

Sibford Gower Parish Council

The councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 18th December 2024** at **7pm** in Sibford Village Hall, Sibford Gower

AGENDA

48. 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

49. Apologies for absence

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

51. To approve the appointment of Mrs Vanessa Oliveri as Parish Clerk as from 1st December 2024.

52. To approve and sign the newly appointed Parish Clerk's contract of employment.

53. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 11th September 2024

54. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- a) Update re possible solutions re parking problems in the Bonds End Lane and Main Street area of the village (Cllr Berks)

55. Co-option for a vacancy of a Parish Councillor – The District Council have notified the PC that the 14 day notice period to demand a by-election to fill the P/Cllr vacancy has expired and no by-election has been demanded. The PC can now advertise the vacancy for co-option.

Assets and services

56. Burial Ground

- a) To receive the tree inspection report and quotes for required tree work
- b) Discussion re responsibility for maintenance of the Churchyard including tree management, memorial stones, and repair of the damaged walls

57. To receive quotes for the grass cutting contract on the Churchyard and Burial Ground and to agree which contractor to appoint

Finance

58. Bank balances as at 12.12.24 – To note the bank balances as at 12.12.24.

59. To confirm completion of a quarterly asset check and agree any actions required

60. Proposal to make a grant of £400 to Sibford Village Hall and £200 to the Sibford Scene

61. To approve to purchase a laptop for the Parish Clerk to use.

62. To agree the budget for 2025 -26

63. To approve the precept for the 2025-26

64. To note and approve the payments and receipts since the last meeting

Planning

65. Planning applications received

- 1) **24/02518/TCA – Bank House, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop.** T1 x Oak - Remove de back and reduce lateral growth by 2M all round. T2/3 x Yews - Crown thin removing sucker growth by 10%. **No representation made.**

- 2) **24/02600/F – New Barn Farm, Colony Road, Sibford Gower.** Variation of Conditions 2, 13 and 14 and removal of Condition 11 of 23/01092/F. **No comment. (Response made using delegated powers).**
- 3) **24/02664/PIP - The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop.** Planning Permission in Principle is sought for the provision of 3-7 dwellings within the area outlined in red on the accompanying Ordnance Survey Map. **REFUSED.**
- 4) **24/02750/TCA – The Court House, Main Street, Sibford Gower.** Following the visit on 27 September 2024 by Martin Jenkins, NCH (Arb), Tech Cert (ArborA), TechArborA, the following work was agreed with the applicant: Large Cedar by the garage. Due to this tree's increasing size, I would reduce all over by 2.0 – 3.0m to leave it with a more compact crown. **No representation made.**
- 5) **24/03261/F – Methodist Chapel, Temple Mill Road, Sibford Gower.** Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 3 (window opening) and 9 (window opening) of 19/02129/F – update conditions to allow for the insertion of a ground floor window west elevation at the rear of the building.

Comments to be made by 2nd January 2025.

66. Notification of planning appeals

APP/C3105/W/24/3350881 - Former Paddocks, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower. Permission in Principle - construction of up to 5no. dwellings.

67. Planning decisions received

24/00661/F - New Rectory, Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower. Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 21/03450/F - The drawings will indicate the dwelling as built. No representation made. **Approved.**

24/00613/F - The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop. Amended design to 16/01525/F - Erection of a single storey building providing 3 no en-suite letting rooms amended to three-bedroom cottage for holiday let. The Parish Council has been consulted on planning application ref. 24/00613/F The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop, OX15 5RQ - Amended design to 16/01525/F. **Approved.**

24/02065/F - Serenity Of Sibford, At Gautherns Barn, Colony Road, Sibford Gower. Retrospective - Change of Use from a beauty salon at level 1 of the building into a single dwelling. **Approved.**

24/02359/TCA – Hadlands, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower. 1 x Apple Tree - Crown reduction by 2M by removal of heavier water shoots back to framework and a general crown thin and dead wood. **Approved.**

24/02364/TCA – West Farm Cottage, Main Street, Sibford Gower. T1- Cut Leaf Beech - Reduce crown by 2-3m. **Approved.**

Community

68. Information exchange

69. Request from Ron Bailey on behalf of Lord Foster of Bath to support their campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal

70. To agree meeting dates for 2025 –

- **End of February 2025**
- **May 2025**
- **First week of September 2025**
- **December 2025**

Signed: *V. Oliveri*
Parish Clerk

Date: 13th December 2024