

Sibford Gower Parish Council

The councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 15th November 2023** at **7pm** in Sibford Village Hall, Sibford Gower

AGENDA

64. Public participation session - (Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of 10 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes).

Business

65. Apologies for absence

66. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

67. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 20th September 2023

68. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- i. Update re meeting with Highways re the bollards outside the doctors' surgery – Highways have advised that they will not spend on items that are purely for verge protection
- ii. Update re discussion with the school and Highways regarding the metal railings at the school (Cllr J Noquet and Cllr Garstin)
- iii. Update re meeting with parishioners regarding parking problems in the Bonds End Lane and Main Street area of the village (Cllrs Garstin and Berks)

69. Town Estates Charity nominee

- i) Nomination to replace Jean Scouse
- ii) Proposal to re-nominate Joan Broady for another term of office

70. Feedback from District/County Councillors

71. Feedback from councillors re training sessions attended

Assets and services

72. Update re enforcement of Burial Ground Regulations

73. Proposal to get a path cut through the Wildflower Area in the Burial Ground at the beginning of the new grass cutting season in 2024

74. Discussion re responsibility for tree management in the Churchyard

Finance

75. Bank balances as at 09.11.23 - £570.34 and £16,907.79

76. Proposal to make the annual grant of £400 to Sibford Village Hall and £200 to the Sibford Scene

77. Proposal to make a contribution of up to £120 towards a replacement laptop for the Clerk. The laptop will not be an asset of Sibford Gower Parish Council as the cost is shared with 8 other councils

78. To agree the budget and resulting precept for the 2024-25 financial year

79. To note and approve the following payments and receipts since the last meeting:

Payments:

26.09.23	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00
26.09.23	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office Sep	£313.06
26.09.23	HMRC	Tax Sep	£38.20

29.09.23	NEST	Pension Sep	£19.84
31.10.23	Lovesey Rural Services	Millennium field paths mowing 4th and 21st Sep	£144.00
31.10.23	OALC	Chairmanship Training	£132.00
31.10.23	OALC	Planning training	£66.00
31.10.23	Thomas Fox Landscaping	Mowing of churchyard 5th Oct	£143.14
31.10.23	Thomas Fox Landscaping	Mowing of churchyard 7th Sep	£143.14
31.10.23	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office October	£313.06
31.10.23	HMRC	Tax October	£38.20
31.10.23	NEST	Pension October	£19.84

Receipts:

09.10.23	R Locke & Son	Burial fee	£203.00
09.10.23	Lloyds	Interest	£16.26
09.11.23	Lloyds	Interest	£19.16

Invoices to be paid:

Lovesey Rural Services	Millennium Field mowing 23/10	£336.00
Sibford Village Hall	Hall hire 17th Oct	£16.50
Kirsty Buttle	Salary November and back pay	£439.59
HMRC	Tax November	£70.40
NEST	Pension November	£29.11
Kirsty Buttle	Paper	£25.99

Planning

80. Planning applications received

23/02368/F – Long View, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and outbuildings. **No objection.** (Response made using delegated powers).

23/02377/F - Mawles Farm, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower. Build a timber frame building within the existing pole barn building. This will make a two bay garage, shed and boiler room, ancillary to the main house. Home office, storage and mezzanine to the first floor. **Comment only - The Parish Council has some concerns about this application, mainly in relation to its non-compliance with the previously approved planning permission. A previous planning application to replace the steel barn with an additional dwelling was refused. Planning permission was given on the basis that the steel barn would be removed and replaced with a smaller, ancillary building. The new ancillary building will now be as big as the old barn which should have been removed.** (Response made using delegated powers).

81. Planning decisions received

23/02368/F - Longview, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and outbuildings. **Approved.**

82. Planning appeal received

APP/C3105/W/23/3321715 - The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop. RETROSPECTIVE - Change of Use of public house (Sui Generis) to hotel/bed and breakfast (Class C1). **Sibford Gower Parish Council cannot support this appeal for the following reasons:**

1. The original application was not published with sufficient information to be able to form a considered view of the impact of the change. Specifically, there was no Design and Access Statement submitted with the application. There was also no meaningful business plan or description of how the building will be used differently.

2. The original application was not live on the planning portal for long enough for parishioners to consider the changes being requested and form a response. The removal of the application from the portal indicated that there was no live planning application to respond to, so we and parishioners assumed this was no longer a live application.

3. The additional information now provided for the appeal (dated May 2023) was not available at the point of the original application. Therefore, we do not believe it should be considered for the appeal, since parishioners did not have the chance to review and comment on it. The justifications made in the additional information provided are not supported with any meaningful data or figures, particularly where it refers to the impact on the other pub in the village.

4. There remains significant opposition in the village to change of use of these premises. Therefore, in the event that a new and complete application is submitted, a community meeting will need to be held to ensure all views are considered before making a formal response on behalf of the Parish Council.

(Response made using delegated powers).

83. Concerns raised about work having taken place that may require planning permission at The New Rectory, Acre Ditch

84. Consideration of the process for responding to planning applications

Community

85. Update re Community Speedwatch

86. Draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040

87. D-Day Beacon Lighting – 6th June 2024

88. To agree meeting dates for 2024 – Proposed dates are 19th March, 22nd May, 11th September, 18th December

Date of next meeting – 19th March 2024 subject to approval of item 88



Signed:

Parish Clerk

Date: 10th November 2023