

The Village News

Siddington

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING 12TH JULY 2022

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 pm on Wednesday 31st August 2022**. Supporting statements are encouraged, on no more than one side of A4, detailing why you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Clerk. To be eligible for co-option on to 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 (tel: 01285 623000 or e-mail elections@cotswold.gov.uk).

Police Report

PCSO Kim Collins reported that following criticism of Gloucestershire Constabulary by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), a number of changes in the way crime was recorded had been implemented. The result might increase the number of recorded crimes in any one area but PCSO Collins emphasised that the underlying numbers were unchanged and there was no spike in crimes. She went on to advise that information about crime in the locality was available from the Your Community Alerts link on the constabulary's website. She added that in hot weather people should remember when going out to close downstairs windows to prevent opportunistic crime.

Green Lane – fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour

Cllr Evemy reported on the feedback received from CDC officers following the meeting in the lane reported on last month by the Chair in her report. It was clear that before any action could be taken either in respect of a Public Space Protection Order or a Road Closure Order/conversion to a bridle way, more evidence would be required of both anti-social behaviour/criminality and public support. It was agreed that the council would carry out an informal survey in the early autumn to gauge community support and that the Chair and Vice Chair would liaise on a questionnaire for that purpose. Cllr Evemy noted that Buckinghamshire CC

had used cameras such as those used to monitor wildlife in similar circumstances.

Safe walking to Kingshill School

Cllr Spivey advised that she had walked the route with the responsible CDC officer, who then advised that notwithstanding the safety concerns expressed by both the Parish Council and members of the public, as the route to the school was within the 2 miles criterion, transport for students to and from the school could not be provided as the walking/cycling route was considered safe under current standards.

Flooding Matters

Cllr Turner invited Jan Bayley, a member of the public, to update the council on flood prevention matters particularly as they affected The Common and neighbouring properties. Although nothing has yet been resolved, meetings with the various interested parties, authorities, agencies and owners had made good progress. Topographical information was needed before decisions could be made and it was agreed that the council could help in that regard. Cllr Spivey undertook to move matters forward with GCC and thanked Ms Bayley for the work she had done on behalf of the community.

Planning

It was noted that Cotswold District Council had granted planning permission for:

- **20/01221/FUL** Two storey extensions to enlarge dwelling and provide an annexe at Tudmore Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA
- **20/03252/FUL** Relocate and enlarge existing access, erection of garage, workshop and boundary wall at Tudmore Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA
- **22/01307/LBC** Internal alterations to dwelling at Barton Farm, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH

It was further noted that:

Planning Appeals had been made under SECTION 78 in respect of Cotswold District Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission in respect of 4no. and 2 no. dwellings at Siddington House.

- Application Reference: 21/02556/FUL
Appeal Reference: APP/F1610/W/22/3299249
- Application Reference: 21/02543/FUL
Appeal Reference: APP/F1610/W/22/3300052

Appeal start date: 28th June 2022. The appeal will be determined on the basis of a hearing (date and venue to be confirmed).
All representations must be received by 2nd August

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 13th September 2022.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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STAFF WANTED

The Greyhound is currently looking for Bar, Waiting and Kitchen staff. Full or part time. If interested call in and ask for the manager, Lucy Wright, or email Lucy at greyhound@wadworth.co.uk

Siddington Cricket Club

The recent good weather has enabled Siddington Cricket Club to play all their scheduled fixtures. We defeated Stroud Post Office and Meysey Hampton, but lost to Rodmarton, Wootton Bassett School Staff, Kempford, Fox & Hounds and Swindon Nomads.

Siddington School News

We had a special visitor at Siddington this term. Mrs Dougill (Siddington C of E Primary School's previous Headteacher) surprised the children and kindly agreed to plant our Platinum Jubilee tree. The tree was donated by the Parish Council and is part of the Queen's Green Canopy. There is a plaque next to the tree to help the children remember the Platinum Jubilee for years to come. It was lovely to see Mrs Dougill back at Siddington and a great way to finish off our new Reflection Garden space. Thank you to the Parish Council for looking after and donating the tree to the school.

An evening of music took place in the school hall, where the children danced, sang, and played instruments to their parents in the audience. It was a fantastic evening and our performers showed how hard they have been working. We have quite a talented bunch of musicians! Thank you to Mr Wiggins, Mrs Price, and Mr Meade for accompanying and supporting the children with their performances. Thank you to Miss Tranter (our school music lead) for organising the event.

The year has ended with Sports Day and the PTA Summer Fete. The quails, that the children had raised from eggs, have left school to go to their new homes. We said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wished them lots of luck for next year. A few sad goodbyes, but we are also excited, knowing the fun the children will have at their new secondary schools. We know our Year 6 pupils will do well and can't wait to hear how they get on.

Thank you to all the school staff for all their hard work and relentless determination to do their best for the children. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support of the school. Finally, thank you to the children, who keep trying to do their best in all they do.

We wish everyone a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Mrs Cook - Headteacher

Siddington Village Hall

There is a flat rate of £10 per hour hire of the main village hall during the week and by regular hall users, classes, etc. The rate for weekend parties, furniture sales etc. is £40.00 per session up to 4 hours and then £10.00 for each additional hour. The Committee Room is only available weekday evenings and weekends at a flat rate of £8 per hour.

If you have any skills or activities that you would like to share with the community and run regular or one-off sessions, please get in touch with the village hall via siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com to make your booking.

If you would like to hire the hall for a special occasion, or to check out current activities please email siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or visit our website: www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk.



Five things to do in the garden in August

1. Continue to water Tomato plants consistently and regularly, adding tomato feed for healthy growth and fruiting. Remove lower leaves to help reduce risk of disease.
2. Prune perennial herbs, cut back Chives, Mint and Parsley that are looking tired to encourage new growth and continued supply.
3. Make sowings of beetroot, radishes, spinach and salad crops - all fast growing - for an extended season of fresh vegetables.
4. Keep bird baths topped up with water as they quickly evaporate, use fresh, cold water to help birds during the midday heat.
5. Cut back lavender after its flowering period to promote new growth and prevent it from becoming woody.

The Siddington Village Show

Sunday 4th September 2-4pm at the Village Hall

We hope that you are growing, cooking and making in preparation for the Village Show this year. You have hopefully received your entry form in the last edition of the Village News - if not, spare copies are available from Siddington Post Office. The deadline for completed entry forms along with the relevant fee is 6pm Friday 2nd September

Entries must be put in place in the village hall between 10am and 11am on the morning of the event and judging will take place from 11.30am.

FUND RAISING APPEAL

Siddington resident Jane Jones is raising money by cycling around Gloucestershire's border in aid of **BALA CHILDREN'S CENTRE KENYA**. Every donation will help to give over 300 children who very have little, (most of them orphans) a future by way of an education and support. This is no ordinary task as Jane has Neuroendocrine Cancer and Functional Neurological Disorder; so this is a major physical challenge. Donations are via the Gofundme website <https://www.gofundme.com> and search for Jane Jones.

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Next month's editor

Alison Wagstaff

Deadline date: **Monday Aug 15th**

Email: awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk

News from St Peter's Church

August 2022		
Sunday 7 th August	11.15am – refreshments served from 10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 21 st August	11.15am – refreshments served from 10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th August	11.15am	Morning Praise

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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