

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026**

PRESENT

Cllr I Waters (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr I Smith (until 8.50pm), Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young. Mrs Rachael Scott, Head of Siddington CofE School; Mr Mark Chadwick and Mr Mark Kurtin, representing Newland Homes; Cllr M Evemy (CDC)(until 7.40pm) and Clerk to the Council, Mr R Cowley, were also present.

Cllr Waters opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1 – APOLOGIES

There had been no apologies.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 9TH & 22ND JUNE 2026

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings 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 – PRESENTATION BY NEWLAND HOMES

Mr Chadwick and Mr Kurtin provide the following information

- Newland Homes are a regional developer specialising on zero-carbon developments (when in use).
- Over 300 such homes built so far.
- Site is at Plummers Farm opposite The Greyhound on Ashton Road
- Potential for about 60 homes, with a mix of sizes and a mix of affordable and market-value.
- Social housing? – awaiting feedback from CDC.
- Timeline? – planning application likely before end of the year.
- Sewage issues? – needs to be addressed.
- School capacity? – full at present, so need for expanded facilities.
- Bungalows? – for elderly locals to retire/downsize to.

Mr Chadwick and Mr Kurtin thanked members for their feedback, and would like to return at a later date with further updates. The Chair thanked them both for briefing the Council, and they left the meeting.

19 – COUNCILLOR REPORT

As Cllr Evemy (CDC) had to leave the meeting at this point, he provided the following report:

- The CDC Local Plan would be published on 24th July.
- Council would vote to go to Regulation 19 on 12th August.

- There would be a Town & Parish Council Forum for Councillors and Clerks on 20th August.
- Public Consultation would start on 24th August.

5 – UPDATE FROM SIDDINGTON CofE SCHOOL

The Chair invited Mrs Rachael Scott, Head of Siddington CofE School, to update the Council:

- The school had recently won a “silver” games award for the sports activities provided.
- 88% of school leavers were able to swim this year, and the school is aiming for 100% next year. This is due in no small part to the financial support for swimming provided by the Council.
- The portacabin type classroom are not ideal, and one has been condemned, so looking to have replaced. The Council agreed that the community needs to support efforts to get them replaced.

6 – SUBMISSION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members unanimously ratified the decision taken previously via email to submit the Neighbourhood Plan to Cotswold District Council.

7 – CO-OPTION

The Parish Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mr David Murray to the Council to fill the Casual Vacancy following the resignation of Chris Smith.

The Clerk reported that Cotswold District Council had received no requests for a by-election to fill the Casual Vacancy following the resignation of Marcia Turner. The Council agreed to proceed to co-option, and the Clerk would advertise the vacancy.

8 – CHAIR’S REPORT

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

9 – FLOODING MATTERS

The Council noted that Ashton Road south of the entrance to Nursery View would be closed from 3rd to 21st August 2026 for sewer repairs.

10 – 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. Apr 2026 – GP advised needs to be cut by hand under traffic lights after nesting season. 	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. May/Jun/Jul 2026 – RC chased for CCTV. Jul – GP reported: CCTV carried out 18/03, major roots and silt removed in Parkway; unable to complete along Ashton Road due to parked cars: from junction of Elizabeth Way more jetting and cleaning required – to be scheduled soon. 	

11 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillators**
 - The Clerk had contacted SSSEN and would progress the planned installation on Parkway.
 - Cllr C Young and Cllr M Young would be meeting the current guardian of the Wildwood defibrillator to arrange handover. The Council expressed its thanks to Mr Hall for looking after this defibrillator for the last few years.
- 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 provided reports showing “hotspot” periods when offending was concentrated.

