

The Village News

Siddington

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Village News Online Edition

Due to the current lockdown situation the Village News team has decided not to produce a paper copy for this June edition. The distribution of paper copies will resume as soon as it is practical to do so.

Village life goes on, however. Siddington School is open to children of front line and key workers and is currently accommodating children from Siddington and Kemble schools. The Parish Council continues to meet, albeit online, and Reverend Jennifer McKenzie has been busy holding online services and keeping spirits up by posting a daily 'thankfulness challenge'.

We are also very lucky to have Ramesh and Ann at the village shop, who manage to keep us supplied with everything we need, including flour!

For those advised not to be out and about, the Siddington Coronavirus Support group of volunteers is on hand to do shopping, pick up prescriptions, post letters or make a call to check up on anyone who may be alone and lonely. For details, email siddingtonhelp@outlook.com, call 01285 610231 or go to the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Siddington-Coronavirus-Support-104188954557898/>.

Parish Council News – Meeting 14.05.19

Outstanding and Highways Issues List

- Flooding at the bend on Park Way. Highways had written to the landowners either side asking them to arrange to have the ditches cleared. Work was also scheduled for patching the pothole affected area.
- Spire View footpath to the canal – quotes for surfacing the footpath had been forwarded to Bathurst Estate for consideration.

Bus shelter and seating

Cllr Anderson had sourced a quote for a new bus shelter at Elizabeth Way, which was approved by the Council. The cost to the Council, taking into the 50/50 match-funding from the County Council would be £3,333, which was within the budget allocated.

Dog mess

There have been reports of increased dog mess on footpaths within the village. Please use the dog poo bins provided, or any litter bin. Thank you.

Planning

Applications received at Cotswold District Council to 6th May 2020

- 20/01284/FUL CT.2150

Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Killick, c/o agent Mr Lee Clarke, Lee Clarke Architectural Services, 1B City Bank Road Cirencester GL7 1LG

Proposal: Erection of porch, single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension at 13 Elizabeth Way, Siddington, GL7 6JL

Consultation expiry date: 18th May 2020

Whilst the Parish Council did not object to the overall design of the proposal, it felt that to apply render to the entire property would be out of keeping with other properties in the terrace.

OBJECTION

Applications decided at Cotswold District Council to 6th May 2020

- 19/04619/FUL & 19/04620/LBC
Erection of garden room and formation of archway in garden wall at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX.
Applications permitted.
- 20/00481/FUL
Single storey kitchen extension to the rear of the house at 12 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES.
Application permitted.

Severalls Field Development

The developers of the site had invited the Parish Council to comment on their proposals for the 88-home development at Severalls Field. The Council was concerned that there did not appear to be any allowance made in the proposals for the promised vehicle drop-off point for the school. The Clerk would write to remind them.

As there was no further business and no members of the public present the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website.

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, physical Parish Council meetings are not taking place until further notice. However, Council meetings are taking the form of conference telephone calls. Details of how members of the public may 'attend' meetings are published with the agenda on the Parish Council website and on the notice board outside the post office.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th June 2020.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Siddington School News



School in Lockdown

Children of front line and key workers, in both Kemble and Siddington CE schools, have been going to school at Siddington. The site is more compact and easier to manage and clean. We have been having between 5 and 20 children – numbers change daily and staff from both schools are on the rota. Hand sanitising is carried out before the children enter the site and the day starts with play time on the equipment and games are played until all the children arrive.



The children then have a register taken in the hall followed by all staff and children joining Jo Wicks on line for PE and dance! Once the children and staff have cooled down they go to classes and carry out their on-line lessons which teachers have prepared – these are mainly English and maths and some topic work.

Teachers post video lessons, have links to art galleries, museums, and websites to work from and they were all given an exercise book to collate their special 'lockdown' work.

After lunch the teachers organise games, sports and arts activities and the children also have forest school lessons. They have daily mile sessions but instead of a run they sometimes use balance bikes, scooters or tackle an assault course on their way around the track.

School is great fun for both teachers and the children and parents can be assured that their children are well cared for and having a great time while they work to keep the country going through these unprecedented times of the CV19 pandemic.



Until next time,
**Mrs Carol Dougill – Executive
Head teacher
Kemble Primary and Siddington
C of E Primary Schools**

BT Phone Box Disconnected

The BT phone box outside the village hall has been disconnected due to insufficient use. The majority of people now carry a mobile phone so this is unlikely to have a major impact on the village but anyone wishing to use the defibrillator on the village hall wall in an emergency must first dial 999 for the code to open the defibrillator box. It's therefore worth noting that the phone box is no longer in use.

Residents urged not to fall foul of the law

Cotswold District Council is appealing to residents to take personal responsibility for their actions in its bid to tackle littering and dog fouling across the district.

Dog fouling is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. It is unpleasant to see it in parks, on the pavement and particularly on your shoes!

Cllr Andrew Doherty, Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, said: "I know that the vast majority of dog owners are very responsible and ensure that their dogs waste is removed. Sadly, a small number of owners do not and this results in an unsightly mess and a health hazard being left throughout the district.

"Dog fouling is consistently one of the largest sources of complaints the Council receives from the public. That's why I'm appealing to all dog owners to discard of dog waste correctly to ensure our beautiful district is kept clean and safe for everyone."

Seen as one of the biggest nuisances blighting public spaces, dog fouling is not only an unpleasant sight and smell, it's also unhygienic and carries the risk of spreading disease.

Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can be extremely dangerous and cause toxocarasis. This is an infection caused by the roundworm

Toxocara Canis. Eggs of the parasite are often found in soil or sand contaminated with dog faeces and if swallowed, result in an infection that lasts between 6 and 12 months and can cause blindness. Infected soil samples are often found in play-areas and toxocariasis most commonly affects children between 18 months and 5 years.

Cleaning up after your dog is one of the key responsibilities of dog ownership, especially in public places. The best way is to use a doggy bag, or a carrier bag, to pick up the faeces. Ideally, this should then be placed in a designated dog bin. However, a lack of a nearby bin is no excuse. To bag it and leave poo bags in trees, on fences or on the ground is also completely unacceptable as this is extremely bad for the environment.

The Council is calling on all residents to take action against dog owners who have not cleaned up after their dog by reporting offences to the Council's Environmental and Regulatory Services team.

Residents can report incidents of dog fouling on the council website and should note details of the offence such as date, time and place, the name and address of the person in charge of the dog (if known), and a description of the dog.

For more information or to make a report, please visit our website: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/environment/litter-street-cleaning-and-dog-fouling/>.

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Next month's editors – subject to lockdown regulations

Nick and Jude Grayson

Deadline date: **Monday June 15th**

Email: nickgrayson@hotmail.com

St Peter's Church Services

There are currently no services at any of the benefice churches, however, Reverend Jennifer McKenzie is holding services via Zoom and is also emailing the details of services to anyone who would like to receive them. Contact Jennifer for further information (details below).

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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Allen Howe (01285 643574)

All Saints, Preston: **Alister Painter (650624)**