

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

June 2022

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**HAPPY PLATINUM JUBILEE TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
AND TO ALL OUR READERS**

EVENTS AT THE GREYHOUND

Wednesday 1st June: Kick off the Bank Holiday and join us for live music from 'Lost Luggage' at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 4th June: BOUNCY CASTLE and kids' activities from 12 noon
Live music from 2.00 p.m
Afternoon teas
Outdoor food

and try **Wadworths' Jubilee Ale** Crafted to celebrate our Queens 70th jubilee, it has a floral, citrus almost orange peel aroma. 3.9% abv cask ale.

Sunday 5th June: PLANT SALE- 10.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

There will be a bring-and-buy plant sale to help raise funds for this year's Village Show in the carpark. There will be a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers available including tomatoes, runner beans, chilli plants, bedding plants and perennial flowers and shrubs.

If you would like to donate any plants to sell, please either bring them along before 11.00a.m. on the day or drop them round to Jan & Carlo at 18 Parkway a few days before. (Please call 07875 071555 before).

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MEETING 25TH APRIL 2022

Neighbourhood Plan

The Council agreed to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for Siddington. Cllr Hayward would form a steering group to take things forward.

Planning

22/00937/COMPLY

Applicant: Anesco Ltd, The Green Easter Park, Benyon Road, Reading, RG7 2PQ

Proposal: Compliance with conditions 3 (Archaeology), 5 (Landscape Scheme), 8 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan), 11 (Landscaping details native black poplar), and 13 (Construction Management Plan) re permission 20/04499/FUL - Construction of a temporary 19.94MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with transformers, a DNO substation, customer substation, security fence, landscaping and other associated infrastructure (including a temporary construction access point) at land at Grid Reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington

Consultation expiry date: 8th April 2022

The Council strongly objected to the Transport Management Plan (TMP) submitted as part of this application. The TMP had ignored the Council's concerns regarding the access route for HGVs through a residential area with 90-degree bends and considerable on-street parking, and also ignored the suggested alternative route, which although longer, followed roads more suited to HGVs and avoided residential areas altogether. To suggest that residents and businesses along the TMP preferred route should be encouraged "to keep access routes free of traffic during the hours of operation" would be unworkable and unenforceable in practice. The assertion that the surrounding roads were already subject to use by industrial vehicles was simply not true due to the existing weight restrictions, and any offenders would be reported to the police.

The Parish Council therefore reiterated its objections below:

"Whilst the Parish Council does not object in principle to the development, it does strongly object to the developer's proposed transport plan during the construction phase at the site, which would mean HGVs accessing the site from the north via Bridge Road and Siddington Road through the village where a weight limit was in force. These roads have difficult bends to negotiate and many parked vehicles. For safety reasons the Council believes that a better and safer route would be from the Spine Road (B4696) junction with the A419 trunk road and via Ashton Road from the south, thereby avoiding the residential

villages of Siddington and South Cerney and their respective weight limit restrictions."

OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 7th April 2022

21/02544/FUL

Proposed dwelling at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.

21802555/FUL

Proposed 3 no. dwellings to replace existing aircraft hangar at Siddington House. Application refused.

22/00539/FUL

Erection of a rear extension at Lonsdale, Siddington Road, GL7 1PD. Application permitted.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING 10TH MAY 2022

Chair & Vice-Chair of the Council

Cllr Marcia Turner and Cllr John Hayward were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Council for the coming year.

Cllr Chris Smith was welcomed as the recently co-opted member of the Council.

Highways & Public Rights of Way

The Clerk would report the following:

- The overgrown hedge and damaged gateway sign on Siddington Road,
- The overgrown hedges along the paths from the post office along the back for the allotments and to The Common,
- The poor state of the canal towpath alongside Corin,
- The poor state of the footpath between Pound Close and the school.

Playing Field

The Council would be interested in receiving suggestions for activity equipment aimed at older children at the playing field. Please contact the Clerk with any suggestions in the first instance.

Covid-19 Support

Due to the fact that the Covid-19 support phone had not been used since September 2021, the Council had now cancelled the contract. The Council expressed its gratitude to Jude Grayson and to all the volunteers for all their invaluable assistance to residents during the pandemic.

Graveyard Extension

Cllr Hayward reported that new Environment Agency advice on graveyards had been published and new permits would be required. The new rules would prevent interments within 30 metres of a watercourse. This would likely cause problems for the proposed extension on the land currently offered to the Council by the Bathurst Estate. Professional advice would be needed before proceeding. Cllr Hayward would report back to the June meeting.

