

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

**Siddington**  
**January 2021**

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## Happy New Year!

January is usually a time when we reflect on the past year and look forward to what the new year might have to offer. When we reflect on the year 2020 we will all consider it a very difficult year full of restrictions, hardships of one kind or another, problems and dilemmas. On the plus side we all witnessed countless acts of



kindness and ingenuity. On behalf of everyone in the village I would like to extend a big thank you to the Siddington Coronavirus Support Group for all the work they have done in Siddington during the past year.

As Covid vaccines are gradually dispensed, let's hope that we can look forward with optimism to 2021 and begin to enjoy once again all the benefits and facilities available to those of us lucky enough to live in this delightful village

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

### **REDUNDANT PHONE BOX ON ASHTON ROAD**

After some discussion of a variety of potential uses the Council agreed

- that the Clerk would source a quote for refurbishment to include provision of shelving for a potential book exchange
- that a final decision on future use could be made after refurbishment and when the Covid-19 pandemic had eased.

### **OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)**

- Rough parking area at Upper Siddington – Cllr Hayward had spoken to workmen at the re-surfacing of Park Way and had been told that it could not be included. They had suggested that planings from other re-surfacing work nearby might be obtained from other road contract work in warmer weather and brought to the site where it could be spread and rolled at the Parish Council's cost. The Clerk would speak to Richard Gray at Highways.
- Spire View footpath – it was noted that work had been completed. The path would be monitored over the winter to see if any additional work was needed.
- Cllr Anderson was chasing up replacement parts for the new bus shelter.
- GCC 11282129 – rusted through signpost at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. No further news. The Clerk would chase this up again.
- GCC 11283846 – Wrecked weight limit sign at junction of Park Way and Spratsgate Lane. No response. The Clerk would chase again and copy in Cllr Parsons.

### **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

- **20/03723/FORST**  
Felling License application at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HR - Application permitted.
- **20/03744/TPO 06/00057/TPO**

Lime tree nearest to garage and house - there is a large horizontal limb, high up that has grown away from the main crown. Now it is away from the main crown it is starting to grow vertical points. Proposed work to reduce this limb back to the main crown periphery (25% approx.). The lowest limb of this tree removed to raise the crown at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR - Application permitted.

- **20/03918/DD**

Willow (T11) - Fell Complete removal of tree following recent storm damage on 28/9/20 where the tree was brought down in high winds at 1 The Close, Siddington. No tree to be replanted in this same location. No objection.

### **Update on Severalls Field Application**

Cllr Parsons reported that new plans with a revised layout for a school drop-off point were expected to be submitted soon. Cllr Parsons also wished to thank all those who had submitted objections via the CDC planning portal.

### **PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS**

The Clerk reported some parts of the fence alongside Park Way were in a poor state of repair. The Council agreed to the Clerk sourcing a quote for repairs for consideration at the next meeting.

The Council also noted with sadness the recent passing of Fred Lovatt, who had carried out grass cutting around the village for a number of years, and wished to express its condolences to his family and friends.

### **Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road**

The Clerk had circulated detailed quotes for the type of speed warning sign used in Crudwell, and Richard Gray's limited response to a request for more detailed costings. The Council also considered a suggestion that the replacement be situated elsewhere on Ashton Road, but agreed that the current location was probably best. The Clerk was asked to check the process for arranging installation by someone other than Highways.

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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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## **Siddington Village Hall Update**

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The Trustees are pleased to announce that the hall was re-opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 to our regular users in line with the prevailing Covid restrictions. The building remains Covid secure with all the relevant risk assessments in place. We cannot as yet take bookings for private functions such as birthday parties. The Trustees will keep the situation under review and make the appropriate decisions about hall use as the New Year develops.

As all regular readers will know we are still seeking some new faces to help us run the Hall so why not make a New Year’s resolution and join the team of Trustees keeping this important community facility open?

If you are interested and want to find out more please contact Denys Young, Chairman.

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## **Siddington C of E Primary School**



*'To have fun, do our very best and look after everyone in a caring Christian community'*

The children have been busy at school preparing for Christmas. We have been rehearsing our 'Signalong' virtual nativity ready to perform to parents and carers and reflecting on the Christmas story in Worship. The children have also enjoyed watching a virtual pantomime, writing letters to the elf that leaves footprints in our school, and making Christingles for our annual Christingle Service. We have also tried to keep our curriculum rich with visits and trips that are now taking place online as well. Year 5 and 6 have had a visit from the Police to discuss being safe online, and Years 3 and 4 have taken part in an 'Experience Christmas' with Reverend McKenzie.

We are also pleased to be able to invite you to view our school video (that can be found on the School website Home page).

The staff have done an incredible job working within the new expectations placed upon them while ensuring that school remains a happy and exciting place to be. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Katie Cook - Headteacher

## Malcolm Moseley and Village News Editors

One of our long standing editors, Malcolm Moseley completed his final edition of the Village News in October and he is now taking a well deserved retirement from it.

Malcolm has been assiduous in compiling one edition of the News every year as well as helping on the management side of the News and we are extremely grateful to him. He has kindly agreed to continue to compile the monthly rota of editors which is of great assistance.

Have you ever considered becoming an editor? It is a great way to contribute to your local community and your turn comes around just once a year!

You need basic word-processing skills but there would always be plenty of offers of help and support from regular editors if needed.. If you are ever interested in becoming an editor of the Village News please contact Malcolm via email [malcolm4646@talktalk.net](mailto:malcolm4646@talktalk.net) or Georgie Hayward – [georgie@uppersidd.co.uk](mailto:georgie@uppersidd.co.uk)



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## Christmas Tree Recycling

Real Christmas trees may be cut into 2 to 3ft sections and placed in your green bin or taken to Dobbies Garden Centre who will provide a recycling service from January 3rd

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### Next month's editor

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## **News from St Peter's Church**

### **Church spire illumination**

For only £5 per evening, you may sponsor the illumination of the church spire; 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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