

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA CONFERENCE PHONE CALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2020

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr A Prosser, and Cllr I Smith; and Cllr M Evemy (CDC) and Cllr S Parsons (GCC) (until 8.15pm).

Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley was also present.

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Turner.

2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14TH APRIL 2020

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 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman provided an update on the Siddington Coronavirus Support Group.

- Up to 4th May there had been 60 requests for assistance, of which 41 had been for shopping.
- All seemed to be working smoothly.
- Thanked Cllr Evemy (CDC) for providing the lanyards for volunteers.

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

- Ashton Road flooding. Highways England to revisit and check every six months.
- 11244507 – Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Road junction – partly replaced - ongoing.
- Parking on rough ground adjacent to the children’s play area – ongoing.
- Footpath from Coach Road to Love Lane – some work done, but still muddy in places when wet. Monitor.
- Park Way flooding on top bend. Seriously bad potholes now visible. The blocked culvert under the road from north to south was on Highways’ list for jetting. Cones placed in potholes and some temporary patching done – proper job to be done (Cllr Parsons (GCC) contributing to the cost). Richard Gray of Highways written twice to the riparian owners with regard to clearing the ditches either side of the road. RG would escalate to Laurence King at CDC if no response.
- Spire View footpath – two quotes for surfacing had been forwarded to Bathurst Estate, who had asked for time to respond.
- Broken/missing 30mph sign at entrance to north Siddington. Ongoing.

6 – NEW BUS SHELTER

The Parish Council formally approved the quote for the new three-bay bus shelter at Elizabeth Way. The cost to the Council after the GCC 50/50 Community Offer contribution would be £3,333. Cllr Anderson would refine some details of the quote and the Clerk would apply for the 50/50 funding.

7 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Cllr Deller reported another fly-tip on Siddington Road, and that CDC had quickly cleared it.
- Cllr Parsons reported that the recycling centre at Fosse Cross would be re-opening shortly, with a pre-booking system in place to avoid queuing.
- With regard to Covid-19 there had been concerns regarding youths disregarding social distancing rules and congregating at the youth shelter at the playing field. It was agreed to monitor the situation.
- Cllr Deller reported that children's toys had been left in the bus shelter and at outside the Village Hall. This was regarded as fly-tipping and would be reported. It was noted that playgroups at the Village Hall had closed and did not want toys to be left for them.

8 - PLANNING

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 6th May 2020

- **20/01284/FUL CT.2150**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Killick, c/o agent Mr Lee Clarke,
Lee Clarke Architectural Services, 1B City Bank Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LG
Proposal: Erection of porch, single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension at 13 Elizabeth Way, Siddington, GL7 6JL
Consultation expiry date: 18th May 2020

Whilst the Parish Council did not object to the overall design of the proposal, it did feel that to apply render to the entire property would be out of keeping with other properties in the terrace, and therefore objected to the application. **OBJECTION.**

The Parish Council noted planning decisions by Cotswold District Council to 6th May 2020

- **19/04619/FUL & 19/04620/LBC**
Erection of garden room and formation of archway in garden wall at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX. Applications permitted.
- **20/00481/FUL**
Single storey kitchen extension to the rear of the house at 12 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES. Application permitted.

Cllr Parsons left the meeting at this point.

9 - PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS

It was noted that the outstanding amount owed by Siddington FC to the Parish Council had been paid. The Clerk had circulated email correspondence received from Siddington FC and Chesterton AFC. As the clubs were not currently playing and therefore not receiving their normal income during the Coronavirus lockdown restriction, it was agreed that the Council would offer to pay Chesterton AFC the amounts still owed to them by Siddington FC. This would transfer the debt to the Parish Council and Siddington would then pay this off by agreed instalments once playing resumed. The Clerk would write to Siddington FC.

The Clerk reported that the grass-cutting contractor would be cutting the whole field (including the pitch) for the foreseeable future, and that he would be resuming village grass-cutting the following day (as he had been awaiting a part for the mower).

The annual playing field inspection had been carried out by RoSPA and the Council agreed that Bob Berry be asked to carry out the minor works required.

10 - FINANCE

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

The amounts were:

£101.78 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill, GDPR fee, stationery)

£291.05 – F Lovatt – grass-cutting & gratuity

£86.40 – Playsafety Ltd – playing field inspection

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (May)

The Clerk was authorised to make the above payments by bank transfer.

The Council noted that the first tranche of the 2020-21 precept had been received from Cotswold District Council and amounted to £18,533.00

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

11 - CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GAPTC Covid-19 update.
- 2 Copy email from Hannah Bassett-Louis of GCC to Cllr Parsons regarding weight restrictions in Siddington. It was agreed that a map marked with current weight restrictions and those desired be sent in response.
- 3 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 4 Email from BT Payphones with contract for adoption of the kiosk on Ashton Road.
- 5 Email correspondence with Martin Winter of Siddington FC.
- 6 Email from Kirsty Walker of Bathurst Estate regarding the footpath from Spire View to the canal.
- 7 Email from CPRE regarding funding for tree planting. It was agreed to apply for a replacement black poplar for the playing field.
- 8 Email from Holly Simkiss of Stonewood Partnerships (with comments by Cllr Parsons) regarding the development at Severalls Field.
The Council discussed this at some length and agreed the following questions and observations.
 - 1 – Why does the Ownership boundary on the plan include the school?
 - 2 – Appeal Decision Notice dated 13 June 2017 included the provision of a school drop off point. This is not shown on your proposals and only brief mention is given to a few drop-off parking spaces. This is not shown on the proposed plan. What is its location and what form will it take?

A suggested benefit of the proposed school drop off point is that it would remove the need for parents to use the single track Coach Road to access the school, yet the access road to the development has been proposed as a single track road.

Has any survey been carried out to measure the amount of traffic dropping of children at peak school times, and the consequent congestion experienced on the Coach Road? Without a circular route for access to the new drop off point and a wide enough main access road, these problems will simply be transplanted to the new development, and probably lead to a resumption of traffic on the Coach Road. Coupled with peak time vehicle movements related to the residents of 88 new homes on the site, congestion is likely to be considerable unless the main access road is wide enough for two vehicles along its full length.

3 – What support for the primary school will be provided? No information has been provided on this subject.

4 – The proposed new cycle path through the development joins the Coach Road where there are only footpaths and no other cycle paths (apart from the Coach Road itself).

- 9 Press release from CDC urging residents not to have bonfire during Coronavirus pandemic.
- 10 RoSPA Playsafety playground inspection report
- 11 PATA Payroll Bulletin – Coronavirus update.
- 12 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 13 Externiture quote for new bus shelter at Elizabeth Way.
- 14 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 15 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 16 GAPTC advice on holding remote council meetings.
- 17 Update from CDC Enforcement regarding driveway at 3 Empire Villas.
- 18 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 19 CDC Covid-19 Councillor's Briefing.
- 20 Further email from Holly Simkiss of Stonewood Partnerships regarding the development at Severalls Field (with second map).
- 21 Press Release from CDC announcing re-start of garden waste service from Wednesday 13th May 2020.
- 22 GCC Covid-19 update.
- 23 CPRE Spring Newsletter.
- 24 Notification of temporary closure of South Cerney Road for patching sometime between 15th June and 30th September.
- 25 Copy email correspondence between Siddington FC and Chesterton AFC.
- 26 GAPTC advice on amending Standing Orders.
- 27 Update on Siddington Coronavirus Support Volunteers.

12 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Anderson reported dog mess along the canal towpath and on other footpaths in the village. The Clerk would endeavour to source some signs from CDC.

Cllr M Painter reported that the bush by the Spire View bus shelter needed cutting back. Cllr Langdon kindly offered to deal with it.

Cllr Prosser reported that the hedge on the corner opposite the post office needed cutting back. The Clerk would write to the owners.

Cllr Deller reported that the hedge needed cutting back from the Siddington sign on Siddington Road. Cllr Langdon again kindly offered to deal with it.

Cllr Evemy reported that

- a letter had been sent by the Communities Secretary thanking local councils for all their efforts during the Coronavirus outbreak and advising of financial support available to councils in financial distress.
- the garden waste service would resume the following day and billing would be in June.
- CDC would be resuming meetings in June.

13 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

As there were no members of the public present, and there being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.12pm. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th June 2020.

Chairman