Defibrillators

It was agreed that an additional defibrillator was desirable for the Upper Siddington area, but it was noted that a power source would be required. The Clerk would write to Chesterton AFC to investigate siting one on the clubhouse at the playing field. The Clerk would also write to Stonewood Partnerships to suggest they provide one for residents at Severells Field.

Green Lane – fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour

Cllr Evemy (CDC) had reported that officers had not felt that a Public Space Protection Order would be appropriate for Green Lane as it would simply lead to displacement of the fly-tipping problem. Cllr Evemy would arrange a site meeting with officers, Councillors, the Clerk and Ben Knight to discuss the problem. The fact that anti-social behaviour other than fly-tipping was an issue would also be emphasised.

Full draft minutes of meetings may be viewed on the council website. The agenda and Covid requirements for attendance at meetings are published on the website and on the notice board outside the post office in due course as meetings are called. Meetings usually take place in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 14th June 2022.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk
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Siddington C of E Primary School

We were pleased to hear that we were oversubscribed this year, with more children than we can accept applying for a place in September. We are really looking forward to welcoming our new September starters and inviting them in for visits next term.

We have been continuing with our interschool sports activities, with the children visiting both Kingshill and Deer Park Secondary schools. The children are also enjoying a new choice of enrichment activities on a Friday afternoon. These include cooking, gardening, tennis, rounders, and music.

Our school eco-committee have been working hard to develop the school site and make us more sustainable. We have introduced a composting system to ensure that we are composting our waste from the classrooms and from the playground. We are also hoping to work with our new neighbours at Orchard Field on developing the sustainability of our school.

We have welcomed five new pupils this month and they all report that they feel happy and settled already. One child said, when asked how he was feeling about the change, 'I love it here'. Another said that they felt 'nervous at first' but were fine after 'less than an hour'! Thank you to our PTA who provided a welcome gift of a Siddington teddy bear to all the new pupils.

We are looking forward to our 'street party' and dance workshops at the end of May. This will be part of our Jubilee celebrations and we can't wait to see the children (and staff) dress up in costumes from across the decades.

Mrs Cook – Headteacher

June Trotman Memorial Service

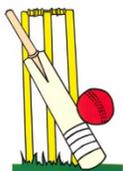
The family of June Trotman are holding a memorial service on Saturday 2nd July 11.30 a.m. at Holy Rood Church, Ampney Crucis and will be holding a buffet afterwards at the Ampney Crucis village hall. Everyone welcome. Any donations will be sent to Help for Heroes.

Linda and family SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Hello Everyone,

After the long break due to Covid we shall be meeting again on Tuesday 14th June at 2.30 p.m. in the Elizabeth Way Community Room to discuss the way forward.

Every blessing Evelyn & David Mole (640028)



Siddington Cricket Club

The Cricket Club started the season with wins over Selsley & Rodborough, Wanborough and Quedgeley & Hardwick. June Fixtures are 8th Avebury Away, 12th Aldsworth Home, 17th Swindon Nomads Away, 19th Ashton Keynes Away, 23rd Stroud Post Office Home, 26th Tewkesbury Away, 28th Kempsford Home.

The Power of Self Care ... the NHS and beyond

Special Event 10 am to 4pm Tuesday 14th June, Market Place, Cirencester

As part of Cirencester Town Council's Health and wellbeing week, the Patient Participation Groups of the various GP surgeries around Cirencester have organised this event. It aims to extend their knowledge of where to find and get help in a range of areas attended by representatives from the NHS as well as charities and commercial organisations. Come along and find out more about who can help and support and where to find them locally.

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Five things to do in the garden in June



1. Plant hanging baskets, choosing vibrant bedding plants for short term show or herbs, shrubs and evergreens for longer lasting displays.
2. Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes. Every time you water, check the plant for any shoots sprouting just above each leaf, from the joint between the leaf and the stem.
3. June 21st is the longest day of the year and the extra light and warmth encourages bursts of growth, including weeds! So hoe borders regularly to keep them down. Stake tall or floppy plants and plant out summer bedding plants.
4. Mow lawns at least once a week - but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife. Create a border to attract pollinators, a great choice of colour for wildlife is anything with a blue flowerhead. Leave the seed heads on the plants over winter, as they offer a valuable source of food and offer shelter for insects in the colder months.
5. Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes.

Pilates Classes held in Siddington Village Hall, Tuesday evenings, please contact Shauna on 07717 560296 or shauna.wheeldon@gmail.com.

News from St Peter's Church

June 2022		
Sunday 5 th June	11.15am	Morning Praise
Sunday 19 th June	11.15am	Holy Communion

Sunday 26 th June	11.15am	Morning Praise
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Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website. www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter m: 07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

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