

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice-Chair), M Pearce, C Adams, S Crawford, S Allen, R Gutteridge, Z Griffin, A Sierakowski.

Parishioners: zero

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Co-option of Councillors/signing of declaration of acceptance of office: Person who had shown interest did not attend.

2) Apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Shropshire Cllr Davies and Police.

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 27th October 2025:

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

5) Matters arising from minutes:

Clerk's report:

a) PC Jade Ives came to introduce herself to me last Monday as she probably will not be able to attend this month. She is very keen to get to work with the Parish Council on any issues.

PC Nolan is back on light duties.

PCSO Fletcher on rest day today.

b) Any update on Fighting Cocks:

SC have written to the owners of the pub and are awaiting a reply. No reply to PC letter either.

c) Reply from Mr S Barratt, Chorley Hall re: problems raised by residents.

In reply to the points asked Mr Barratt answered the following to my questions (see October minutes):

1. The gate opposite Yew Tree Farm is certainly not new! It has existed for all the 42 years we have been here - but we have recently cut back some of the roadside hedging in order to make the gate more useable for access by our tree-care contractors.

2. We have also spent money to tidy up our field at the end of Bakehouse Lane. The field was extremely overgrown and virtually a no-go area for vehicles. In the longer term, we are exploring the possibility of grassing over this field for possible agricultural or grazing use.

3. Any hedging which has been pruned was on our land and, although I am no expert, I do not think this will impact on drainage in any meaningful way. If this turns out to be an issue, we will of course see what needs to be done.

4. We have ordered over 100 hedging plants which will be planted over the next couple of months.

5. It was felt that the field would be more vehicle friendly if there was a second gate in order to allow in and out access.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 25/03599/FUL (validated: 25/09/2025)

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

Proposal: New Canopy Porch, New Front Bi Fold Doors and Rooflights.

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 25/04148/FUL (validated: 04/11/2025)

Address: Bardley Court Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE

Proposal: Conversion of a existing outbuilding to create a detached residential annexe to provide ancillary accommodation for an existing dwelling

Applicant: Mr Lee Pilsworth (Bardley Court Cottage , Stottesdon, Nr Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE)

Cllrs visited the site and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that this application be fully supported.**

c) Any others received after issue of the agenda – none received.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts:

1. Transfer of funds to deposit account - £15,000 had been transferred into the deposit account.

b) Accounts for payment/approval:

PWLB lending facility Repayment Notice - 25 November 2025 - £2426.43 (CAR PARK)

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- 467.94

Data Protection fee - Reminder to renew ICO:00011805139 - £52 – receipt.

Review of payroll contract – D Malley plus account for payroll administration £79.20 (Oct-March 2026)

c) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Land Registry fees - £14 (2 x £7) – repaid to Mrs F Morris

Mrs F Morris - £15.79 – copy paper from Amazon

Mark Pearce - £1750 (Lengthsman work) and £250 putting up/taking down poppies and pruning shrubs on Dr's car park. It was **RESOLVED that all these accounts were paid.**

8) Civility and Respect Pledge:

Chairman signed the pledge, together with the other Cllrs who were not present at the last meeting. The pledge was read out. We can use the logo on our paperwork.

9) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that at the AGM Katrina Baker was re-elected President, with Karen Roper and Diane Dorrell both being elected as Vice-Presidents (both ex SALC County Secretaries). The AGM was attended by Cllr Abbiss and the Clerk which included very interesting speakers.

The SALC Executive AGM is to be held tomorrow which Cllr Abbiss is attending.
The Area Committee meeting falls on the same night as our PC meeting and Chairman left it to Cllrs Abbiss and Griffin to decide if either or both will attend instead of the PC meeting.

10) Shropshire Cllr's report: emailed out 31/10/25

- Highways Maintenance Briefing Note – forwarded 7/11/25.
- Clerk was disappointed to receive emails from Fix My Street contained all the adjoining parishes problems as there are no details of where the problems are and that she has to go through each report to check if it relevant to our parish. This is time consuming for the Clerk.
- No reports received on issues going on at SC, which was raised by Cllr Abbiss last month.

11) Parish matters/problems:

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

1. Recent problem at Winterdyne which the Chairman wanted to raise with the Police. Clerk had conveyed this message to the Police who asked the Chairman to contact her. Clerk will forward PC Ives email address to him.
2. Topside of Norton Farm very deep pothole, which had caused damage to a Cllrs wheel.
3. Sidbury potholes not all filled.
4. Chorley potholes getting worse between Raysland and Rays Farm (repaired 25/11/25).
5. Chorley Chapel leak finally repaired – took 5 weeks!
6. FP at Yew Tree Farm, Chorley/Whipple Trees gate is now locked with an electronic lock, making it less accessible now. This has been raised with ROW.
7. Pothole coming out again and filled with water at the bottom of Burnt Pitt Bank. It is felt that this is possibly spring water coming from underneath. SC have previously been told this.
8. Some of the BT poles at Sidbury will not now be installed but will go underground. Cllr Sierakowski explained this following a meeting he attended.
9. Water/potholes on the bend by Hodgetts at Northwood corner and junction to Stanley Farm.
10. Moss needs removing from footpaths at Glebe Drive before some slips on it.
11. Debris under Hardwickforge bridge not removed and brook flooded. FMS said, 'no further action'.
12. Why is so much tarmac being thrown into gateways or thrown away when there are potholes in the vicinity which could be filled with it?

Problems raised again by Lengthsman:

- a) Northwood Lane – potholes
- b) Hawkswood Lane – potholes
- c) Highlands to Overton – potholes
- d) Walton Bank – gully sucker/jetter needed, job not completed by SC
- e) Moonhouse Bank – drain by the Yew tree needs gully sucker/jetter, job not completed by SC
- f) Winterdyne-Smallbrook road – potholes
- g) Brooksmeeing – road movement (subsidence reported previously)
- h) Almshouse Bank – potholes
- i) Duddelwick road and up to farm potholes. They have been and done some on the main road, but this has left the surface very uneven.
- j) Walkerslow to Overton – potholes
- k) Hardwickforge to Honeysuckle – potholes

- l) Litley to Miners junction – potholes
- m) Bottom of Burnt Pitt bank – pothole out again
- n) Bad pothole just above Scott's at Norton.
- o) Road closed Thursday 20th May at Fisks, Moorbrook Farm – more prior notice with signage should be given to allow vehicles to turn round.

Clerk pointed out that many of these have been reported several times but will report again.

b) Concerns raised by parishioners:

An email had been received from a parishioner expressing their dismay at the PC writing to the family of the owners of The Fighting Cocks. The PC dealt with this as sensitively as possibly following a meeting which was attended by 62 parishioners seeking the PC's help.

c) gov.uk emails (assertion 10) AGAR: Cllrs are aware that this needs carrying out and Clerk will seek more advice, although most of the requirements are in place. The IT policy sent out today by SALC is a policy which needs adopting. It was suggested that the Clerk speaks to other Clerks regarding this and then perhaps a 'working group' could be set up.

Local Awards Scheme is another topic the PC could investigate. Clerk pointed out that we had previously attained the Foundation level.

Cllr Abbiss tried to explain that she has been dealing with this and is on the committee at SALC.

d) Any others received:

A horse rider had had problems with the Harris fencing that had been erected on the ROW from Duddlewick/Pickthorn. Clerk has reported this but will report again.

It was raised that the PC hosted a meeting with Craig Bethell and the PC were going to ask him to help with a housing survey, but nothing appears to have happened since. Clerk reported that she had discussed this with him at the SALC AGM, but he was busy with other surveys at present. An email had been received from him today, Clerk will reply again stating that we are still interested.

Cllr Gutteridge pointed out that she had attended 2 training courses, one on Procurement and the other Finance. She felt that our Financial Regulations were up to date and should be using February 2025 (we are).

With regards to the partnership with SC – this could cause a lot of expense and problems for small PC's activities SC want to devolve to PCs. This ought to be an agenda point to raise with parishioners, which could include discussion of possible small ecological projects, as discussed at the previous meeting after Cllr Sierakowski's report on the Local Nature Recovery conference he had attended. It was agreed to list this proposal for an agenda item discussion at the January 26 meeting.

12) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: **All noted as received unless comments are made.**

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- A New Way of Working Together – email sent 29/8/25 – response required. No, reply received to email sent to SC in July before a decision is made. Until this is received it is NO to signing the MOU.
- SALC - Local Council Award Scheme – email dated 25/9/25.
- Parish Online - Free GOV.UK email for clerks - INSIGHTS session recording now available.

- SC - Garden waste collections - subscribe now for 2025/2026.
- SC - Signature requested on "Memorandum of Understanding [FOR SIGNATURE]" – discussed previously.
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - From September 2025
- Breakthrough Communications - training events
- Digital Switch Over - BT Awareness Campaign
- Chairs' Network Meeting - Thursday 20th November 2025 at 6pm
- B4376 Bridgnorth Road junction to B4375 junction – 09.30-14.45pm
- Notification of Consultations on New Design Guidance – email 6/11/25
- Parish & Town Councils - Membership Updates & DPI Forms

Fix My Street reports:

- 'Road from old railway line to Hinton Farm' – fixed
- 'Hinton Bridge' – potholes fixed.
- 'Ditch' – Triangle, bottom of Almshouse Bank – no further action
- 'Drain below Yew Tree', by Moonhouse - Fixed
- 'Drain blocked' – Prescott Mill (26/11/24) fixed.
- 'Blocked drain' – Willowdene, Chorley – fixed
- 'Recent repairs to the bridge incomplete and risk of major flooding due to dam effect of debris remains' – Hardwickforge bridge – no further action! This needs attention as the road flooded recently.
- 'Potholes by Prescott Farm, Stottesdon' – fixed
- 'Road work signs' – Honeysuckle brook road – fixed
- 'Honeysuckle brook ford' – depth marker – work scheduled. Andy Keyland has this in hand, together with the repair of the barrier according to S Cllr Daves.
- 'Possible slippage?'- Prescott – no further action
- 'Potholes', Billingsley chipping bed junction – fixed
- 'Blocked drain/manhole by white gates', opposite Showalene – fixed
- 'Hinton corner' – potholes fixed.
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Closure of New Road, Bridgnorth for rock face inspection 25/26th November
- Fly-Tipping Fortnight - Town and Parish Council Briefing Note
- ALC - Weekly Briefing w/c 24 November
- Chairs' Network Meeting - Thursday 15th January 2026 at 6pm
- Ever thought of the benefits of the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS)?
- New Road, Highley – work cancelled from today until tomorrow.
- The Kinsleys potholes – reported
- Shropshire Council Cabinet unanimously backs next steps for Severn Valley Water Management Scheme – look on SC website

THESE WORKS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: Goesland to Nethercott, Cleobury Mortimer

Start Date: 1st December 2025

End Date: 5th December 2025

Purpose: Carriageway resurfacing

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214RS-610563

Enforcement pattern for Goesland to Nethercott, Cleobury Mortimer:

Monday to Friday 08:00-17:00

13) Date of next meeting: 15th December 2025

Payments approved:

Mrs F Morris – salary - £xx

HMRC - £467.94

Mrs F Morris - £15.79

Mrs F Morris - £14 – Land Registry fees

PWLB – loan repayment - £2426.43

M Pearce – Lengthsman - £1725.00

M Pearce – poppies/dr's car park - £250

D Malley Payroll Services - £79.20

Signed: Chairman

Dated:

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