

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

### **Present:**

Cllrs H Barratt (Chairman), D Young, S Crawford, B Hamilton-Russell, J Hill, A Millington, M Evans.

Unitary Cllr M Shineton

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

### **0) Public participation:**

No parishioners present.

### **1) Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Abbiss (away), T Caswell (work), Unitary Cllr Butler (unavailable). It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

### **2) Declaration of Interests:**

The Localism Act 2011, Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

None declared.

### **3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on December 15th 2014:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record and Chairman signed these accordingly.

### **4) Matters Arising from the minutes:**

(a) Clerk's progress report:

#### Co-option:

Stuart Allen has expressed his wish to join the Parish Council and apologised for not being able to attend tonight's meeting as he is away.

Clerk confirmed that she had checked this with SALC and they cannot see any reason why he cannot be co-opted but if anyone else comes forward then a vote will have to be taken.

Stuart explained at the last meeting that he might have a problem with a clash of dates and if the PC meeting is held on the 23rd February then he will have to give his apologies.

#### CIL money:

Clerk circulated an email received from SC confirming that the Parish Council had £2722 'in the pot' for the parish which can be used for infrastructure.

Discussions took place and suggestions were made that perhaps adjoining parishes could put their money together to use as 'cross boundary' projects. It was **RESOLVED that this could be put as an agenda item on the next LJC meeting**

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems:

All emails responded to by SC – some work has already been carried out and following monthly inspection today other work has been identified.

c) Reply re: car rallies

#### Car rally:

Email from Graham Downes which Clerk read out. Clerk had not contacted the Clubs to arrange a meeting as Cllr Shingleton was going to speak to the organisers.

Unitary Cllr Shingleton confirmed that she had talked to the Police who pointed out that they had spoken to the Rally Clubs involved and told them that if they break the law they will deal with them.

After discussions the main complaint was that where some people might be notified by a letter dropped through the door no one is told of the actual route. It was **RESOLVED to invite both rally clubs to the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the problems.**

(d) Any other matters arising:

Clerk asked Unitary Cllr Shingleton if she had been able to find out information regarding the expenditure in the Parish. Cllr Shingleton pointed out that she was unsure as to what the PC required. Cllr Evans pointed out that due to budget and service cuts it was wondered if money should be added into the precept for any services likely to be cut in our parish. The cost for highways might be able to be obtained!

The CTSG was £810 last year and explanations of what this money could be used for was discussed. This money could be used to boost the Lengthsman Scheme or to help the loss of Youth Services funding.

#### **5) a) Co-option of new Councillor :**

Councillors had met and talked to Stuart Allen at the last meeting but unfortunately Stuart was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had emailed Clerk to confirm that he was willing to stand for co-option.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Stuart Allen onto the Parish Council. Clerk will contact Mr Allen.**

b) Signing of declaration of Acceptance of Office by newly elected Councillor:

Clerk will arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

#### **6) Planning applications:**

a) If any received after issue of the agenda:

None received.

#### **b) Planning permissions/refusals:**

1) Reference: 14/05315/TCA (validated: 25/11/2014)

Address: Stottesdon C E Primary School, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE

Proposal: To remove all major deadwood more than 80mm in diameter and stubbs from throughout the crown of 1 No Poplar Lombardy (21) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

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3) Reference: 14/04131/FUL (validated: 13/10/2014)

Address: Bagginswood Cottage, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14 8NA

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension together with conversion of double garage with pitched roof over

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Any others received after issue of the agenda:

None.

## 7) **SALC report:**

No report available but Clerk reminded Cllrs of the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Barratt agreed to attend.

## 8) **Unitary Councillor's report:**

Unitary Cllr Shingleton gave a brief report on the following items:

- Health and Well Being board where patients/staff/carers were talked to intensively for 3 days. Preview of the report shows Shropshire is doing really well. Full report awaited.
- SC – Officers have been told 'no more spending this year'.
- Council Tax Support Grant proposal not to pass this onto Councils.
- Youth Partnership.

Chairman thanked Cllr Shingleton for her report.

## 9) **Financial matters:**

a) Outstanding payments: Clerks fees - £xx

HMRC PAYE £119.55

M Pearce (mowing of footpaths) - £40

Viking - £80.10

It was **RESOLVED to pay these accounts and Cllrs were authorised to sign cheques.**

b) Income since last meeting – 36p

c) Bank statement/Quarterly Bank reconciliation/Budget:

These were produced for each Cllr and explained by the Clerk. It was **RESOLVED that these be accepted.**

d) To consider precept requirement for next meeting:

See attached spreadsheet showing suggestions by Clerk and decisions made by Councillors.

During the discussions the CTSG was one again discussed and what this money will be used for. Youth Partnership and provision of car parking maintenance were mentioned. It was **RESOLVED that Clerk makes enquiries regarding whether the parking bays are insured and who is responsible for maintenance including potholes/resurfacing.**

Clerk confirmed that a Band D equivalent for the Parish is £309.42 for the coming year. The figures were discussed and it was **RESOLVED to include an amount for future projects (which could include car parking/playing field) into the budget of £3062 which would result in a precept of £16,832 giving a 0% increase.**

e) Proposal by SC to withdraw the Council Tax Support Grant:

It was **RESOLVED to write to SC expressing concern and pointing out that the PC were considering using this to support the Youth in our area.**

## 10) **Parish matters/problems:**

a) Parish problems:

- Bottom of Walton Bank/Bakers Bank – road breaking up badly.
- Pothole on junction of main road at Billingsley chipping bed.
- Moonhouse Bank potholes
- Broken drain at Walton bank.

Cllr Shingleton confirmed that tenders are out at the moment for Design Company for Highways.

b) Parish Watch:

- Cllr Hamilton-Russell commented on the break in at the shed t Stottesdon School.

- Appears to be an increase of break ins at Cleobury Mortimer.
- Theft recently at Farlow – no firm details received.
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**11) Correspondence:** All correspondence noted as received unless comments made.

Emails forwarded include:

SALC Bulletins

RSN newsletters

Rural Hub newsletter

SC – Electoral Roll

SC – Highways severe weather/potholing schemes - ongoing programme of planned road closures.

CTSG – meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February at Shirehall

Emergency Planning newsletter

Reply from Cleview Bridleways Group re: donation

Police and Crime Commissioners newsletter

SALC – Community Health News

Footpath problem reported – forwarded to P3 group for their attention

Outdoor Recreation (SC) – Playground inspection and maintenance service

SALC – Community Health News

Cancellation of LJC Planning meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> January

NHS Future Fit

SALC AGM/Conference – 9<sup>th</sup> February. *Cllr Barratt will attend.*

**Forthcoming road closures:**

Road to be closed: Walkerslow Bridge - Overton Junction to the Baytree junction, Burwarton, Shropshire

Date and duration: 02/03/2015 - 4 days (08.00 - 16.00)

Purpose: Bridge Maintenance Works

Applicant: Ringway

Road to be closed: Honeysuckle Junction to The Miners Junction, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Date and duration: 23/02/2015 for 4 days (09.30 - 16.00)

Purpose: Carriageway Resurfacing

Applicant: Ringway

This has now been changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> February for 2 days (1<sup>st</sup> section, Walton/Prescott)) and then 23<sup>rd</sup> February for 2 days (Prescott/Honeysuckle) Both weather permitting.

Road to be closed: New Road, Highley

Date: 7th February 2015 for 16 days

(7th and 8th Feb closure 08.00 to 18.00, 14th – 22nd Feb closure

24 hours)

Applicant: Ringway on behalf of Shropshire Council

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Publication of the Quality Commission report on RSH and PR Hospitals – *highlighted by Cllr Shineton earlier.*

Clerk and Council Direct magazine

SC – description of works at Walton-Prescott – *discussed earlier.*

Buckingham Palace Garden party nominations – *Chairman will be nominated.*

Hope House – thank you letter re: donation

Oil Buying Scheme

QC – Local Council Award scheme – *suggested PC apply for Foundation level, Clerk will look into this.*

Glasdon brochure

12) **Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015/Future dates to be agreed.**  
After discussions it was **RESOLVED** to hold the next meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February as it is half term the previous week and several Cllrs would be unavailable that night.

13) **Update: Car parking/playing field \*\* - if anything to report.**

\*\*Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 13 the public and press shall be excluded under s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended

Nothing to report.

**Cheques written:**

Mrs F Morris – salary £xxx

HMRC - £119.55

M Pearce - £40 – footpath mowing

Viking - £80.10 – office supplies

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**

**These minutes were approved and signed at the Parish Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.**