- **Parking on pavements**

Concern was expressed about vehicles being parked on pavements, thereby blocking passage for pedestrians and those in wheelchairs or with buggies. The Clerk would request in the Village News that residents park with consideration

12 – PLANNING

- **Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 9th July 2026**

- **26/01729/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs James & Sarah Humpreys, c/o agent Mr Justin Dowling, Christopher Stanley Architecture & Planning Ltd, Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 25/03896/FUL (Erection of single storey rear and side extension with associated works. Partial demolition of garage) to allow for amendment to roof at 43 North Hill Road, Siddington, GL7 1PG

Consultation expiry date: 9th July 2026

NO OBJECTION

- **26/01871/FUL**

Applicant: Ms Denise Taylor, c/o agent Miss Danielle Rogers, Verity & Beverley Ltd, The Coach House, 4 The Chipping, Tetbury, GL8 8ET

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension and canopy with associated works at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane, Siddington, GL7 6EZ

Consultation expiry date: 22nd July 2026

NO OBJECTION

- **26/01976/TPO**

Applicant: Mrs Nicola Shute, Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU

Proposal: Dead Lime Tree (957) next to the retirement village - recommend removal; Two Horse Chestnuts (1978 & 1979), failure at stem, next to South Cerney Road - recommended Monolith;

Sycamore (1980), failure at base, next to South Cerney Road - recommended tree removal;

Sycamore (1977), next to South Cerney Road, collapsed tree - recommend Monolith at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU

Consultation expiry date: 28th July 2026

NO OBJECTION

To note planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 9th July 2026

- **26/01528/LBC**

Internal alterations to form accessible toilet at The Greyhound Inn, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Application permitted

13 – 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 for July were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (July)

£28.50 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council)

£1,308.00 – N Gibbs – grass cutting (village and churchyard)

£5,751.45 – ACJ Plumbing & Heating – showers upgrade at football clubhouse

£25.00 – GRCC – annual membership renewal
 £250.20 – Enlightened Lighting – PA hire for Village Fete
 £523.18 – Fenland Leisure – playground parts
 £1,340.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs as per RoSPA report
 £1,440.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs as per RoSPA report
 £625.00 – J A Gardiner – internal audit
 £29.96 – M Barge – software re-imbursement
 £7.00 – Unity Trust Bank – account charges
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £29.19 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)
 R Cowley – salary (July)

The Council authorised the Clerk to make all usual and contractual payments in August.

Community Support Requests

- Stroud & Cotswold Citizens Advice – the Council agreed to donate £330.
- St Peter’s Church Bell Appeal – the Council agreed to donate £500.

14 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young reported that

- pre-season training had started, and there was the potential to have two teams.
- the clubhouse was to be redecorated before the new season started.

15 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

16 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

There was no further update.

17 – SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barge reported that

- the Plan had been sent to CDC and approved.
- Regulation 16 Consultation would run from 16th July to 26th August, and residents were urged to submit their comments to CDC.
- the Plan would then be sent to an independent examiner and if approved would then go to a parish referendum.

18 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CDC Strategic Infrastructure CIL – Bidding Update.
- 2 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 3 Feedback from the Environment Agency regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
- 4 Customer feedback from Thames Water regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
- 5 Donation request from Stroud & Cotswold Citizens Advice.
- 6 Donation request from St Peter’s Church Bells Appeal.
- 7 CDC Cotswold Roundup newsletter.

- 8 CDC Town & Parish Councils newsletter. Councillors agreed that only their Parish Council email addresses should now be published. The Clerk would update the website accordingly.
- 9 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 10 Feedback from Gloucestershire County Council regarding sewage flooding in Siddington.
- 11 GRCC opportunity to attend an EA flood workshop on 21st July.
- 12 Invitation from Cirencester TC to a Cotswold Hub 6 meeting on 8th September to discuss Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution.
- 13 Notification of temporary closure of Ashton Road (south of junction with Nursery View) from 3rd to 21st August 2026 for sewer repairs.
- 14 Siddington Churchyard Survey.
- 15 CPRE newsletter regarding Landwise brownfield survey project.

19 – COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Gibbons reported that there had been instance of graffiti in the village recently.

Cllr Barge reported that a public meeting was being arranged for Saturday 12th September in the Village Hall to discuss the CDC Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation.

Cllr Smith left the meeting at this point.

Cllr C Young reported that she was finding the new email system clunky, and had not been able to set up notifications. The Clerk would request assistance from the website provider.

Cllr Sparrow wished to the Council’s gratitude to former chair of the council, Marcia Turner, for all her efforts and service over the years. The Council was in full agreement.

20 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

21 – NEXT MEETING

Cllr Waters thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 9.00pm. 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