

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd November 2021 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman), Z Griffin, R Abbiss, S Crawford.

Parishioners: 3

PCSO Jacqui Fletcher

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

PCSO Fletcher attended as PC Strangwood was off with Covid.

2 burglaries from farms had been reported with quad bikes and tools taken.

They will be at Chorley Village Hall car park on 30th November 10-12noon, then Glebe Drive, Stottesdon 1-3pm hoping that residents would go along to visit them and raise any concerns they might have.

A further break in at an empty property was mentioned by a Cllr, but the PCSO did not know about it.

Chairman thanked PCSO for attending and she left as she was the only Officer on duty.

Parishioner came to raise her concerns regarding the planning application at The New House, Chorley. She raised the following concerns:

- the size and position of the garage, having lived in Chorley for 21 years enjoyed a beautiful open countryside view but this building will block this.
- Commercial use for the office was queried as a toilet is included in the plans.
- Drainage problem in Bakehouse Lane which causes flooding and asked that the applicants moved the building 2-3m closer to their property which would give her a little bit of view back (aware she has no right to a view).
- Although building would be of a high standard did not think this was in keeping with the village.

Clerk (as this was parishioners time and having worked at the pub for over 30 years) agreed with the resident regarding the view and the flooding problem on this unadopted lane (BW). Clerk also pointed out that in the Local Plan it was stated 'no further development in Bakehouse Lane until the lane is brought up to highway standard.'

The applicant confirmed the following:

- No intention of any commercial use so no extra traffic.
- Mrs Chandler works mainly from home as a Police Prosecuting Solicitor and Mr Chandler is a PSCO and does shifts. The idea of an office away from the home is that telephone calls etc do not disturb Mr Chandler when at home.
- Roof space in the house is only 'light weight' so to build a double garage for their vehicles with office space above seemed a good idea.
- Toilet in the proposed building was to save having to keep going into the house.
- They moved into the property in April and have looked at every possible position in the garden and this was the one suggested by their Agent.
- Concrete base for the building.

The Chairman closed parishioners time and gave the parishioners the opportunity to remain or leave the meeting. 1 parishioner left.

7.59pm meeting opened.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S Allen (unavailable), J Rogers, M Pearce, L Grey (all not well), Shropshire Cllrs G Butler and S Harris (Purdah due to SC advice regarding elections in the north of the county). **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

2) Co-option of new Cllr:

The person the Clerk had been talking to had decided not to stand.

3) 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.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2021:

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

At this point the Chairman proposed that the planning applications were discussed in order for the residents to leave the meeting if desired. RESOLVED to accept this.

6) Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

b) Reference: 21/05066/FUL (validated: 25/10/2021)

Address: The New House, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of an oak frame garage with office/storage above together with a balcony

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hart (Mr and Mrs Chandler)

Cllr Abbiss had been to look at the site, which was all pegged out. She could understand the concerns regarding the loss of view but did not feel that they could move it closer to the house due to access and could see no planning reasons for refusal.

The builder being used will be used to dealing with drainage but suggested that SC are asked to look into the drainage problems.

It was also suggested that SC are asked to put a clause in this building that it cannot be turned into residential use at a later date.

- It was **RESOLVED to accept the plans with the following comments:**
- support this as they feel there are no planning grounds for refusal but would ask that the comments raised by neighbours on the planning portal are taken into consideration when determining this application.
- Whilst Cllrs agree with points raised by residents regarding the present uninterrupted view, we appreciate that this is not a material consideration.
- Councillors would ask that the drainage of this unadopted lane/Bridleway is looked into by SC when looking at this application as there have been several flooding issues on this lane causing damage to properties. We understand that the drainage pipe goes into the garden from Bakehouse Lane then down into the stream and would not like to see this damaged in any way to cause any further problems for all the residents in Bakehouse Lane and The Duck Inn.
- Cllrs note that a toilet is included in this proposed building and would ask that if this application is approved that a condition is imposed to prevent this dwelling being turned into residential accommodation at a future date. In the Local Plan it was stated that no further development should take place until the lane is brought up to highway standard.

The parishioners left the meeting.

a) Reference: 21/05097/FUL (validated: 25/10/2021)

Address: Coxs Barn, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LS

Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations to existing holiday accommodation

Applicant: Mr And Mrs I Thompson

Cllrs felt that this application was not obtrusive and was joining together a successful B & B turning it into self-catering accommodation. **RESOLVED to accept these plans.**

c) Any others received: None.

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Station Road works: these look good, let's hope the new drainage system works – I am told it will! I have asked for the grit bin at the junction to be replaced and also one to be installed halfway down the Dayhouse Cottages Bank.

These drains will need jetting every year! I understand that there is a rota every 12 months.

Stotty Strolls Noticeboard:

As emailed out to you the noticeboard was knocked down by a lorry and it was agreed, via email, to ask Mark to deal with this.

Mark has put the new grandfather posts in and will put the noticeboard back up asap.

After speaking to Chris Tibbitts, he says that the Chorley noticeboard had been repaired and given to the Village Hall, although the PC offered to repair this when the posts rotted away.

After discussions, as all this was dealt with originally through the PC Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Tibbitts regarding who currently insures these and if the Stotty Strolls Group is still in operation and confirmation of any outstanding finance/copy accounts.

These are not currently on the PC Asset Register and are currently not insured by the PC.

Dog mess signs will be put up when Mark takes down the poppies – not sure if they will have much effect as people are still not picking up after their dogs.

It was suggested the PC perhaps purchase some dog bags and holders to put in the parish to try to encourage those who do not pick up to do so. Clerk will look for prices.

Glebe Drive trees – no further response from STAR Housing. Cllr Abbiss felt that the tree stump left was dangerous and needed removing. Clerk was asked to write to STAR Housing again regarding this and re-charge tenant for this work if necessary.

Wildflower seeds: The verge along the Hardwicke Road has been suggested to plant wildflowers. After discussions Clerk was asked to contact Wade Muggleton for the best brand of mixed seeds to purchase.

b. Any others – Cllr Griffin commented that the Sustainability training was good.

7) Finance:

Accounts for payment:

a. to approve Clerk's salary - £xx, HMRC PAYE - £199.40

b. SALC account – not yet received

c. Accounts/Budget/Precept

d. Any others received after issue of agenda – SLCC renewal £185, Clerk will ask Chelmarsh PC to contribute again.

8) Parish matters/problems:

- Potholes Riddings Lane and Northwood Lane – Clerk confirmed these had been reported several times and were noted on the MyShropshire system.
- Fireworks – these are being let off with no notification to neighbours who have animals. Clerk will put an item in the next newsletter.
- Brooksmeeing bridge covered in a net – obviously been hit by vehicle.

9) SALC report: Cllr Abbiss gave the following report:

This is just a brief report as we haven't had an area meeting yet. It is booked at the Fire Station, Bridgnorth 13th December 7.00 p.m.

It is open for any Councillor to attend but just 2 are able to vote.

SALC held their annual meeting on Zoom last Friday 19th November.

Speakers were The High Sheriff of Shropshire, Tony Morris-Eyton.

The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Pippa Mills had been invited to speak but she had another engagement and had to refuse during the previous week. Luckily Sue Baxter, Chairman of NALC, our National body agreed to join us. She gave a super speech that was very upbeat with all that we have had to cope with during the last 20 months.

The Auditor, Shropshire Council was agreed for the coming year.

Lastly we had to agree and set the subscription fee for the coming year, beginning next April.

The Admin fee of £60 for under 1000 electors and £70 for over 1000 electors remains unchanged.

The affiliation fee was agreed to lift by 3.5 pence per elector. Currently it is 36 pence per elector up to 3,500 electors. From April 2022 it will be 39.5 pence per elector up to 3,500 electors.

Over 3,500 electors remains unchanged at 1.5 pence per elector.

Delegates were informed that a working group will be set up in the new year to look at how we set the affiliation fee as it has remained unchanged for a number of years.

The reason for the lift is to employ another member of staff. Membership is now at 99% over the two unitary authorities and Covid together with the ease of zoom meetings had increased the workload for the current members of staff. The recruitment exercise will start in the new year.

The weekly bulletin gives you much of the news from SALC so is well worth a read.

10) Shropshire Cllr's report:

No reports available.

11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr Griffin reported that she had been in touch with Mike Mooney at Chorley, and it was considered that any organised event might be better on 2 sites rather than 1. Various suggestions made during discussions with WI regarding Beacons/bonfire, party on grass in front of Glebe Drive or school playing field.

Clerk will do a newsletter in January and will include this again.

12) Correspondence: Noted as read unless comments made:

- Alterations to Electoral Roll
- SALC News in Brief
- DEFRA Consultation via Zoom 19th November (For Burial Authorities)
- SALC Area Committee meeting 13th December 7pm - Bridgnorth Fire Station or via Zoom

Any others after issue of the agenda:

Road Closure: Chorley junc to Miners junc Chorley, Bridgnorth

Start Date: 25th November 2021

End Date: 25th November 2021

Purpose: Urgent Road Closure to rectify carriageway defects

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: Unknown (promoter works_ref)

Enforcement pattern for Chorley junc to Miners junc Chorley, Bridgnorth:
09.30 -16.00

Road Closure: The Square End to Riddings Lane junc, Stottesdon

Start Date: 24th November 2021

End Date: 24th November 2021

Purpose: Urgent Road Closure to complete carriageway defects.

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: Unknown (promoter_works_ref)

Enforcement pattern for The Square End to Riddings Lane junc, Stottesdon:

09.30-16.00

Cllr Griffin pointed out that Mrs Katie Jones, Stottesdon School Headteacher has been appointed Executive Headteacher pf the Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust from January. Mrs Jones will remain as Headteacher of Stottesdon School.

13) Date of next meeting: 20th December 2021

Payments approved:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC PAYE - £199.40

SLCC - £185

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: