

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: See attached sheet.

01. Apologies:

David Young, Sally Crawford, Chris and Clare Tibbits, Helen Hale (Stottesdon WI), Zoe Baker (Chorley Family Playgroup), Sue and Alan Vincent (Chorley Chapel), Dr Matt Home (Willowdene)

02. Minutes of last meeting - April 18th, 2016:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED** to sign these as a true record.

03. Matters arising from minutes:

None.

04. Chairman's Annual Report:

Attached.

05. Shropshire Councillor's report - if available due to purdah :

Report attached from Cllr Shineton.

06. Update re: Fox and Hounds car park:

Chairman explained that this plot has planning permission (which the PC objected to) for one house was put on the market for £85,000. The Parish Council had it valued by the District Valuer who valued this at £45,000. At the Public meeting held in February there was 100% support for the Parish Council to put in an offer to retain this plot as car parking for the parish in particular for Dr's Surgery parking. Donation offers had been received and the PC put in an offer which was refused by the landowner. Chairman explained that as the PC can only borrow the £45,000 this is all that the loan will cost the parishioners through the precept and any increase in offer will be via donations (extra promised). Generous offers have been received which means that the PC could offer £75,000 for this plot with any extra work needed to be done through volunteers etc. The main thing at present is to purchase the plot and the intention is to put in an increased offer.

Planning permission was queried as to why this was granted - Cllr Shineton explained that at the time this was granted permission there was a shortage of housing land available to build on in the County.

It is felt that the PC will not lose any money on this site if purchased as it will be owned by the PC.

07. Organisation reports:

a) Stottesdon School Governors: Report given by Rev Mark Daborn - copy attached. Chairman asked if there was any news for the building of the new hall and when work commences if the immediate neighbours could be informed well in advance.

b) WI: report attached read by Clerk.

c) Playgroup - report attached read by Clerk.

d) Chorley Village Hall - report attached given by Nick Heawood (Chairman) . Nick did point out that the plastic recycling container had been removed and that the Village Hall Committee intended asking for the others to be removed as this would create more parking spaces and eliminate any mess. These were provided before household collections were implemented.

e) Parish Watch: Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell (co-ordinator) reported that we are a relatively low crime area compared to Highley and Cleobury Mortimer. Brian also confirmed that sadly due to personal commitments he would have to give up this post and asked for a volunteer to pass any information given to PC Ann O'Leary. Chairman thanked Brian for his work.

f) South Wheatland Archive Group (SWAG): Rosemary Abbiss reported that there has been no movement with this group again this year with approximately £1000 in the funds. This will be used within the parish once it has been decided on how to spend it. The Archives are still housed in the Church and it would be good to get this information put onto a website.

It was suggested that perhaps the money could be spent in paying someone to do this.

g) Stotty Strolls/P3 Group - report attached read by Clerk.

h) Nightingale Nurses: Rosemary Abbiss (Chairman of the group) confirmed that this is for nursing help when there is a crisis in the family. It is organised through an agency for insurance purposes and is being quite extensively used at present mostly in and around the Cleobury Mortimer area. Their thoughts are that many families move away from the area and some people are left with very little family support. The fund is confidential for anyone to use. The group has to fund raise to raise money to cover the costs involved.

i) Stottesdon/Sidbury Church: - report attached given by Rev Mark Daborn.

j) Chorley Chapel - Clerk had printed out several copies of this lengthy report for anyone to take to read and the Chairman went through several points in the report which is attached.

k) Chorley Show: Dave Rix (ex chairman) reported that the show was reinvented 3 years ago and despite the awful weather last year they still managed to make a profit and make donations to the Air Ambulance, Asthma UK, Search and rescue and Willowdene. Dave confirmed that he had stood down as Chairman so they were muddling through without one. They are in need of people to get involved with the planning/minutes of meetings/phone calls etc and appealed to anyone who might have a 'famous' friend who would come and open the Show on August 19th for free! Last year Raymond Frogatt did this. It is a show put on by "families for families". Support from locals is needed.
The film Club also runs monthly for £7 a year membership.

l) Willowdene/Lengthsman Scheme: Dave Walker gave the attached report from Willowdene and also gave details of the work carried out under the Lengthsman Scheme. Dave pointed out that the broken pipe at Walton Bank needs attention from the SC and that he had put markers in a deep gully along Northwood Lane to stop vehicles driving into this.

Clerk pointed out that William Evans had carried out a litter pick for his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and had collected more than 40 bags of rubbish - report attached which Clerk has written to go on his booklet.

The sign at Sidbury had an arm hanging and pointing in the wrong direction. Clerk confirmed that she had reported this to SC. Dave confirmed that he had repaired this several times but would have another look at it.

Chairman thanked everyone for their reports.

08. Parish problems:

- Work in filling in the potholes has commenced at Honeysuckle Lane.
- Work queried on road at Chorley - Clerk confirmed that the completion date had been delayed due to other work problems - details on PC website.
- Concern expressed regarding size/speed of tractors. Chairman explained that a farmer did come and speak at a PC meeting last year and confirmed that they have speed limiters on them but appreciated that they do fill the roads often with nowhere to escape to.
- Concern expressed that rows of horses are being ridden through the parish with no leader at the front and back wearing hi-viz jackets. Cllr Shineton offered to speak to the Equestrian Centre.
- Dog mess on the footpath outside The Old Police House/Glebe Drive and footpath down passed the school. People were asked to keep an eye open to see if they trace whose dog is causing this problem.
- Cars parking outside the school as highlighted by the Chairman is causing problems for some parishioners who have to walk in the road as sometimes vehicles are left blocking the pavement for several hours. Clerk suggested that the new CSO visits during school hours to look at the problem.

- Dave Rix asked if the parish newsletter could once again be delivered to every household. If people do not look at notice boards/look on the internet etc then they would have had no idea about tonight's meeting. Internet distribution does not get to everyone.

Clerk explained that there were not enough people to deliver these and as it is a large parish it had been agreed and advertised in the newsletters that these would be available via the PC website and in the Shop, Dr's Surgery and Duck Inn. Dave Rix offered to deliver around Chorley and perhaps the Village Hall Committee would contribute towards the costs as they insert information. A decision would have to wait until the new Councillors take up office in May.

09. Chairman's closing comments:

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to stay and chat over a sandwich and drink.

10. Date of next meeting: April 24th (Parish Council meeting)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.