

## Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), S Allen, R Abbiss, C Adams, Z Griffin.

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

S Cllr G Butler

Parishioners: Nil

Mr Ray Wickson, Chairman of SALC attended the meeting to present the Clerk, Freda Morris, with her 37 year award as Parish Council Clerk.

He congratulated the Clerk on the work that she has done over the years and presented her with a badge and framed letter.

Clerk thanked Ray for attending and for the award stating that she did enjoy her job.

PC Chairman also thanked Ray for attending and welcomed him to stay to the meeting, which he agreed to do.

**0) Public participation:** none present.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R Kennett, M Pearce, A Sierakowski, Shropshire Cllr S Harris, PC N Nolan and PCSO J Fletcher – all apologies were noted.

Resignation of Cllr Powell – it was with regret that Cllr Powell had resigned, and the Clerk was asked to send a thank you letter to him.

Clerk had advertised the vacancy and had received one call from someone in the village who might be interested. Clerk pointed out that the position cannot be filled until notification is received from SC.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023:**

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

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

Clerk's report:

Email received from Cllr Kennett:

I have mentioned this before but wonder if would be possible for participants to join the meeting virtually (Zoom/ Teams etc) in the future. My rationale for adopting such a measure would include (to name but a few), Covid, temporary disability, inclement weather and of course mindful of my

reason today urgent personal reasons. I see no obvious reasons except an adherence to tradition, why this couldn't be instigated.

Clerk clarified this with SALC, and the reply was: Parish Councils do not have the power to hold remote meetings. A parish councillor will have to attend a meeting physically to take part.

Ray Wickson confirmed that this is the case. Clerk confirmed that as there is no Broadband in the Village Hall then this is not possible anyway,

Clerk confirmed that she had not spoken to The Old Vicarage but would attempt to asap. Willowdene had not been contacted as Clerk needed further details.

Hinton Bridge repair – Clerk has been informed that this has been completed. Chairman confirmed that a repair had been made and it is better, but a full repair is needed.

b. Any others: none.

#### **5) Finance:**

It was **RESOLVED to bring other items forward so that the Shropshire Councillor did not have to sit through this item.**

#### **6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:**

a. Reference: 23/04396/CPE (validated: 09/10/2023)

Address: The Bungalow, Rays Farm, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PF

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate of existing use of dwelling built in wrong position according to approved plans of ref: 98/0062. Application is for 'dwelling house without any occupancy conditions'

Decision: **Certificate - Not Lawful**

b. Reference: 23/04923/FUL (validated: 15/11/2023)

Address: 1 The Barns, High Street, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UJ

Proposal: Replacement of windows and doors

Decision: **Grant Permission**

c. Reference: 23/05353/VAR (validated: 12/12/2023)

Address: Coulraine, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 to allow the siting of the static caravan for a further 18 months. Application Reference Number: 22/05069/FUL Date of Decision: 20/01/2023

Applicant: Mr And Mrs M Arrowsmith (Coulraine Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14 8UQ)

Clerk had received notification that this application has been withdrawn.

d. No further plans received.

#### **7) SALC report:**

Cllrs Abbiss reported that interviewing had taken place today for a new County Secretary.

Current Secretary is to step down, but Dianne has years of knowledge and is also HR trained so will be hard to replace. The applications have been shortlisted to four, but no decision has yet been made.

**8) Parish matters/problems:**

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- ✓ Sign on the road just above Chorley Village Hall is damaged, which causes it to 'bang' in the wind and has spooked horses.
- ✓ Fires had been burning at Raggitts Quarry for approximately 2 weeks/month with black smoke being emitted. No further information is to hand but the situation will be monitored.
- ✓ Edgewood – 3 rubbish bins are put out at this property, so concern is that several families live at this site. Clerk confirmed that when she spoke to the Enforcement Officer last week, he said he would make enquiries regarding this with the other Officer involved.
- ✓ There appears to be an Environmental issue which starts further down from Coombe Farm and possibly fouling the brook.
- ✓ Potholes Northwood Lane and Riddings Lane.
- ✓ Road slippage between Old Rectory Farm and Lower House Farm, Sidbury
- ✓ Email from Chorley resident regarding speeding traffic through Chorley had been circulated to Cllrs. Clerk pointed out that as the resident mentioned the new speed reduction at Callow Hill, she had contacted their Clerk for further information but had not yet received a reply.

It was suggested that this is put in the Place Plan for consideration. Clerk also pointed out that the previous traffic count only showed an average speed that did not warrant a speed limit. Clerk has written to Traffic Engineering again for a reply – the previous email stated that there is a long list and Chorley has been added to it. Clerk will respond to resident suggesting a Community Speedwatch.

b) Brown Clee Medical Practice:

There is a meeting planned for 20<sup>th</sup> February at Ditton Priors Village Hall. Funding will be discussed.

c) any others: none.

**9) Shropshire Cllr's report:**

- HS2 money and Shropshire Highways email sent to all Cllrs.
- Cllr Butler reported that 2 new clerks had been appointed – Farlow and Oreton and Hopton Wafers.
- Report attached of all items Cllr Butler said would be covered.

*Cllr Butler and Ray Wickson left the meeting, Chairman thanked them for attending.*

**5) Finance:**

a) Payments for approval:

- ✓ Clerk's salary - £xx HMRC payments - £296.81
- ✓ Lengthsman Account - £650.00

Any others received after issue of agenda:

- Tree planting at Loughton triangle - £110.00

**RESOLVED that these accounts are paid via online banking.**

b) Income since last meeting: £11.71 interest

c) Precept request from Shropshire Council for 2024/25:  
Clerk produced paperwork, as suggested by Scribe Accounts.  
Clerk had put some suggestions forward and these were all discussed, and the final figure amounted to £26,000.00 which it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that the Clerk will precept for this amount.**

**10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors, noted as received unless comments made:**

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins
- Electoral Roll
- SALC - D Day 80 6th June 2024
- NALC NEWSLETTER
- NALC - CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
- SALC - Training Events – please book through the Clerk.
- SALC - Emergency Planning - session 4 26th January 2024, 10am - 3pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury. Cllr Abbiss booked onto this.
- SALC - Good News - Shropshire Carer Support Team is extending the hours for the Carer Support Line
- SALC - Storm Henk Grants
- SALC - ASC preventative grants (forwarded to Chorley Village Hall)
- Laura Howells, SC - Planned Surface dressing work 24/25
- Cllr Rodgers, Highley PC - Highley Police Working Group - courting our neighbouring parishes opinion. Clerk had replied with our concerns, as agreed with Chairman.
- Highley - Parking restrictions – consultation
- HELP YOUR COMMUNITY'S CUT COSTS AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE IN 2024

Any others received after issue of the agenda: Noted as received:

- SALC - Procurement Threshold Changes from 1 January 2024 – Information
- Kyle Gordon confirmed as next Chief Constable for West Mercia Police
- The Circuit - The update to your defibrillator record is now overdue – Chorley and Sidbury
- Information Solutions - The UK telephone network is changing – are you ready?
- PC 21624 Nicholas NOLAN. Safer Neighbourhood Officer | Cleobury & Highley SNT | West Mercia Police. Bridgnorth Police Station. Mobile: 07814285304 Ext. 770 4234

Items for next agenda: Martyn's Law and Place Plan

11) Date of next meeting – **26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Payments approved:**

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC - £296.81

Lengthsman account - £650.00

M Pearce – tree/planting Loughton junction triangle - £110.00

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**