

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2026**

PRESENT

Cllr I Waters (Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr D Murray, Cllr J Sparrow and Cllr C Young. Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley, was also present.

Cllr Waters opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hayward, Cllr Deller, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr I Smith and Cllr M Young, and from Cllr M Evemy (CDC).

2 – COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL’S DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR SIDDINGTON AS CONTAINED WITHIN THE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Members had studied Cotswold District Council’s latest version of the Local Plan prior to the meeting, and had been extremely disappointed and disturbed by the proposals for Siddington, which included development of land directly south of Upper Siddington for 370 dwellings. Concerns had been expressed about overdevelopment, additional traffic, potential for flooding, and visibility of the development amongst others.

A proposal to engage the services of a barrister and consultants to fight CDC’s proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting and discussed at length at an earlier informal business meeting. Following further consideration and discussion, the Council voted unanimously to proceed with the proposal, to a maximum cost of £20,000 (ex VAT) to the end of the Reg 19 consultation period, and an overall maximum of £40,000 (ex VAT), before further reference to the Parish Council. (Those members not present had already expressed their support via email).

2 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

There were no reports.

3 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

4 – NEXT MEETING

Cllr Waters thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 7.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair