

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2019

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Turner; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC). Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley, and Mr Chris Langdon and Mr Daniel Rajan were also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Prosser and from Cllr S Parsons (GCC).

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14TH MAY 2019

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

There were no matters arising.

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

The details of the two applicants for co-option, Mr Langdon and Mr Rajan, had been circulated beforehand, and both took the opportunity to address the Council. Parish Councillors then voted unanimously to co-opt both applicants. Cllr Langdon and Cllr Rajan were welcomed to the Council by the Chairman and both signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The remaining two vacancies on the Parish Council would be filled at a later date, and applications would be welcomed.

5 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

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

6 – CLERK’S REPORT

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

7 - POLICE REPORT FOR SIDDINGTON AREA

No Police Report had been received. Although the Clerk did report that he had been told that our area now had a new police office, PC Shane Jupp.

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

- Ashton Road flooding – ongoing. It appeared that someone had cleared the drain of silt and debris recently.
- 11115630 – Drain area on Park Way opposite The Twenties regularly blocked during heavy rain, although not recently – ongoing.
- 11115617 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – The Clerk and Cllr Hayward had met with Richard Gray of Highways, who would arrange for the replacement. He would also arrange for “weight limit ahead” signs at the top of

Park Way and at Pound Close, the latter also to indicate that this is the last place for HGVs to turn round.

- Parking on rough ground adjacent to the children's play area – The Clerk and Cllr Hayward had met with Richard Gray of Highways. Mr Gray felt that improving the area for parking was in principle a good idea. The possibility of a stopping up order was discussed and Mr Gray would also find a price for re-surfacing, with a view to possibly funding improvements under the 50/50 community scheme.
- Overhanging and overgrown foliage at The Butts and on Canal Lane. Mr Gray would write to the landowners.
- Cllr Turner reported overgrown footpaths between the school and Pound Close, the school and Love Lane, and Pound Close and Park Way. The Clerk would report these to Mike Barton at PROW.

9 – REQUEST TO MOVE BUS STOP ON ASHTON ROAD

It had previously been suggested that the bus stop outside the shop be moved to a safer location further along Ashton Road. However, the bus stop had recently been marked on the road, and vehicles were now no longer parking in the space. It was therefore agreed to monitor the situation instead.

10 - PLANNING

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 6th June 2019

- **19/01851/FUL CT.1597**
Applicant: Mrs Maisie England, The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington, GL7 6HN
Proposal: Single storey front and two storey rear extension (Resubmission of application 18/04027/FUL) at The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington, GL7 6HN
Consultation expiry date: 12th June 2019
NO OBJECTION
- **19/01926/FUL CT.0692**
Applicant: Helen McHattie, c/o agent Mr Iles, IBA, Units E & F, The Old Brickyard, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, SN6 6QZ
Proposal: Proposed detached car port/store at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 27th June 2019
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 6th June 2019

- **19/01474/FUL CT.1004/G**
Single storey side extension at Greystone Cottage, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HW
Application permitted

11 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUB/GRASS-CUTTING

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had now met with representatives of Siddington Football Club to discuss the shared use of the playing field. Siddington FC was not as well organised as Chesterton and lacked a proper committee and bank account, although former members were expected to re-join the committee soon.. It was noted that the club was expecting some funds in July and would bring their account for grasscutting contribution up to date then. The Clerk would write and advise them that the Parish Council expected this to be done and that their continued use of the facilities would be reviewed then.

12 - FINANCE

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

The cheque totals were:-

- 1554 - £109.60 – R Cowley – expenses
- 1555 - £249.44 – F Lovatt – grasscutting
- 1556 - £32.95 – Line One Distributors Ltd – mower blade
- 1557 - £23.25 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
- 1558 – HMRC – PAYE & NI
- 1559 – R Cowley – Clerk’s salary (June)

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

13 - CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 1 PC Cotswold Canals trust magazine, The Trow.
- 2 PC Email from Cotswolds Conservation Board regarding mowing of verges.
- 3 H Email correspondence with Richard Gray of Highways regarding HGVs in Park Way.
- 4 PC Invitation to GAPTIC AGM on 20th July 2019.
- 5 H Email correspondence from Richard Gray regarding verge cutting damage (bollards) on Park Way.
- 6 H Email from Richard Gray regarding felling of tree on the footpath in Fraziers Folly.
- 7 PC Email from Mike Barton regarding the second phase of the canal path refurbishment.
- 8 H Further email correspondence with Richard Gray regarding HGVs in Park Way.

14 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Smith reported on an ongoing issue with the walking bus to the school, which had been introduced to reduce congestion and improve safety on the Coach Road by allowing parents to drop children off and the bottom of Pound Close from where staff would then walk them to the school. One resident had objected to children congregating on the grass areas owned by Bromford in front of the bungalows and to parents parking in the parking area “designated” for elderly residents. Whilst it was known that Bromford owned the grass areas, it appeared that the parking area was in fact adopted highway and therefore available to all to park in as was the rest of Pound Close. It had been suggested that vehicles should park in Park Way or the playing field when dropping children off instead. This idea was not seen as practical for child safety reasons and also as it would simply create congestion on Park Way at a busy time of day. The Head, Carol Dougill, was trying to find a solution as soon as possible. Cllr Smith would monitor the situation and report back to the Council.

Cllr Evely (CDC) reported

- on the Community Activity Grant, whereby each CDC Councillor had available £2,500 to spend in their ward during the year. The deadline for applications for the first tranche was 1st July. The Clerk would forward details of the scheme to Councillors. It was suggested that Chesterton FC might apply for funding for summer youth activities at the playing field.
- that following the recent fire at Stonewater's flats in Swinford Close, CDC was helping and supporting affected residents.
- that residents of the Bloor development felt somewhat disconnected from the management company appointed by Bloor to manage the grounds there. It was felt that a residents committee was needed and Cllr Evely and Cllr Hayward agreed to hold a surgery there to raise awareness and to try to get residents involved.

Cllr M Painter

- requested that the bush by the new bus shelter be trimmed back.
- commented on the poor unkempt state of the gardens at the Jubilee Flats. The Clerk would contact Bromford.

Cllr A Painter reported that the hedge on the corner of Park Way and Ashton Road was overgrowing the pavement again and reducing visibility for drivers. The Clerk would write to the owner.

15 - 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 8.58pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th July 2019 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chairman