

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT

Cllr I Waters (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Barge, Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr D Murray, Cllr I Smith, Cllr J Sparrow, Cllr C Young and Cllr M 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 Evemy (CDC).

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 14TH JULY AND 11TH AUGUST 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 – CHAIR'S REPORT

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

5 – FLOODING MATTERS

The Council noted that Thames Water had carried out work on Ashton Road in August. The Council would monitor the sewage flooding situation over the winter.

6 – OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<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. Sep 2026 – RC chased. It was reported that this appeared to have been partly cut. The Clerk would check. 	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. Sep – RC chased. 	

7 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillators**
 - The Clerk had not had time to progress the planned installation on Parkway, so Cllr M Young kindly volunteered to take on this task. The Clerk would forward the relevant information to Cllr M Young.
 - Cllr M Young reported that the defibrillator at the Village Hall was nearing the end of its life and would need replacing soon.

- **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 was asked to investigate cost of a “Smiley face” VAS system.

8 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 3rd September 2026

- **26/02139/NONMAT**

Applicant: Bathurst Development Ltd, c/o agent Dawn Brodie, Savills (UK) Ltd, Wytham, 11 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment conditions 24 (Development Quantum Access Restriction) and 32 (A419/A429/Middlemead/Cricklade Road, Kingsmeadow Roundabout) to permission 16/00054/OUT Outline application (with all matters except Access reserved for subsequent consideration) for a mixed use development comprising demolition of existing buildings (as detailed on the submitted demolition plan) and the erection of up to 2,350 residential dwellings (including up to 100 units of student accommodation and 60 homes for the elderly), 9.1 hectares of employment land (B1, B2 and B8 uses), a primary school, a neighbourhood centre including A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 uses as well as community facilities (including a health care facility D1), public open space, allotments, playing fields, pedestrian and cycle links (access points onto Tetbury Road, Somerford Road and Cranhams Lane) landscaping and associated supporting infrastructure to include vehicle access points from Tetbury Road, Spratsgate Lane, Wilkinson Road and Somerford Road at land at Chesterton Farm, Cranhams Lane, Cirencester

The Council had concerns regarding the proposal to increase the number of properties with access onto Spratsgate Lane from 705 to 765 (and the fact that no consideration appeared to have been given to the cumulative effects), and also the proposal to delay the construction of the new primary school. Cllr Hayward would draft a response for the Clerk to submit.

Consultation expiry date: 13th August 2026

- **26/02567/FUL**

Applicant: Mrs Samantha Candy, c/o agent Mr Alan Tompson, Christopher Stanley Architecture & Planning Ltd, Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear and single storey front extension with associated works at Willowmead, Nursery View, Siddington, GL7 6HN

Consultation expiry date: 1st October 2026

NO OBJECTION

The Council noted planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 3rd September 2026

- **25/01623/FUL**

Installation of solar farm, associated infrastructure and grid connection cable run at land at grid reference 401975 198339, Spratsgate Lane, Siddington – Application permitted.

- **26/01264/FUL**

Erection of single-storey rear extension and side extension with associated works at 12 Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR – Application permitted.

- **26/01729/FUL**
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 – Application permitted.
- **26/01976/TPO**
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 - Application permitted.
- **26/02186/AGFO**
Prior notification for the erection of a 6m x 10m propagation 'Keder' greenhouse for the production of plants at The Field Nursery, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH - Prior approval (other) required (PAOREQ)

To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan

- Cllr Barge reported that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation had now ended and the Plan was now with Cotswold District Council for their approval. It would then pass to an Examiner, and following that, a referendum of residents of the parish.
- Following the Parish Council meeting on 18th August, Cllr Hayward reported that the following appointments had been made:
 - A barrister to collate papers from various consultants and to draft the Council's response to the Local Plan consultation.
 - A planning consultant
 - A transport consultant
 - A landscape consultant
- As the deadline for submission of responses was 5th October and time was of the essence, it was agreed that the Council's draft response would be circulated via email for approval and the decision would be ratified at the Council's next meeting on 13th October.

To consider designating the village shop as a community asset

Cllr M Young proposed applying to designate the village shop as a community asset. Members were in full agreement, and the Clerk would investigate making the application to Cotswold District Council.

9 – FINANCE

The monthly schedule of payments for August and September had been circulated with the agenda, along with the monthly accounts statement and finance spreadsheet. The Clerk would double-check the figures for grass cutting.

Councillors expressed a wish to increase the storage limits on their new email accounts to 10gb. The Clerk would investigate.

The amounts noted for August were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (August)
 £19.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council)
 £330.00 – Citizens Advice - donation
 £158.40 – Brodie Planning – Neighbourhood Plan mileage
 £500.00 – Siddington PCC – bells appeal
 £81.00 – G Hayward – Village Fete expenses

£809.15 – J Grayson – Village Fete expenses
 £7.00 – Unity Trust Bank – account charges
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £22.59 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)
 R Cowley – salary (August)

The amounts noted for September were:

£25.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (September)
 £38.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (Parish Council)
 £40.35 – PATA (UK) – payroll services
 £153.30 – Police & Crime Commissioner – letters to speeding motorists
 £401.00 – Adam Curtis – website & email set-up and hosting fees
 £4.25 – Lloyds Bank – account charges
 £43.44 – R Cowley – expenses (mileage & phone)
 R Cowley – salary (September)

Community Support Requests - none

10 - PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

Siddington AFC

Cllr M Young reported that after a successful run of eight wins in pre-season friendlies, the team had lost their opening match of the season.

Maintenance

- It was noted that the paths in the south-east corner of the field were becoming narrower and more overgrown. It was agreed to look into some trimming back and also planting new trees in the middle of the small copse.
- The path from the canal bridge down the side of the playground was becoming muddy and slippery. Cllr Hayward would take a look.

Request to sponsor a bench at the playing field

It was agreed that an appropriately sized and worded plaque could be placed on one of the benches as a memorial. It would be noted that further plaques on the same bench might be permitted on application to, and approval by the Parish Council. The Clerk would contact the person making the request. It was also agreed to formulate a policy to cover other such requests in the future.

Proposal to plant shade trees and a community orchard at the playing field

The Council agreed that planting trees for shade was an excellent idea. However, they did not feel a community orchard would be appropriate. The Clerk would contact the correspondent.

11 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

There was no further update.

12 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE

There was no further update.

13 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Notification of overnight closures of Ewen Road from 2nd September for resurfacing works.
- 2 Update from Thames Water on sewage flooding in Siddington.

- 3 Letter from the Village Fete Committee thanking the Parish Council for its support.
- 4 CDC Cotswold Roundup newsletter.
- 5 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 6 Annual Report from Roz Savage MP.
- 7 Invitation to CDC Town & Parish Council Forum on 20th August.
- 8 Update on CDC Local Plan.
- 9 Notification of temporary closure of Ashton Road from 3rd August for sewer works.
- 10 GALC July newsletter.
- 11 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 12 CDC newsletter on funding for community infrastructure projects.
- 13 Proposal for planting shade trees and a community orchard at the playing field.
- 14 GCC Councils Connected newsletter with webinar invite for 9th September.
- 15 Email from Aura Power regarding approval of application for solar farm at Furzen Leaze.
- 16 Email from GRCC regarding a workshop on the future of local flood services.
- 17 CDC Town & Parish Council newsletter.
- 18 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 19 Update on CDC Local Plan.
- 20 CDC notification of public meetings on the Local Plan.
- 21 Invitation from Cirencester TC to a Cotswold Hub 6 meeting on 8th September.
- 22 Notification of Police and Councillors meeting on 13th October.
- 23 Link to slides from the CDC Town & Parish Councils Forum meeting.
- 24 Request from GRCC for a meeting regarding Affordable Housing Needs Assessment in Siddington. Cllr Hayward indicated that he would be willing to meet. The Clerk would respond and copy in Cllr Hayward.
- 25 Email from CDC regarding availability of hard copies of the new CDC Local Plan.
- 26 GALC August newsletter.
- 27 Email from Fairford TC with response by Angela Rayner to a joint letter from parishes in Cotswold District.
- 28 Invitation from FWAG to Cirencester and Churn Valley Building Local Resilience Event on 16th September.
- 29 Invitation to online meeting on 7th September regarding Angela Rayner's response above.

14 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Barge reported that

- He and the Clerk had attended a meeting organised by Cirencester Town Council on Local Government Re-organisation (LGR). However, as the government had paused

LGR the previous day, it had been a short meeting, and there had been no further information on the proposed Neighbourhood Partnerships.

- Although the gardens of Jubilee Flats had been tidied up, none of the foliage overgrowing the pavement had been cut back. The Clerk would contact Bromford again.
- He had been provided with a hard copy of the graveyard survey, which would be passed on to the church to hold.

Cllr Hayward congratulated the organisers and helpers for putting on an excellent Village Show at the weekend.

Cllr Deller also congratulated Penny Badger on the excellent display of village photographs at the Village Hall over the same weekend.

15 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

16 – NEXT MEETING

Cllr Waters thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.31pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair