

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2026**

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Chair), Cllr I Waters (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr I Smith (until 8.35pm), Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr M Turner, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young.
 Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley was also present.

Cllr Hayward opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1 – ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Hayward proposed that Cllr Waters be elected Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Barge and the Council was all in favour.

2 – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Waters proposed that Cllr Hayward be elected Vice-Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Turner and the Council was all in favour.

3 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Gibbons, and from Cllr M Evemy (CDC).

4 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14TH APRIL 2026

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

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

There were no matters arising.

6 – CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received. It was agreed to extend the deadline until 30th June and publicise this again in the Village News. Members would also canvass likely candidates.

7 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair reported that:

- He and Cllr Hayward and the Clerk had attended an online meeting with Nathaniel Davies and Craig Schofield of GCC Highways to discuss proposals for revised speed limits in Siddington. The agreed main points of which were:
 - An interactive map was used to show the proposed speed limits and it was noted that adopted side roads would also be included in the 20mph zone.
 - Approaching from the south on Ashton Road, the speed limit would be reduced in stages from 60mph to 40mph and then to 20mph (where the current 30mph starts)

- Approaching from the north on Siddington Road, the speed limit from north Siddington would be set at 20mph, rising to 30mph (currently 60mph), and would then reduce again to 20mph.
- On the eastern side of the village, the speed limit from Preston Toll Bar to the Round Tower would be reduced from 50mph to 40mph. From the Siddington Mill corner to entrance to The Common, the speed limit would be reduced to 30mph, and then to 20mph from there.
- Approaching from the west on Parkway from Spratsgate Lane, the new speed limit of 20mph would start just before the entrance to Severells Drive.
- He and Cllr Hayward and Cllr M Young had met with Rachael Scott, Head at Siddington School to discuss funding for school activities:
 - Due to some previous management issues, not all of the Parish Council's school activities budget had been used in the past financial year, and an outstanding invoice for swimming activities had also come to light.
 - The Council agreed to increase the school activities support budget for the current year to £2,966. This would enable the outstanding invoice to be paid and not affect funding for activities in the current year.
 - Activities were currently being planned for the current year.
 - Mrs Scott would be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 9th June.

8 – FLOODING MATTERS

Cllr Waters reported that he had met with Jan Bayley and an officer from GCC to look at improved drainage plans being developed. Jan Bayley hoped to provide a report at the next Parish Council meeting.

9 – OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u>	
● Rough parking area at Upper Siddington	
● 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

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. Apr 2026 – GP advised needs to be cut by hand under traffic lights after nesting season.	Oct 2022
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. May 2026 – RC chased for CCTV. GP advised chasing report.	

10 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator**
The Clerk was awaiting guidance from Lechlade TC 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.

11 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 7th May 2026

- 26/01237/REM** (major development within an adjoining parish)
Applicant: Harper Crewe Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Dawn Brodie, Savills, Wytham Court, 11 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL
Proposal: Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 16/00054/OUT relating to approval of scale, layout, appearance and landscaping for 129 dwellings and four ground floor community use spaces with associated roads, parking and landscaping for Phase 2D associated with outline planning permission 16/00054/OUT. Discharge of outline

planning permission conditions 16 (SuDS Schemes for each phase/sub-phase), 17 (Conformity and Maintenance with/of SuDS), 18 (SuDS Maintenance and Management Plan), 48 (Electric vehicle charging infrastructure), 49 (Waste Minimisation and Soil Management), 51 (Phased Arboricultural Reports), 56 (Protection of Biodiversity Compliance with), 58 (Ecological Construction Method Statement), 60 (Lighting Design Strategy), 61 (Landscape, Ecological and Arboricultural), 65 (Hours of operation), 67 (Hours of operation) and 68 (Noise). Discharge of S106 obligation 2.5 of Schedule 1 at land south west of Alexander Drive and east of The Maples, Cirencester
 Consultation expiry date: 3rd June 2026

The Council agreed that an appropriate construction management plan should be provided, which would ensure construction traffic was not guided through Siddington.

COMMENT

12 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted for May were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (May)
 £19.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council)
 £912.00 – N Gibbs – grass cutting (village and churchyard)
 £52.00 – ICO – annual renewal fee
 £133.20 – Playsafety Ltd – annual playground inspection
 £843.74 – AJG – annual insurance renewal
 £7.00 – Unity Trust Bank – account charges
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £21.39 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)
 R Cowley – salary (May)

Community Support Requests

There had been no new requests.

13 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young had circulated additional quotes for work on the showers and hot water system. The Council accepted its preferred quotes and Cllr M Young would arrange for the work to be scheduled and the invoice to be sent to the Parish Council in due course.

14 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

15 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

There was no further update.

16 – SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that

- the consultation had ended on 10th May with about 65 comments received.
- a meeting with the consultants had been scheduled for the following week.
- a landowner was proposing construction of around 65 houses on land opposite the Greyhound.

- The CDC Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation was expected to run for six weeks from 24th August. The Council noted that some 200 additional sites for development had been put forward across the Cotswolds since the Regulation 18 Consultation.

Cllr Smith left the meeting at this point.

17 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 2 GCC March update from Cllr Spivey.
- 3 CDC update on government's refusal to amend the district's housing target.
- 4 Copy of email correspondence from a resident of Severells Field regarding the non-completion of landscaping works.
- 5 CDC Cotswold Roundup newsletter.
- 6 Notification of Regulation 16 consultation on Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan.
- 7 CDC Town & Parish Councils newsletter.
- 8 Email from a resident regarding proposed speed limits in Siddington.
- 9 Email from GCC regarding "early" engagement on proposals for reduced speed limits in Siddington.
- 10 Email from GRCC regarding the delivery of affordable housing in rural areas of the county.
- 11 Request from GCC Highways for a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss "Safer Roads / Community 20s - Cirencester, Siddington and Preston Public Engagement".
- 12 GCC Annual Report from Cllr Spivey.
- 13 Update from the office of Roz Savage MP regarding recent Thames Water flooding in the area.
- 14 Notification that planning application 25/01623/FUL for a solar farm on Spratsgate Lane and Ewen Road will be considered at a CDC Planning Committee meeting on 13th May.
- 15 Email from Cllr Turner regarding the planning application to Wiltshire Council for an anaerobic digestion plant at Ashton Keynes.
- 16 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 17 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 18 Introduction from a potential tree works contractor.
- 19 CDC Business matters newsletter.

18 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr M Young reported that there had been a police presence that day on the Coach Road during morning and afternoon school rush hours. The situation had appeared to be self-regulating and police presence was not required.

Cllr Hayward reported on an email he had received from a resident who had suggested that the Parish Council appoint a community engagement officer to encourage residents to become more involved in the community. The Council agreed that there was no-one within the Council with the time, and that there were already numerous residents involved in village projects such as the fete and the village show etc.

19 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

20 – NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.52pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair