

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Abbiss, Vice-Chairman, who chaired the first part of the meeting),
Z Griffen, M Pearce, C Adams, S Crawford, R Kennett, A Sierakowski, S Allen.
Shropshire Cllr S Harris
Public: two members
Clerk: Mrs F Morris

1) Election of Officers:

a) Chairman:

Current Chairman Cllr D Young had sent apologies, but Clerk had checked to see if he was still prepared to stand as Chairman and if it was legal to do so in his absence. Cllr Young was prepared to stand, and this was acceptable if agreed by Cllrs that he signs his declaration asap. With this confirmation nominations were taken, and Cllr Young was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to continue as chairman.**

b) Acceptance of Office by Chairman – **RESOLVED for Chairman to sign this declaration asap.**

c) Election of Vice-Chairman:

Cllr Griffin was proposed, seconded **RESOLVED as Vice-Chairman** and took over chairing the meeting.

d) Acceptance of Office by Vice Chairman – this was signed by Cllr Griffin and witnessed by Clerk.

e) Election of SALC reps and any others as deemed necessary:

SALC – Cllrs Abbiss and Griffin elected.

Personnel Committee: Cllrs Allen, Crawford, Griffin agreed to remain on the committee with the addition of Cllr Adams.

2) Co-option of Parish Councillor; no interest at present.

3) Public participation – meeting suspending for this item at 7.40pm.

Residents present raised their concern regarding the road closure at Brooksmeeting resulting in extra traffic, including HGV's and tractors and trailers who fill the roads, and speeding vehicles with very few passing places.

Clerk explained that the closure was on safety grounds and that she had asked for a temporary speed limit and possible restriction for HGV's, tractors etc with access only and a request from the owner of Dessert Woods for access to be allowed for him to get his charcoal out of the woods and the reply from highways was:

I will ask my supervisor about Dessert woods access tomorrow.

With regard to the extra traffic, all I can say at the moment is that the repairs and being arranged and once they have been completed, we will then move on to Rays Bridge and Brooksmeeting to effect repairs there also.

If anyone reports further subsidence at Rays bridge as a result of increased traffic, please let me know,

I don't think we can restrict vehicle access on the diversion at this time?

Clerk explained that there is a 12ft drop where the road is closed.

4) Apologies for absence:

These were noted from Cllr Young, Police and Shropshire Cllr G Butler.

5) 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.

6) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2024:

These were circulated with the agenda, and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that these be signed as a true record.**

7) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

New updates on [Sidbury Church to Lower House Farm \(Fix My Street\)](#)

We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed. *Confirmed some have been done but not all.*

New updates on [Potholes](#) – Bagginswood/Six Ashes road

We have now arranged for the required work to take place to resolve the issue you reported to us.

We will update you when the work has been completed.

Reported by Clerk and Cllr Allen, but not yet repaired.

b) Any others:

Hawkswood Lane from Sidbury repaired mostly to bridge.

Road closure for The Square to Riddings Lane will be postponed on 1st August for Burwarton Show. Clerk had notified SC that traffic could be quite heavy the day before too.

8) Delegation of power to Clerk for decisions between meetings. Left on agenda in error.

9) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) Reference: 24/01126/FUL (validated: 26/03/2024)

Address: Ribley, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UW

Proposal: Erection of new double garage, new post and rail fencing and electric sliding gate facing highway

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Any others received after issue of agenda:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Planning reference: 24/01894/AGR

Erection of agricultural building for general agricultural storage – primarily storage of hay South of Hawkswood Barns, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, Wv16 6PL

Applicant – Harriet Perkins

It was felt that this application would block visibility for the barn conversions and that possibly the first barn has been built in the incorrect place.

Large Oak tree needs protecting.

Barns at present very visible from Chorley Road, which we were told would not be visible.
A response would be formulated Objecting to these plans.

10) Shropshire Cllr's report: emailed out

Cllr Butler reported on the following:

- ✓ HS2 money – nothing has happened with this but still understands it will be for resolving potholes.
- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Waste Collection Consultation attracted 17,000 replies and is still open.

11) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

- ✓ CIL money questioned – had we received any? Clerk said no but did not think we had any due.
- ✓ County Secretary job still not filled.
- ✓ AGM Conference 30th October – theme will be Nature Recovery – Janet Cobb - (RSV) will be one speaker. Still in planning stages.
- ✓ Jan Snell Award to be presented.
- ✓ Area Committee due next month – Clerk will send out details when received.

12) Finance:

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's salary £xx

HMRC £294.97

OFFICIAL - PWLB lending facility Repayment Notice - 28 May 2024 - STOTTESDON & SIDBURY PARISH C (WORCS) payment due 28/5/24- £2426.43.

Any others received after issue of agenda:

Insurance renewal – Clerk had tried for alternative quotes, but unable to obtain for tonight. £652.96 or £633.06 on a 3-year long term agreement . Clerk was instructed to pay this and then look again in 3 years.

Clerk confirmed that the EMG (Lengthsman) had been sent in a few days late, but SC require confirmation that the PC have discussed this and agreed the application and confirmation of match funding.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that every account is discussed and approved for payment and that the clerk would once again submit the application. Match funding is available.**

13) Parish problems:

Report from Cllrs:

- Duddlewick Lane to Pickthorn Farm needs attention. This road is used by walkers, horse riders and vehicles and it is understood that a motorcyclist recently came off his motorbike and was injured.
- Dr's car park road edge has started to dip again due to all the wet weather. Mark Pearce was asked to quote for this work.
- Potholes still remain at Bagginswood.
- Bridleway meeting being held this week, and it is hoped that a five mile off road route has been established.
- Speeding through Chorley due to road closure – Clerk has made enquiries but will also email school asking them to remind parents of the narrow lane.

- Duddlewick Lane – a FOI request had been sent to SC and the findings were reported. Part of the lane is collapsing. Main road appears to have dropped down the list of priorities.

Any others:

Newsletter to be produced highlighting the work of the Lengthsman, report from bridleways group etc.

14) Correspondence: *all sent out via email and taken as read unless comments made*

SALC Bulletins

Electoral roll alterations

NALC NEWSLETTER

SC - Short break questionnaire - Carers

FREE COURSE TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE - sent out 2/5/24.

[Loughton to Hinton Road](#) We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.

Potholes filled but the lifted tarmac at the bridge has not been repaired.

Your choice today for West Mercia's Police and Crime Commissioner – John Campion re-elected.

Road Closure: The Square, Stottesdon

SC - Lezley's Leader Update

Severn Valley Country Park Bulletin May 2024

Garden waste consultation reminder from Shropshire Council

Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - May, June & July 2024

New Model Financial Regulations 2024 – Clerk has not had chance to read this through!

Police - Local information

SALC - Digital Skills Programme Shropshire

Any others received after issue of the agenda.

15) Date of next meeting: 24th June 2024 7.30pm. Personnel meeting 6.30pm

Payments approved:

Clerks' salary - £xxx

HMRC 294.87

Insurance renewal £636.06 – 3 year term

PWLB – direct debit £2426.43

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: