

# Siddington Village News

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## SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Following the Government's announcement about the proposed easing of restrictions of the National lockdown, the Trustees have agreed to re-open the hall on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, at the earliest, in accordance with Step 2 of the roadmap. There are 3 key dates for venues such as ours and these may be subject to change depending on updated information from the Government.

12<sup>th</sup> April – all indoor activities can restart for all children and young people under the age of 18. This includes parent and toddler groups.

17<sup>th</sup> May – Indoor group exercise classes can restart for people of all ages.

21<sup>st</sup> June – All restrictions to be lifted. So children's parties etc can recommence.

It is important to emphasise again that all these dates are 'at the earliest' and will only be confirmed by the Government in due course.

Prior to re-opening all necessary measures will be taken to provide a Covid-secure environment, including a risk assessment, thorough cleaning and other health and safety measures.

The aim of the Trustees is to continue re-opening in line with the steps outlined in the roadmap during May and June subject to Government advice.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

### **CASUAL VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

There are currently TWO vacancies in the Office of Councillor for Siddington Parish Council, which the Council is able to fill by co-option rather than a formal election process. Anyone interested in serving as a Parish Councillor will need to submit an expression of interest by **5.00 p.m. on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Supporting statements are encouraged, on no more than one side of A4, detailing why you would be interested in becoming a Parish/Town Councillor. Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Clerk. To be eligible for co-option onto the Parish Council, candidates must satisfy the standard election qualification criteria. Please contact Cotswold District Council's Elections Team if you need any guidance on this aspect (telephone 01285 623000 or e-mail [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk)).

### **ANESCO SOLAR FARM APPLICATION**

The Council agreed to maintain its objection to the proposed construction phase transport plan, which would bring HGV traffic through the village from the north via Bridge Road and Siddington Road.

Following a meeting attended by Anesco representatives, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Smith and the Clerk, a revised offer for community benefits had been received and circulated to the Council. It was felt that this fell below what should be expected when compared with other solar farms, and Cllr Hayward had written to Anesco to request that they revise their offer further.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Due to Covid restrictions this will take place online via Zoom rather than in person. Details on how to "attend" will be published on the Parish Council website and on the notice board.

Whilst this is not actually a Parish Council meeting, it is organised by the Parish Council, and allows various village organisations to present reports on their activities over the past and coming year.

## **FLOODING ISSUES**

Cllr Hayward had met with Tristan Chippendale of Bathurst Estate and walked round the various ditches and culverts on the estate's land. Mr Chippendale had agreed to arrange for the brambles to be cleared from the bridge by Siddington Mill to allow Highways to clear the silted-up sump at that location, leading to improved flow through the bridges and reduce potential flooding at The Common. Mr Chippendale had also agreed to the village checking the ditches and culverts twice a year and to undertake any minor clearance work needed, with more major work to be referred to the estate. It was agreed that residents of The Common be asked to carry out inspections and that results be minuted by the Parish Council.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- The Council reviewed the monthly financial support provided to the Village News and agreed to continue with a review in September.
- The Council approved the quote for conversion of part of the bus shelter at Elizabeth Way to storage of emergency equipment. The Clerk would instruct the contractor.
- The surface of the new footpath at Spire View was discussed. The Clerk would contact the contractor to look at what could be done to improve it.

## **SEVERELLS FIELD DEVELOPMENT**

Cllr Hayward reminded colleagues that Cllr Evemy (CDC) had been requested at the last Parish Council meeting to seek additional independent legal advice regarding the application for the drop-off point at the school as proposed by the developer as

Cllr Evemy had advised that there had to be a material planning reason to take the application to CDC's planning committee for decision. This advice had not been sought and discussion had only taken place with the Chair of CDC's Planning Committee before delegated authority was given to the planning officer to determine the application, which was permitted.

The Parish Council agreed that everything possible should be done to ensure that the drop-off point was placed near to the school in accordance with the proposals for which the developer had received planning permission on appeal, and not where the developer now proposed – some 200+ metres from the school. The Parish Council resolved to take legal advice on Cotswold District Council's decision and process; the advice to include consideration of the option of applying for judicial review.

The meeting then closed. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. Due to the Covid restrictions Parish Council meetings are taking the form of conference telephone calls. Details of how to "attend" meetings are published with the agenda on the Parish Council website and on the post office notice board. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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## Why not get involved in the running of the Village Hall?

We have one remaining Trustee vacancy on the Committee. We are starting to plan for the Hall Centenary celebrations in December 2021 and invite expressions of interest from anyone who is interested in becoming a Trustee and contributing to this very important year for the Hall.

Please contact Denys Young:

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### SIDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The Club re-elected the following committee members for 2021:

- **President & Chairman:** Malcolm Moseley
- **Secretary:** Alan Poole
- **Treasurer:** Matt Ulyatt
- **Fixture Secretary:** Jon Hughes
- **Captain:** Joe Rendall
- Sam Harper was elected as **Vice Captain**, replacing Jim Bliss who has stepped down.

The opening game of the season is at home against Cowley CC on Tuesday 27th April 6.00 start. Once again home fixtures will be played at Ampney Crucis and nets at South Cerney. New players of any ability are welcome to join us.

Contact Jon Hughes 07947-805819

## **Siddington Evergreen Club**

We have all been waiting “patiently” for the time when we will be able to meet together again, and hopefully it will be soon.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a very Happy Easter, a time of new life and new beginnings.

Many blessings, Evelyn Mole

Contact no 640028.

## **VILLAGE NEWS CONTENT AND ADVERTISING**

As you will see from this edition of the Village News, there is not much news about. Hopefully this will change in the near future with groups and activities starting up again. But if you have any items that you think may be of interest to others in village please feel free to submit them for inclusion in the village newsletter. The contact details for the editor of the next newsletter are always listed, or can be found in the folder in the shop. There is no guarantee that your article will be published – some months are busier than others – but the editors will always do their best.

You can advertise in the newsletter for a small fee (£5 or £10 depending on the size). Or you can supply an A5 size insert to be included in the distribution – again for a small fee (£10 for a village charitable event or £30 for commercial advertising)

Don't forget you can also sponsor an edition of the village newsletter and get your company's name on the front page.

## **SIDDINGTON CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March the children were greeted with balloons and a banner to welcome them back. The children who have been attending school, and all the staff, are so pleased to have the whole school community back together.

We are looking forward to the Spring and Summer terms, where the better weather will ensure we do as much of our learning outside as we can. This term we are participating in Active Discovery (a programme that encourages outdoor exploration), the Achievement for All's '200 million minutes' (which promotes reading by counting up how long we read for every day), Comic Relief and Voice 21 (a programme that supports improving Oracy skills in schools).

Our new library is also continuing to take shape, with new carpet and furniture ready for the new books to arrive. The 'Library Space' has a Space theme and has been paid for by parents, local businesses, and the school PTA. A real community effort that will be enjoyed by pupils for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, and to the staff who, in their own time, have painted murals to make the library look 'out of this world'!

Katie Cook - Headteacher

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## NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**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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