

**SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, SIDDINGTON  
AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr N Deller (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Anderson, Cllr H Davies, Cllr C Langdon, Cllr A Painter, Cllr M Painter, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr M Turner. Clerk of the Council Mr R Cowley and PCSO Kim Collins were also present.

**1 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson and from Cllr Evemy (CDC) and Cllr Spivey (GCC).

**1a – PCSO KIM COLLINS**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Kim Collins to the meeting. PCSO Collins introduced herself and explained her role along with that of PCSO Bev Rowe and PCSO Sue Fellowes, who between then covered a number of villages along with Tetbury.

Councillors raised concerns about HGVs driving through the village unnecessarily and illegally. PCSO Collins advised that if vehicles were reported and could be identified the owners would be written to and repeat offenders dealt with.

The issues of noisy vehicles and those speeding on Ashton Road were also raised. It was noted that the police speed camera vehicle did occasionally attend, and PCSO Collins also advised the community speedwatch scheme was available if volunteers could be found to take part.

Cllr Hayward proposed that a small group of councillors be formed to look more closely at speed and other traffic issues and to liaise with the PCSOs.

Cllr Hayward thanked PCSO Collins for attending and she then left the meeting.

**2 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

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

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

**Green Lane closure proposal**

It was noted that Green Lane had now re-opened and the issues of quad bikes and flytipping were returning. Cllr Spivey had investigated the routes to closure of Green Lane to vehicles, and it was agreed that a Public Space Protection Order was the best option. This would be arranged via Cotswold District Council, and Cllr Evemy (CDC) would be asked about taking this forward.

**4 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Hayward reported that he had been advised of potential development at Plummers Farm. Small business units and small scale housing development had been suggested. Cllr Hayward and the Clerk would meet with the landowner to discuss further.

## **5 – FLOODING MATTERS**

Cllr Hayward reported that contamination of the brook at the rear of The Close had been investigated by the Environment Agency and found to be naturally occurring brown algae.

It was noted that the bus shelter conversion was now complete. It was agreed to check the store in Park Way and then place an order for bags and sand along with plastic sheeting in preparation for next winter.

## **6 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)**

- A damaged kerbstone in Park Way was added to the list (11315696) – scheduled for repair.
- Potholes on Pound Close (11317685). Some repaired, others marked.
- Rubbish in gardens at Jubilee Flats – Bromford had raised tickets for clearance, but it was noted that it continued to increase.
- Long grass and brambles along the path between Park Way and The Twenties. The grass contractor had cut back the grass. The Clerk would investigate the ownership of the land and the brambles and hedge.
- Overgrown footpath from The Common to South Cerney Road. The Clerk would investigate the ownership of the path.

## **7 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS (INCLUDING COVID-19)**

- It was agreed to retain the Covid community mobile phone and review the situation in September.
- Horses in the field between Pound Close and Siddington Road were becoming aggressive to walkers on the public footpath. The Clerk had written to the landowner.
- It was noted that the Bathurst Estate had arranged for the cutting back of the hedge and lime trees between Church Avenue and Cherry Tree Drive.

## **8 – PLANNING**

### **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

- **20/04550/FUL & 20/04551/LBC**  
Alterations and extension to ancillary outbuilding to form annex, relocation of existing secondary vehicular access and associated ancillary development at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX
- **21/01860/FUL**  
Alterations to the ground floor entrance to first floor flat through external staircase at The Post Office Stores, 26 Ashton Road, Siddington GL7 6HD
- **21/01905/FUL**  
Two storey side extension, and single storey front and rear extensions at 29 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES
- **21/01996/CLOPUD**  
Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use of Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a single storey rear extension at Winter's Folly, Ashton Road, Siddington
- **21/01752/FUL**  
Single storey rear extension at 94 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ

### **Update on Severalls Field development**

An email had been received from Cotswold District Council requesting the Parish Council's views on the naming of two streets in the Severalls Field development. The developer's suggestions of "Blossom Avenue" and "Orchard Field/Grove" were not inspired, and that names incorporating local people or areas would be more suitable.

The Clerk would write and suggest that street names could include: "St Mary's" (as Upper Siddington used to be known as Siddington St Mary and the site of St Mary's Church was nearby), "Gingell" (after the popular late headmaster of the adjacent primary school, and founder of the Village News), "Severalls" (as this is the name of the field being developed).

### **Update on Anesco Solar Farm development**

Cllr Hayward was continuing his investigations into the potential level of community benefits, which should be expected from a development such as this.

## **9 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB**

Cllr Smith and Cllr Langdon had met with representatives of Siddington Cricket Club to discuss their desire to be based in Siddington, and a potential ground-share of the playing field with Chesterton AFC. Concern was expressed about whether the playing field was large enough to accommodate a cricket pitch and the consequent danger of balls injuring people or damaging property. If an alternative location to the playing field could not be found, it might mean a slight realignment of the football pitch. The Clerk and Cllr Langdon would liaise to arrange an initial meeting with Chesterton AFC to discuss the potential idea with them and ascertain their views.

## **10 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION**

There was no further update.

## **11 – FINANCE**

The monthly schedule of payments for July had been circulated with the agenda, along with the monthly accounts statement and finance spreadsheet.

The amounts noted and approved were:

£2,450.00 – Nathan Keepin – conversion of bus shelter

£200.00 – PATA (UK) – Playgroup gazebo donation

£50.00 – Village News – June donation

£64.95 – R Cowley – expenses (phone bill)

£965.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs as per inspection

£10.80 – Mushroom – Coronavirus community phone

R Cowley – Clerk's salary (July)

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

The Clerk was also authorised to make the usual payments due to be made in August.

## **14 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 GCC Covid-19 updates.
- 2 Email from Malcolm Moseley regarding proposal to close Green Lane to motor vehicles.
- 3 GPFA Spring Newsletter.
- 4 Presentation from 27<sup>th</sup> May by Supt Kath Davis of Gloucestershire Police.

- 5 Email from Quenington Parish Council regarding recent changes to planning procedures at Cotswold District Council..
- 6 GPFA newsletter, The Playing Field.
- 7 CDC consultation on draft Green Infrastructure Strategy.
- 8 Proposal from Siddington Cricket Club for shared use of the playing field.
- 9 GAPTC Reports and Invitation to AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- 10 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 11 Correspondence regarding HGVs from the Severells Field development driving through the village illegally.
- 12 GAPTC newsletter and training update.
- 13 Consultation on the renewal of CDC Public Spaces Protection Order with regard to dog fouling.
- 14 Revised quote for fencing repairs at the playing field. The Council unanimously approved the revised quote.
- 15 CDC litter survey. The Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.
- 16 GAPTC Code of Conduct petition.
- 17 Consultation on street names for the Severells Field development.
- 18 Information from GAPTC on GCC Digital Innovation Fund.
- 19 Email correspondence regarding potential closure of Green Lane to vehicle traffic.
- 20 Summary of responses letter to survey on 20mph speed limits in rural villages.
- 21 CDC - Draft Cotswold Water Park Nature Recovery Plan July 2021 Consultation.

## **15 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Cllr Deller reported that one person had shown an interest in co-option to the Council. The Clerk would send more information on the role.

Cllr Langdon queried what would be happening with the phone box refurbishment. The Clerk was sourcing quotes for this and Cllr Davies offered to take the project forward once agreed.

Cllr M Painter reported that

- the mirror opposite the entrance to Church Avenue appeared to need cleaning. Cllr Hayward advised that the reflective material had actually deteriorated and the mirror needed replacing. However, Highways were against mirrors due to the risk of dazzling drivers.
- the potholes in Pound Close had been partly repaired.
- the hedge by the Bloor bus shelter needed cutting back from the window to allow passengers to see approaching buses. The Clerk would contact the management company.
- the hedges around the speed limit signs needed cutting back. The Clerk would contact Highways.

**16 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

**17 – NEXT MEETING**

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.48pm. The next meeting was provisionally set for 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Village Hall.

Chairman