the officers below: [firstname.secondname@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:firstname.secondname@gloucestershire.police.uk)

Many Thanks  
PC Neil Lightfoot  
PCSO Adrien Kapronczai

**6 - OUTSTANDING ISSUES LIST**

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – ongoing.

- Wall between 1 Empire Villas and the junction with Church Avenue – capping now completed.

### **7 - 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. The Clerk would request a report from Richard Gray of Highways on what work had been carried out. Ongoing.
- 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. Ongoing.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing. Ongoing.
- Canal bridge repairs. It was agreed to check the state of the repairs once the winter frosts arrive. Ongoing.

### **8 - PLANNING**

#### **Footpath from Spire View to canal towpath**

There was no further update.

#### **The Parish Council noted planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

- **18/02078/FUL CT.1490/1/Z**  
Erection of single storey side extension at 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG – Application permitted
- **18/02670/FUL CT.3452/K**  
Single Storey Side Extension (part retrospective) at 1 Empire Villas, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HB – Application permitted. The Parish Council noted that the decision notice required that the rendering of the extension had to be completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, and that the render must remain in place thereafter.

### **9 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Peter Clegg at Bathurst Estate to confirm the ground-sharing arrangement with Siddington FC and Chesterton FC. It was noted that Chesterton FC would be clearing back the overgrown grass etc. around the clubhouse to tidy it up. The Council also noted that there had been instances of vandalism to the club facilities and that the Police had been made aware.

### **10 - FINANCE**

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

1507 - £15.98 – R Cowley - expenses

1508 - £210.00 – H J Carter – grass-cutting (September)

1509 - £86.14 – F Lovatt – grass-cutting (September)

1510 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (October)

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

Cllr Parsons (GCC/DCD) joined the meeting at this point.

The Parish Council considered a request to hold funds of the Village Show in the Parish Council's bank accounts. The Council decided against this move as (aside from the difficulties of accounting for those funds and dealing with end of year audit) the Village Show had no formal organisation with official personnel. It was agreed that the Show needed to set up a formal organisation and arrange its own simple bank account separately.

### **11 – PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES COMMITTEE**

Cllr Hayward agreed to act as the Parish Council's representative for the time being as he was attending all Trustees meetings anyway. The Council noted that the stopping up order for the highway land at the front of the hall had been made and that if no objections were received work could proceed with the new porch for the Village Hall.

### **12 - CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- 1     PC     Invitation to GRCC 95<sup>th</sup> AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 2     PC     Notice of GPFA AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.
- 3     PC     Public Footpaths Deed of Dedication & Notice – Keynes Country Park
- 4     PC     CDC Press Release inviting comments on proposals for revision of the Council Tax support scheme.
- 5     PC     GCC Press release announcing mid-week closure days for county recycling centres.
- 6     PC     Request from Village Show for the Parish Council to hold the Show's funds in its bank account, and advice on the subject from GAPTIC.

### **13 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Prosser reported that the Welcome Packs for new residents needed updating. Cllr Wagstaff would action this and they would be available to new residents from the Clerk.

Cllr Pugh asked if the area in the corner of the playing field where the whips had been planted would be tidied up. It was noted that this was a "nature area" and little maintenance would be carried out, other than replacing canes and protectors.

Cllr Hayward reported that:

- Bathurst Estate were looking at tidying up Talland and considering options for additional graveyard space. However, the Environment Agency would need to be convinced that the area would not be subject to flooding.

- he had received a complaint from residents of the Coach Road about parking and congestion issues caused by parents dropping their children off at the school. Although the approved development at Severalls Field would create a new vehicle access to the school, it would be some time before that came into being. The Council noted that the Police had already attended and spoken to drivers about blocking the highway, and it was agreed that the Police be asked to maintain their presence to get the message across. The Council would support the school in its attempts to persuade parents to not to drive along the Coach Road.

Cllr Parsons (CDC/GCC) reported that:

- Mike Barton of Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way had met with the contractor to look at works on the canal towpath, but had not received quotes yet.
- there had been significant changes to the planning application for 9 Nursery View (the Clerk had not been informed by CDC) and it was now likely to be approved.

#### **14 - 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 8.38pm. The next meeting would be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman