

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2026

PRESENT

Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr M Turner, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young.
 Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley, and Ms J Bayley were also present.

Cllr Hayward opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr I Waters and Cllr N Deller, and from Cllr M Evemy (CDC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12TH MAY 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

There were no matters arising.

4 – FLOODING MATTERS

Ms Bayley had circulated her comprehensive report on flood alleviation proposals before the meeting. The draft scheme from GCC involved restoring and utilising existing old water meadow channels to take excess water, which would then be fed back into the river at a lower point downstream. GCC were identifying sources of funding for the work. GCC, CDC and the EA were using Ms Bayley as a main point of contact.

Cllr Hayward thanked Ms Bayley for attending the meeting and for her report, and Ms Bayley then left the meeting

5 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Vice-Chair had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6 – UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND PARISH COUNCILLORS’ EMAIL ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s website address was now **www.siddington-pc.gov.uk**, and that he would provide councillors with their new .gov.uk email account details shortly.

7 – 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/Jun 2026 – RC chased for CCTV.	

There were no updates to the above

8 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- **Defibrillators**
 - The Clerk now had contact details for assistance from Lechlade TC and would now progress the installation of the defibrillator on Parkway/Pound Close.

- Cllr C Young agreed to take on guardianship of the defibrillator at Wildwood Park with assistance from Cllr M Young. The Clerk would email them and the current guardian.
- **ANPR cameras** – the Clerk reported that vehicles continued to be detected speeding and were being reported to the police on a weekly basis. The Clerk would endeavour to produce a monthly statistics report for the council.

9 – PLANNING

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

- **26/01264/FUL**
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Stow, c/o agent Mr Gareth Hughes,
Corinium Architectural Services, 64 Queen Elizabeth Road Cirencester GL7 1DJ
Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear extension and first floor front and side extension with associated works at 12 Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 9th June 2026
NO OBJECTION
- **26/01528/LBC**
Applicant: Wadworth & Co Ltd, c/o agent Mr Darren Nichols,
Dolman Building Surveyors LLP, Sussex House, Bath Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2AF
Proposal: Internal alterations to form accessible toilet at The Greyhound Inn, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 19th June 2026
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 4th June 2026

- **25/03574/FUL**
Erection of a 3-Bed dwelling and associated works at Sawyer Court, Siddington, GL7 6NB - Application permitted
- **26/00822/FUL**
Replacement rear conservatory with associated works at 32 Cherry Tree Drive, GL7 1PU
Application permitted
- **26/01071/TPO**
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]. At Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL76HR. - Application permitted

10 – FINANCE

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

The amounts noted for June were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (June)
£42.75 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan)
£912.00 – N Gibbs – grass cutting (village and churchyard)
£8.39 – Krystal Hosting – domain renewal fee
£966.00 – Corinium Education Trust – school activities support

£7,527.60 – Brodie Planning – Neighbourhood Plan consultants' fees
 £80.50 – OPCC – letters to speeding motorists
 £40.35 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
 £79.20 – M Young – reimbursement for cost of replacement defibrillator pads
 £7.00 – Unity Trust Bank – account charges
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £22.59 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)
 R Cowley – salary (June)
 HMRC – PAYE & NI

Community Support Requests

There had been no new requests.

Cllr M Young reported that Ms Rachael Scott, Head Teacher at Siddington School, would be attending the next meeting to provide an update and discuss future funding for school activities.

Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)

The Clerk advised that an additional Parish Council meeting would be scheduled shortly to approve the AGAR before submission to the external auditor.

11 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young reported that

- the club's Player of the season awards would take place at the Village Hall that Friday.
- the contractors had been able to start work early on the new showers and water heating system at the clubhouse, and that work should be completed before the Village Fete on 20th June

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

13 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

There was no further update.

14 – SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that the Plan would be sent to CDC for consultation, then to an independent examiner, following which there would be a referendum in the parish to approve it. It was hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan would be in place before the new CDC Local Plan.

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 2 Invitation to the installation of the new Mayor of Cirencester.
- 3 Quote for playground repairs as per the RoSPA inspection report. The Parish Council approved the quote, and the Clerk would advise the contractor.
- 4 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 5 Information from GALC on NALC Project Keystone survey.
- 6 CDC Cotswold Round Up newsletter.

- 7 Report from Jan Bayley on proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- 8 Email from Cirencester Town Council referring to “Cotswold Hub 6” group of councils. The Clerk would make enquiries as to who had been responsible for setting up these “hubs” and allocating parishes to them.
- 9 CDC Town & Parish Council newsletter.
- 10 Response from the EA regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
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- 12 GALC May newsletter.
- 13 Response from GCC regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
- 14 Notification of closure of Ashton Road from 3rd to 21st August for sewer repair work by Thames Water.
- 15 Letter from Inspector Moore of Gloucestershire Police to town and parish councils.
- 16 Response from JBA Consulting regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
- 17 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 18 CPRE Annual Review, AGM and Chair Announcement.
- 19 GCC Safer Roads and Community 20s programme update.

16 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Sparrow asked if a visit to the new nursery in Parkway might be arranged. The Clerk would make enquiries.

17 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

18 – NEXT MEETING

Cllr Hayward thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair