

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2019

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller, 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) (from 8.40pm). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

1 – ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Hayward as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr M Painter and Cllr Hayward was unanimously elected.

2 – ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr A Painter proposed Cllr Deller as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Hayward and Cllr Deller was unanimously elected.

3 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

4 – DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND REGISTERS OF INTEREST

Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and provided the Clerk with their Registers of Interests.

5 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH MARCH 2019

The minutes of the previous Parish Council were unanimously approved as being a true record.

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

There were no matters arising.

7 – CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council noted that Daniel Rajan, although not re-elected, had indicated that he would like to be co-opted, and it was agreed to invite him to apply. The Clerk would advertise the vacancies and it was agreed that applications from north Siddington should be encouraged.

8 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman set out a number of aims for the new Council over the next four years:

- More engagement with younger members of the Parish
- More liaison with village organisations and businesses
- Start preparations to create a Neighbourhood Plan, which would guide development in the village
- Deal with speeding issues in the village
- Encourage more uses of the playing field

9 – CLERK’S REPORT

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

10 - POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA

No Police Report had been received.

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

- Ashton Road flooding – ongoing. The Clerk would contact Richard Gray of Highways for an update on the situation.
- It was noted that work had been completed on the canal path towards Cirencester from the Spire View link path footpath, and that the canal path in the direction of the school would be worked on later in the year. Mike Barton of Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way (PROW) had stated that his preferred option was for the Bathurst Estate to allow the path from Spire View to the canal path to be designated as a Public Right of Way rather than a Permissive Path, which would then allow PROW to maintain it.
- ANPR camera / speeding on Ashton Road – the Clerk was making enquiries about possible locations for a camera and progress (in tandem with a similar scheme in South Cerney)
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain - no further news – ongoing.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – ongoing. .
- Parking on rough ground adjacent to the children’s play area – It was noted that this was Highways’ land and had become very muddy and unsightly. However, Highways were unlikely to have the budget or inclination to improve it, so it was agreed to investigate applying for a stopping up order and transferring the land to the Parish Council (on a “no-cost” basis) so that it could be properly maintained.
- Footpath from Coach Road to Love Lane – The Clerk would contact Mike Barton of PROW for an update.

12 - PLANNING**Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 9th May 2019**

- **19/00546/FUL CT.1490/2**
Erection of single storey side extension (amendment to 18/02078/FUL) at 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG – Application permitted

13 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with representatives of Chesterton Football Club to discuss use of the playing field. Unfortunately Siddington Football Club’s representatives had been unable to attend, and so a separate meeting with them was being arranged. The Chairman would report back at the next meeting. Cllr Smith felt that parking on match days could be better organised and perhaps car-sharing should be encouraged.

14 - FINANCE

The monthly schedule of cheques for May had been circulated with the agenda.

The cheque totals were:-

- 1542 - £58.39 – R Cowley – expenses
- 1543 - £114.94 – F Lovatt – grasscutting
- 1544 - £175.00 – J A Gardiner – internal audit

- 1545 - £85.00 – R O W Berry – gate repair at the playing field
- 1546 - £210.00 – H J Carter – grasscutting at playing field
- 1547 - £128.49 – Line One Distributors Ltd – mower service
- 1548 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (May)
- 1549 – £621.33 – Came & Company – annual insurance
- 1550 - £36.00 – Siddington Village hall – room hire
- 1551 - £86.40 – Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA playground inspection
- 1552 - £82.13 – R Cowley – expenses
- 1553 - £8.94 – F Lovatt – mower part

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

The Parish Council reviewed and approved an increase in the village grasscutting contractor’s hourly rate from 1st April 2019.

The Clerk left the room whilst the next item was considered.

The Parish Council reviewed and approved an increase in the Clerk’s salary from 1st April 2019 in line with the salary scales published by NALC.

The Clerk returned to the room.

A – Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement.

B – Annual Accounts Statement

The Parish Council unanimously approved the Annual Accounts Statement.

15 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 1 PF RoSPA inspection report for the playing field.
- 2 PC Parish Council insurance renewal. It was noted that volunteers (such as litterpickers) working on behalf of the Parish Council were covered by the Council’s insurance.
- 3 PC Correspondence between Cllr Parsons, Mike Barton (PROW) and Bathurst Estate regarding the canal towpath and Spire View link footpath.
- 4 PC GRCC newsletter.
- 5 PC GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 6 PC Email from Andrea Hughes regarding speeding traffic on Ashton Road. The Clerk would thank Andrea Hughes for her email and report on the planned ANPR camera system (used very successfully in Rodborough), which it was hoped would lead to fewer speeding motorists in the village.

- 7 PC Email from Clerk of Somerford Keynes Parish Council regarding footpaths around Keynes Country Park.
- 8 PC Invitation to CPRE Gloucestershire AGM on 30th May at Rendcomb College, together with annual report.
- 9 PC CPRE magazine Countryside Voice.

16 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr A Painter raised the question of moving the southbound bus stop to a safer location. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for next month’s meeting.

Cllr M Painter reported

- that a number of potholes in Pound Close had been marked for repair some six weeks previously but no work had been carried out. The Clerk would chase this up.
- that there had been a barn fire near the church.

Cllr Prosser reported that the noticeboard in the Elizabeth Way bus shelter was broken. Cllr Hayward had removed it and would install the new one purchased by the Clerk, who would purchase another for the bus shelter by Cherry Tree Drive.

Cllr Evey (CDC) was welcomed to the meeting and reported that he had spoken to many people in the parishes in his ward and was very much looking forward to working with everyone. He had attended his first meeting of the new council at CDC and had been elected Deputy Leader of the Council and appointed Cabinet Member for Finance.

Cllr Turner reported on the ongoing problem of HGVs driving down Park Way and then encountering the weight limit sign opposite the post office and then having to turn around. It was agreed that this suggested that signage or the extent of the weight restriction need to be changed. It was agreed to assess what the Parish Council felt was needed and then have an onsite meeting with Highways to discuss further. This would be added to the Highways Issues list.

Cllr Parsons joined the meeting at this point.

Cllr Parsons reported

- that Siddington Road was expected to be resurfaced soon, after the utility company had finished its work.
- that he would be allocating funds for the refurbishment of the remainder of the canal towpath from the junction with the Spire View path and Pound Close.

Cllr Hayward reported that the new porch at the Village Hall would be officially opened by Earl Bathurst at 6.00pm on Friday 28th June. Everyone was invited to attend.

17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present, and as there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending at the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th June 2019 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman