

# Siddington Village News

April 2020

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**Coronavirus: Message on behalf of the Parish Council.** The parish council met before the impact that coronavirus would have on communities was fully appreciated. It is not the place of a parish council to provide social care but clearly in these difficult times the council does have a role in helping the community to care for its own.

If you know of neighbours whom you suspect might need help, please make direct contact with them and do what you can, be it shopping for them or simply reassuring them that you are there if they need you.

If you are self-isolated and need help or have worries about neighbours which you wish to share, in the short term please contact either Robert Cowley, Siddington Parish Clerk on 07498 282290 or me on 01285 658235 and we will try to help.

In the meantime, Robert and I will be discussing with councillors how we can put in place and, if necessary, resource a more structured support system. A number of people have already been in touch kindly offering help and we will be in contact with them shortly. Please keep an eye on the Siddington Parish Council website <http://www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk/> and other Siddington websites and social media for further information.

John Hayward, Chairman, Siddington Parish Council.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **Funding Proposal for the Village Fete**

Ms Jude Mason, Chair of the Village Fete, updated the Parish Council on preparations for the Village fete on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

- It would be a community event held at the playing field.
- All funds raised for the Church and for community groups.
- Attractions would include stalls, activities and craft tent.
- Nineteen volunteers were involved in helping to organise the event.
- Request for the Parish Council to cover other costs (raffle tickets, flyers, banners, craft items, First Aid cover) totalling £411.28.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to allocate the requested amount of £411.28 of its reserves to a Fete Fund from which costs could be paid.

### **OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST**

- Flooding at the old railway bridge on Ashton Road - it was agreed that Cllr Hayward would prepare to take the matter to judicial review.
- Spire View footpath to the canal – the Clerk had forwarded two quotes for surfacing footpath to Cllr Parsons, who would take them to Bathurst Estate.
- Broken 30mph sign near Cherry Tree Drive – Highways informed.

### **BUS SHELTER & SEATING**

Cllr Anderson reported that he had written to Highways, who had suggested a supplier, who would deal with all aspects of permits, supply and installation. The bus shelter would also qualify for funding under the 50/50 Community Offer scheme operated by Gloucestershire County Council, whereby the Parish Council would contribute half of the total cost. It was agreed to proceed to the next stage and request a mock-up and final costings.

### **PLANNING**

#### **Applications permitted at Cotswold District Council to 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- **19/02100/FUL CT.0692**  
Proposed new dwelling and associated works at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington
- **19/04398/FUL CT.4695/1/L**  
Erection of a two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension at 23 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES

#### **Applications received at Cotswold District Council to 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- **20/00481/FUL CT.4695**  
Applicant: Mr Jeff Outram. 12 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES  
Proposal: Single storey kitchen extension to the rear of the house at 12 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES

Consultation expiry date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. NO OBJECTION

- **20/00676/FUL CT.0697/1/L**

Applicant: Mr Sam Denton, c/o agent Mr Matt Edwards, Cotswold Architects,

5 Downs Way, Baunton, Cirencester, GL7 7DH

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension at The Garden Apartment,

6 Siddington Hall, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Consultation expiry date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. NO OBJECTION

- **20/00677/LBC CT.0687/1/M**

Applicant: Mr Sam Denton, c/o agent Mr Matt Edwards, Cotswold Architects,

5 Downs Way, Baunton, Cirencester, GL7 7DH

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension at The Garden Apartment,

6 Siddington Hall, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR

Consultation expiry date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. NO OBJECTION

Cllr Hayward declared an interest in the next application and left the meeting. The Vice-Chair, Cllr Deller, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

- **20/00400/FUL CT.3136/N**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Hayward, c/o agent Mr Andrew Pywell, Plan-A Planning and Development Ltd., Suite B, 45 Dyer Street, Cirencester, GL7 2PP

Proposal: Erection of dwelling with detached car port and workshop at land south west of The Byre, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. NO OBJECTION

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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## **SIDDINGTON VILLAGE FETE - planned for 27<sup>th</sup> June**

This is likely to be postponed and we will keep you updated in future editions of the News.

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**Coronavirus: Message from Siddington Village Hall Trustees.**

The trustees met by way of conference call on 17<sup>th</sup> March and reluctantly decided that the hall should be closed for all activities other than the playgroup as from 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. The hall is used for a range of activities each day. The trustees decided that it is not practical to ensure that the surfaces are cleaned properly between each activity and they cannot therefore ensure that the hall is safe. Please keep an eye on the Village Hall website for further news [www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk)

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**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



**THIS MEETING IS CANCELLED.**

For the time being as Covid-19 develops the health and safety of all members is paramount and in light of the guidance from Public Health England it has been decided to cancel the above meeting. We hope you keep safe and virus free.

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 if you require further information.

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**Siddington Evergreen Club**

Unfortunately all meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to Coronavirus. For more information please contact Evelyn Mole 640028

On April the 2 <sup>nd</sup> (2.30 -3.15pm) a team of visiting Bell Ringers from Bristol will ring the bells at St Peters.
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## **Siddington Cricket Club**

We recently held our AGM at our headquarters, The Greyhound Inn. After being captain for three seasons, Jon Hughes is stepping down and Joe Rendall, last season's vice captain will be replacing him. All other committee positions remain the same. President and Chairman Malcolm Moseley, Secretary Alan Poole, Treasurer Matt Ulyett, Fixture Secretary Jon Hughes.

Our first game of the season is away at Ashton Keynes on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30 start.

New players are all most welcome, anyone from expert to complete novice. Contact Jon Hughes on 07947 805819.

## **EASTER KIDZ - SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH CANCELLED.**

We regret to advise that the above event has been cancelled due to be held in the afternoon of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall.

## **News from Siddington Stores**

Siddington Stores would like to reassure all our customers in these difficult times that we will remain open for business for all the usual PO and shop business.

At the time of going to press Royal Mail and Parcelforce are collecting as usual with no plans to withdraw service. However some post going abroad may be stopped by the receiving country. We can advise as and when you post. All banking, deposits, withdrawals and government benefits are available as normal.

The retail side of the shop is continuing to receive deliveries as normal, papers, bread, milk etc

We wish you all well and hope that we all come through this crisis together and intact.

Thiba, Sugan, Ann and Ramesh.



For World Book Day this year the children design Bible stories on a plate and our Open the Book team had the hard job of judging the entries. Here are a few of the entries:



We are hoping that the Coronavirus spreading far and wide does not stop the children from the Year 6 planned Avon Tyrell residential trip in the New Forest. The children are looking forward to mountain biking, canoeing, raft building, orienteering, abseiling, high ropes, zip wire and of course the disco!  
Until next time,

Mrs Carol Dougill  
Executive Head teacher  
Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools

## **Gardening tips from Jack Blamey (aged 14).**

Spring is in the air and every so often we get a whiff of the summer ahead. Despite this, we still cross our fingers and wait in baited breath. Do we dare to roll our sleeves up or take our coat off? At this time of year in the village it can feel as though the weeds are more eager than any of your seedlings, but it is good sign that the soil is warming up.

To make the most of the warmer soils and the Easter break here are some things you could do to make the village a brighter place:

- Keep all the evergreens in the village tightly clipped. Try some adventurous shapes to add a quirky touch to our green spaces
- The daffodils have been great this year, let their leaves go yellow before mowing or lifting bulbs to let all the sugar be absorbed into the bulb for a great display for next year
- When the first 'true' leaves appear on your seedlings it's time to prick them out and give them more space, making sure you hold them by their leaves and roots
- Now is a good time to sow pumpkins and squashes in the hope of growing an award winning beauty

**Editor's Note:** I have done my very best to ensure that the information contained is up to date but with things changing on a daily basis this has been challenging to say the least.

Please look after yourselves and each other in these challenging times. My only advice is to offer help where you can and accept help when you need it.

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**Deadline: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**MESSAGE FROM REVD JENNIFER MCKENZIE**

In line with government guidance and the Archbishops' instructions about social distancing, all church services, groups, meetings and events are cancelled. These include soup lunches, Easter Kidz, afternoon tea at St Peter's, the South Cerney Street Fair and Duck Race.

There is a lot to consider and plan for, so please bear with me as we work through all of the implications of the current situation.

The church office will continue to operate but will be closed to visitors.

**Church spire illumination** is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday or just for yourself.

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**Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie**

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tel: 01285 862632 - Answer phone at other times.

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**Churchwardens:**

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