

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2026

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr I Waters (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr M Turner, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young. Cllr M Evemy (CDC)(from 7.20pm) and Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley were also present.

Cllr Hayward opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr I Smith.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH MARCH 2026

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

Cllr Hayward reported that the recently purchased projector screen and projector stand had already been in use on two occasions, and that he had restored the sandwich boards.

4 – CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received. It was agreed to extend the deadline until 31st May and publicise this again in the Village News.

5 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair reported that:

- Huw Jones had monitored the Thames Water sewage discharges along Ashton Road and had produced a comprehensive report on the situation. The Clerk would circulate this to the Council. It would later be sent to Thames Water, Cllr Evemy (CDC), Cllr Spivey (GCC), the EA, and to Roz Savage MP.
- A resident had reported the dumping of spirits bottles and other anti-social behaviour along the Coach Road.
- Members of the Neighbourhood Plan team were due to meet with CDC planning officers that week to discuss the use of statistics and errors in their assertions as to why so much of Siddington should be built over.
- Central government had yet again refused to amend CDC’s housing allocation.
- At the invitation of Cirencester Town Council, he and Cllr Barge and the Clerk had attended a meeting to discuss potential Neighbourhood Partnerships as part of Local Government Re-organisation.

6 – POLICE REPORT

I have checked the systems used for compiling our police reports – unfortunately, these are still not operational. That said I would like to inform you of an important change. Within the Cotswold Neighbourhood Team, we have gained another officer - PC Tyler HARRIS. Due to

this there has been some movement in the areas we cover, this now means that the area we call the ‘Rural South’ (Siddington, South Cerney, Kemble, Ewen, Rodmarton, Coates, Sapperton etc..) will now be covered by PC HARRIS as opposed to myself. I will continue to assist PC HARRIS when required and needed.

PC Callum Morley-Blackwell

Cllr Evemy (CDC) joined the meeting at this point.

7 – FLOODING MATTERS

- It was agreed to add sewage flooding to this agenda item in future.
- Cllr Deller referred to the Thames Water sewage flooding in the field north of Talland and its potential for further pollution in the River Churn. Cllr Barge would produce an addendum to Huw Jones’s sewage report for circulation.

7 – OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough parking area at Upper Siddington 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped kerb on Siddington Road opposite Church Avenue. RC meeting RG 14.10.22. Possible 2023-24 under 50/50 Community Offer. Clerk to chase again (Jun 2023). Progress paused to await Bathurst plans for Talland. 	Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive foliage along east side of road between Preston Toll Bar and junction with South Cerney Road (close to Siddington Mill). 21.09.23. RG reported – “This was added to our flailing list for when resources are available.” 14.11.23 – Clerk to chase again. 22.12.23 – RG reported that resources had run out – re-added to list. 12.04.24 – GP advised she would chase up again. 02.07.24 – GP advised would look to get flailed. 05.09.24 – Clerk chased again. 03.10.24 – Clerk chased again. 21.10.24 – GP advised on list for cutting back and programmed for December 2024. Jan 2025 – Clerk chased. Feb 2025 – Clerk chased. 27.02.25 – GP advises contractor to carry out work before end of financial year. May 2025 – Clerk chased. GP chasing. Aug/Sep 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – Clerk chased. Oct 2025 – GP - Added to list for flailing. Usually starts around November. Dec 2025 – Clerk chased. 05.12.25 – GP - on the list for flailing. GP amended the plans to include the area which did not get done last year. 08.01.26 – GP checking when likely to be carried out. 05.02.26 – GP reported flailing not started in our area yet. Apr 2026 – Clerk chased again. GP checking with contractor. 	Oct 2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkway flooding (adjacent The Twenties) and Siddington Road 08.12.25 – RC reported to GP. 08.12.25 – GP arranged for jetting of Parkway and Ashton Road same day. 09.12.25 – Flooding continued on Siddington Road. GP arranging again. 18.12.25 – Jetting had no effect. On list for CCTV in new financial year. GP arranging flood boards for Parkway in the meantime. 08.12.26 – GP advised flood boards had been put out, but would arrange for more to go up. 	
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The Clerk would continue to chase these issues.

Cllr Sparrow reported on the recently-repaired steps on the footpath (BSC1) and the path resurfacing.

It was noted that the cut-through path from the end of The Twenties through to the canal towpath was in a poor condition. However, this was not actually a Public Right of Way and was on land owned by the Bathurst Estate.

9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- **Defibrillator**
The Clerk was awaiting guidance on the process for arranging a non-metered supply for the defibrillator installation on Parkway.
- **ANPR cameras** – the Clerk reported that vehicles continued to be detected speeding and were being reported to the police on a weekly basis.

10 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 9th April 2026

- **26/00882/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Graham Johnson, c/o agent Mr Craig Rowell, DL Windows, 7 William Street, Porte Marsh Industrial Estate, Calne, SN11 9BN
Proposal: Replacement rear conservatory with associated works at 32 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ
Consultation expiry date: 16th April 2026
NO OBJECTION
- **26/00885/CLOPUD**
Applicant: Ms Denise, Taylor, c/o agent Mr Daniel Drayton, LPC (Trull) Ltd, Trull, Tetbury, GL8 8SQ
Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a proposed use or development for alterations to fenestration, removal of lean-to structure on the front elevation, additional of new porch canopy, replacement of rainwater goods, installation of roof mounted solar panels, formation of new rear patio area, erection of two-storey rear extension and erection of garden office at Rectory Cottage, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ
Consultation expiry date: N/A
NO OBJECTION
- **26/01071/TPO**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tye, c/o agent Mr Chris Mawdsley, Arbor Tree Care, Honeysuckle Cottage, Barnsley, Cirencester, GL7 5EL
Proposal: Mature Lime [#0211] - most easterly tree, closest to garage building, within group TPO 06/00057 A2 – mix In addition to the removal of deadwood throughout the crown I request permission to carry out a light crown thin and to prune back secondary branches from the leader growing in an easterly direction over the garage at Plummers

Barn and secondary branches from the leader growing in a northerly direction over the parking area at #6 Siddington Hall [Frazier's Folly, Siddington].

Consultation expiry date: 29th April 2026

NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 9th April 2026

- **26/00116/FUL**
Proposed dropped kerb with creation of gravel driveway and partial demolition of existing wall with associated works at 6 Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH – Application permitted
- **26/00231/TPO**
Mature Lime [#0211] closest to garage [largest Lime tree within group TPO 06/00057 A2 - mix] - request permission to reduce crown all over by 50% at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR – Application refused.
- **26/00351/TPO**
T1 - Walnut tree to be felled at 4 The Close, Siddington GL7 6HQ – Application permitted.

11 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted for April were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (April)

£107.50 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan)

£456.00 – N Gibbs – gras cutting

£522.16 – GALC – annual membership renewal

£252.00 – Busy Fingers – Village News archive scanning

£2,112.02 – Busy Fingers – Neighbourhood Plan printing

£1,020.00 – Lounge Design Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan design and formatting

£221.03 – R Cowley – floor projection screen and stand

£7.00 – Unity Trust Bank – account charges

£4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges

£48.84 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage, phone, key cutting)

R Cowley – salary (April)

Community Support Requests

There had been no new requests. Cllr Turner thanked the Council for funding the scanning of the Village News archive, which was now on the village website.

12 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young reported that

- the club was facing potential relegation, but had just played extremely well and drawn 5-5 with Sheerness, who were second placed in the league, so there was still hope.
- that the club was having difficulty obtaining a second quote for work on the showers and hot water system. It was agreed that time was of the essence and that work would need to be completed in the summer before the new season started at the end of August.

Cllr Deller commented on the numbers of dogs seen in the playground, although this was prohibited, and the fact the gates seems the remain stuck in the open position. The Clerk would obtain more No Dogs signs, and ask Bob Berry to adjust the gate closures.

13 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

14 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

The Clerk had again requested an update from the Local Highways Manager regarding potentially using the 50/50 Community Offer to achieve the objective, but had not yet heard back.

15 – SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that the consultation was now under way with a deadline for comments of 10th May.

16 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GAPTC information on various training sessions.
- 2 Information from CDC on the recent Community Governance Review.
- 3 GAPTC - Devolution Preparedness Training open for booking.
- 4 Copy of letter from Bathurst Estate regarding the Siddington Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5 GAPTC – reminder and briefing on the Local Government Re-organisation Consultation.
- 6 Suggestion from a resident to include Public Rights of Way on the Parish Council website. It was agreed to include a link to the GCC Public Rights of Way map on the Parish Council website, and also request the same on the village website.
- 7 GRCC – information on grant funding for parish councils.
- 8 GAPTC newsletter.
- 9 Request from the Chair of Governors at Siddington CofE School for support in having the Coach Road designated as a “school street”. After some discussion, it was agreed that the proposed “school street” designation for the Coach Road, which would prohibit vehicles other than residents and parents taking children to school at certain times, would not be a solution, when the latter were the cause of the safety issues. The Clerk would respond to that effect, and suggest a meeting of the Head and parish councillors to look at a way forward.
- 10 Invitation from CDC to the next Town & Parish Council Forum. The Clerk would recirculate this to members. Due to the clash of dates, it was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would start at the later time of 7.30pm to allow some members to attend the Forum.
- 11 GRCC information session on The National Lottery Community Fund.
- 12 GALC – information on various training events.
- 13 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.

17 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Every (CDC) reported that a meeting had been scheduled for members of the Neighbourhood Plan group with CDC planning officers.

18 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

19 – NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair