

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th December, 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman), M Pearce, S Allen, Z Griffen, R Abbiss, A Sierakowski.

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllrs S Crawford, R Kennett, C Adams, Shropshire Cllr G Butler. Apologies all noted, as received.

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.

Cllr Pearce declared an interest in Item 6b.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2023:

These had been circulated with agenda and proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that these are signed as a true record.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Bollards nr Ridings Lane – reply from SC Highways Inspector:

Enquiry 14117313 logged on 29/6/23, requested replacement of missing bollards after hedge cutting. Google maps showed bollards were present near the junction of Blundell farm but had since gone missing.

I arranged for these to be replaced. Please see pictures. The picture on the phone is from google maps before the bollards went missing, the other picture is the replacements.

Cllrs could not remember bollards being there but felt that they were not required. Cllr Pearce pointed out that whilst carrying out his Lengthsman work he had pushed these back into the ground. Clerk will contact landowner regarding these.

Large Pothole nr Riddings Lane Junction (bottom of Burnt Pitt Bank):

I have confirmation from Kier this has been repaired.

Reply from NALC re: Church toilet funding: Shrop 23/497 - Stottesdon & Sidbury PC.

In view of your request for an urgent reply I thought that it would respond to this by email but let me know if you need a formal advice.

Currently, as a result of the Local Government Act 1894, there is no power for a parish council to fund any works on property relating to the affairs of the church which would include toilet facilities at the church for use by the congregation amongst others.

However, as a result of the passing of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 it will be legal to use discretionary powers in Acts of Parliament other than the 1894 Act this purpose. This would include the use of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This change comes into effect on 26 December (two months after the passing of the 2023 Act).

As a result, the parish council cannot make a valid decision to fund the proposed toilets at its meeting on 18 December 2023, but it will be able to do so at the meeting on 22 January 2024.

After discussions and confirmation from the Clerk that this toilet was to be fitted into a wooden shed, it was wondered if a Portaloo with a contract for emptying might be better. It was agreed to leave this until the Annual Parish Meeting in order for residents to make any comments – an item will be put in the next newsletter.

Letter received from resident:

Hope you are well. I am becoming increasingly concerned about the road from Hawkswood Lane at Brookes Meeting. There is a risk it will collapse into the brook, especially following the recent heavy rain. Kind regards. Jo Laybourne, 1 Hawkswood Barns, Sidbury.

Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent saying that the PC are constantly reporting this problem.

Lengthsman had cleared this road and cut another spur to dispose of water etc.

Clerk has been told by the Highways technician that he intends to bring Andy Keyland out to see the problems as soon as possible, including this road, The Desserts, and Rays Farm Road.

Shropshire Cllr Harris was asked if any money had been ringfenced for potholes following the cancellation of the HS2 – enquiries will be made.

b. Any others – comments received regarding the state of the Bagginswood road.

A question was asked whether any of the money from the cancelled HS2 and any other money will be ring fenced for potholes/highways etc. Shropshire Cllr Butler will make enquiries.

5) Finance:

a) Payments for approval:

Clerk's salary - £xx HMRC payment - £296.81

Lengthsman Account - £2660.00 for all drainage work, road clearance etc.

£50.00 for putting up and taking down poppies around the parish.

Clerk's SLCC renewal – contribution £65 received from Chelmarsh PC. Clerk pointed out that the actual cost was £188 not £183.

RESOLVED that these accounts all paid via BACS.

Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting: £12.90 interest

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a. Reference: 23/04418/FUL (validated: 23/10/2023)

Address: Burnt Pitt Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b. Reference: 23/05160/FUL (validated: 01/12/2023)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land To The East Of, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a functional needs agricultural dwelling with double garage within sight and sound of livestock, installation of package treatment plant (re-submission).

Clerk read report from Cllr Sierakowski, and it was agreed to send in our previous comments together with other queries, which the Clerk will draft and send to Cllrs:

Councillors repeat their previous comments as per the previous application:

Councillors support this application.

Cllrs ask that the entrance visibility splay is wide enough/sufficient to allow large tractors with

trailers and other farm implements to be able to ingress/egress without having to damage the grass verge opposite.

Cllrs also ask once again that the barns are screened with trees/hedging to lessen the impact from the Stottesdon/Chorley road as these are highly visible.

Following the refusal of the original application it was noted that the agricultural holding is stated as being 1300 acres, and the number of animals seem to be confusing as these differ in reports from the Vets and Halls. During the ownership of this land there does not appear to have been anywhere near the number of animals as stated in the reports. As the number of animals stated is not always on this site and we believe are lambed/calved at Duddlewick Farm, the need for a dwelling is now questioned? We cannot see any difference in this application to the one that has been refused.

We note in the Land Asset Planning document 2.3 Traffic Flow.... The timing of the school day is incorrect – this road is used earlier than stated for children being brought to catch the Lacon Childe school bus and also Nursery which commences early. We cannot see that Traffic Marshals will be suitable.

With regards to the document 'Mains Sewer Justification', please be aware that the ditch along this section of road is regularly full to the top.

We trust that you will take out further comments into consideration.

c. Reference: 23/04603/TCA (validated: 13/10/2023)
Address: Coulraine, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ
Proposal: Fell 18no Leylandii within Stottesdon Conservation Area
Decision: **No Objection**

d. Any others received after issue of the agenda: None received.

e. To agree delegated powers for planning applications received requiring comments prior to next meeting. **RESOLVED that Clerk will contact Cllrs Young, Abbiss, Allen and Sierakowski.**

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported on the following:

- Working with Breakthrough Communications and SC for training.
- Emergency Planning training has been carried out but hopes to attend the last session.
- Community Charter – 3rd January via Zoom.
- Martyn's Law
- Will be adding a Chairmans's Panel

Chairman asked if Cllr Abbiss could join the next meeting via Zoom as he is unable to do so on Tuesday evenings.

It was also asked who replaced Steve Smith?

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- Repairs carried out prior to Kier taking over the Highways contract have not been good, and it was queried if SC can seek compensation from Ringway – Cllr Abbiss will ask through SALC or Clerk can raise this when a further meeting is held.

- Cattle grid at Hopton Bank appears to be taking a long time to complete with temporary traffic lights still there, Clerk understood there was a problem with some fittings which rendered it unsafe.
- Mirror on main road at Wheathill, opposite the monument, has been knocked into the hedge.
- Taxis/vehicles from The Old Vicarage drive straight over the junction instead of stopping to see if anything is coming which has caused some near misses.
- Willowdene minibus being driven along the Duddlewick Road with children on board, the driver was on his mobile phone and Lengthsman had to move quickly out of his way. Cllr Pearce had rung Willowdene but had heard nothing back.
- Baytree to Wrickton road riddled with potholes.
- Potholes top of Northwood Lane, corner by Hodgetts, Lower Northwood.

b) Brown Cleve Medical Practice – no further updates.

c) any others – none.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report - emailed to Cllrs:

Cllr Harris reported:

- ✓ Police – not enough for our area. PC Wayne Strangwood is off the road. It was confirmed that the PC had written to John Campion but received a 'standard' reply.
- ✓ SC Budget Consultations – 4.99% increase.
- ✓ SDC under borrowed but no issues like Birmingham.
- ✓ 700 children in care in the County.
- ✓ Clebury Mortimer Post Office was supposed to re-open today but it did not!

Chairman thanked Cllr Harris for his report.

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors, taken as read unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Information Solutions, keeping you connected.
- Read our latest edition of Community Matters
- Enforcement Officer visit to Kinlet
- New updates on [4" pothole](#) – Bottom of Burnt Pitt Bank
We are pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.
State changed to: Fixed.
- SALC - Coronation Community Orchard scheme and other grants for trees
- SALC - Breakthrough Communications - New course for Spring 2024: Emotional Intelligence and Resilience in Practice
- **ROAD CLOSURE**
Date: 27/03/2024 – 29/03/2024 - total 3 days
Times: 09:30 -15:30 each day for 3 days. Road closure to be removed daily at 15:30.
Location details of works: Verge, O/S 1 Hinton Cottages Hinton Stottesdon SHROPSHIRE DY148 TG
Road closure length: approx.: 650 metres
- SALC - Emergency Planning event, session 4 - Friday 26th January 2024, 10am - 3pm
- Any others received after issue of agenda.
- Unnamed Road between Bagginswood & Neen savage closure 19th February 2024
- Confirmation of Representation(s) for APP/L3245/W/23/3326378
- SC - Access to the Register of Electors 2023/24 and Monthly Updates

- Snowball Community App - Help required.
- December legal bulletin update
- Ash dieback grants
- Town/Parish Boundary Review
- CLIMATE AWARENESS WORKSHOP'S - How to work towards reducing your Council's and Communities carbon footprint!
- Beaver Lodge, Stottesdon – kerbing outside property – chased again.
- PCC John Campion's budget survey is live!
- [ACTION BY 31/01/2024] Council Tax Precept Requirement 2024/25 - Stottesdon, Sidbury
- FW: Winter Support Service 2023-2024
- Important message Martyn's Law – Tuesday 9th January.

11) Date of next meeting: 22nd January 2024

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Payments approved:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC - £296.81

Lengthsman - £2660.00

Income:

Chelmarsh PC - £65 contribution to SLCC, which was £188 not £183 as stated last month.

Interest £12.90 deposit account

Signed: Chairman

Date: