

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Ferguson, S Allen, R Abbiss, C Smith, B Montague (co-opted at meeting).

Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton

Parishioners: 1

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

One parishioner present who ah dome along with a view to being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S Crawford (work), H Barrett (dispensation), Unitary Cllr G Butler (unavailable). It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

2) Co-option of new Councillor confirmation from SC:

Clerk confirmed that SC had sent notification that it was in order for the PC to co-opt and Ms Beverley Montague had expressed an interest. Beverley was present at the meeting and it was **RESOLVED that Beverley be co-opted onto the PC.**

3) Signing of acceptance of office for new Cllr:

This was duly signed by Cllr Montague and witnessed by Clerk and Chairman.

4) 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.

5) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2018:

These had been circulated with the agenda and **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and the chairman signed these accordingly.**

6) Matters Arising from the minutes (a) Progress report from Clerk:

Silent Soldier – suggestions that this might be in the wrong place and suggested that this could perhaps be put between the Sycamore trees behind the bus shelter. Clerk pointed out that permission had been granted by STAR Housing for the siting of this. **RESOLVED to meet and look at this.** Cllr Abbiss commented that she had attended the Mayors training and commented that the Shrewsbury Mayor had been chauffeur driven to the event! Clerk queried why Cllr Abbiss had attended when the PC do not have Mayor but she confirmed that this was through SALC.

Reply from SC re: road repairs:
Clerk gave details of proposed works in the parish.

(b) any other matters arising:
None.

7) Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

a) Reference: 18/03008/HRM (validated: 28/06/2018)

Address: Land Near Lower Northwood Farm, Northwood Lane, Northwood, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PT

Proposal: To remove three consecutive sections of hedgerow totalling 88m to improve workability of fields on land east of Lower Northwood Farm.

Applicant: Mr Michael Fletcher (Greenacres, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8ND)

Clerk had contacted SC regarding this and the reply was read out. It was **RESOLVED that if this hedge is listed under the 'important' criteria then the PC wish that this edge is retained if not then they had no objections to the removal. It was unclear what 'important' related to.**

b) Any others received after issue of agenda:
None.

8) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that she had been re-elected as Chairman of the Area Committee last week and the meeting was well attended by SC Officers and Kier Managers to talk about Highway repairs which highlighted that there is no money for extra work and that Kier say that they are progressing with the problems handed over to them.

Eric Carter also gave an interesting talk on the Ironbridge Power Station and the suggestions of linking this to the Telford railways. This was to ascertain if there was any support for this and it was agreed in principle and this will be discussed at the SALC Executive meeting.

9) Unitary Councillor's report:

Cllr Shingleton reported on the following:

- Kier – problems raised regarding the persistent flooding at the bottom of Moon House Bank – this will keep cropping up in heavy rain unless the drainage problem is sorted a.s.a.p. Another jetter is urgently needed.

- Audit report virtually clear – re-emphasised how badly funded Shropshire is compared with Telford and Wrekin.
- Large ratepayers are being lost in the County with shop closures etc.
- The purchase of shops on the riverside at Shrewsbury has been criticised but it is hoped to build a new medical centre for that part of Shrewsbury together with specialist shops and accommodation to enhance the riverside.
- Future Fit Consultation – urged everyone to respond.
- Lots of Consultations going on at present with so many Task and Finish Groups set up.

Chairman thanked Cllr Shineton for her report.

Cllr Shineton promised to go and look at the new car park on her way home.

10) **Financial matters:**

- a) To confirm bank transfer payments from last month – payments initialled
 b) Outstanding payments:

Clerk's salary (bank transfer) £xxx, HMRC PAYE (bank transfer) £86.71, Zen (broadband in village hall) £36, Web Orchard – new website- £936.00 Invar Mapping (marking out of car park) £330.00, Lengthsman Scheme account – not received.

Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda – G P Cork (car park) - £5,050.00 to be paid on receipt of invoice, as per quotation. It was

RESOLVED that the Clerk pays all these accounts via bank transfer. c) Income since last meeting – 51p interest. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the bank for better account.**

- d) Bank statement/reconciliation – will be dealt with next month

11) **Parish matters/problems**

- a) Parish problems:

- Honeysuckle Lane – plastic all blown around the lane.
- E potholes on Harcourt road between farm lane and Litley.
- Walton Bank hedge needs cutting back.
- Branch sticking out of hedge at Walton Bank scratching vehicles.
- Hedge close to Halfway House needs cutting back and SLOW signs need repainting (not our parish but will report)
- Parking outside school caused problems for tractors during sports day.
- Older lads using the playing field are using bad language and Cllr Ferguson reported that he had spoken to the lads and asked if he could put an item in the newsletter regarding this – agreed.
- Sign post at the bottom of Dayhouse Cottages bank – Clerk confirmed that she had reported this and it was on order.

- b) Parish Watch:

Nothing received from Police.

- c) Lengthsman Scheme update:

Nothing to report.

12) Correspondence: (all noted as received unless comments made):

Emails forwarded include:

SALC:

- Bulletins
- Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning - Wednesday 12th September 2018, 10am - 4pm at The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
- Fundamentals for Councillors training - Wednesday 26th September 2018, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
- CONSULTATION: Shropshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024
- Shropshire Council Discretionary Rate Relief Policy review
- Vicky Turner - Presentations from recent LJC Public Meeting
- Cleobury Country - CIEH Foundation Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety - 17th October 2018

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda.

13) Policy updates:

- Standing orders/Financial Regulations – Clerk and Cllr Abbiss to meet next week to go through these.

14) Old Fox and Hounds car park update/review* ** Item 14:**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

No public and press present.

In confidential report.

15) Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th August 2018

Accounts paid:

Clerk's salary (bank transfer) £xxx

HMRC PAYE (bank transfer) £86.71

Zen (broadband in village hall) £36

Web Orchard – new website- £936.00

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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Approved 20th August 2018