

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th July 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), R Abbiss, Z Griffin, M Pearce, L Grey, S Allen, S Crawford.

Shropshire Cllr G Butler

PCSO's S Hyde and J Fletcher

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

PCSO's Hyde and Fletcher attended the meeting and reported that there had been no reported problems within the Parish but there are problems in Cleobury at present which they are dealing with and making regular street patrols etc to show their presence. They have been offered a room for their use but awaiting the key.

Problems raised with the Police was the parking outside Stottesdon School which was particularly bad on Sports Day at the end of term. Clerk had a visit from a farmer who expressed his concern at the parking all along the road down to the Square – using tractors/trailers had to be put on hold as they were unable to get through.

Clerk pointed out that she had rung the school who apologised for the problem and Secretary confirmed that they should have thought to seek alternative parking. The Headteacher will be informed of this.

Police suggested a walking bus from the Fighting Cocks, if the new property owner agrees – they will call in one of the days.

Clerk was asked if there had been any feedback regarding the '20 is plenty' suggestion outside the school, but Clerk had not heard anything.

The 'H' bar still had not been installed by the dropped kerb – Police aware that this is long outstanding – Clerk will chase again.

Double yellow lines were queried but the PC had asked for these a few years ago but the request was refused.

Cones being put on the roadside were suggested – Highways would have to be contacted regarding this, then who put these out?

Police urged everyone to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters where they publish information.

Contact them for help.

Chairman thanked the Police for attending and they left the meeting.

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllrs R Kennett (unavailable), J Rogers (illness), Shropshire Cllr S Harris (unavailable). **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

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 27th June 2022:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report: Copy handed out to Cllrs.

Road Closures/signage:

The Problems were still going on last week with signs erected in dangerous places – reported to SC/Kier.

Oreton Road 1st-6th August:

This work will go ahead and will try to limit the disruption as much as possible on Burwarton Show day.

I have been in touch with Farlow & Oreton PC so that they are fully aware of the situation – they did not have notification of the closure.

The diversion is via Smallbrook, Farlow – another narrow road!

Planning Enforcement Cases for 22/07/2022 relating to parish of: Stottesdon

Date Received: 22/07/2022

Reference: 22/08966/ENF

Status: Pending Consideration

Address: 5 Station Road, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TT

Description of Issue: Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation to the replace of windows and removal of trees

Glebe Drive tree removal:

Following the request from the PC that the tenant should be invoiced for the tree removal STAR replied as follows:

Good afternoon, Freda, many thanks for your email conveying the thoughts of Parish Councillors, I can however advise you with the greatest of respect that this is a matter for Star Housing and its own operational procedures.

Churnpike Cottage, Chorley:

I can provide the following update. The most recent visit from a Visiting Officer confirmed that the property's state of construction suggested it was unlikely to be brought into the list by the VOA and it was confirmed orally on site that no one was currently living there.

Another visit will be scheduled, and I can update further then

Police:

A community meeting to discuss issues in Cleobury Mortimer has been arranged for Wednesday 27th July 2022, 18:00 hrs at the Parish Hall, Lower Street, Cleobury Mortimer.

Representatives from West Mercia Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, Local Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Town Council will be present to address local issues.

Should you wish to attend the address is:

The Parish Hall, Lower Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, DY14 8BN

Neen Savage Community Led Plan Review – document emailed out.

New tenant due to move into bungalow at 13 Glebe Drive shortly.

Clerk reported that no 8 still had no occupants and the hedges/gardens had become really overgrown and looked unsightly for a new tenant. **RESOLVED to write to STAR Housing regarding this.**

b. Any others – none.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- to approve Clerk's salary £xx
- HMRC payments - £194.97
- SC – Election fees 2021 - £200
- Information Solutions renewal (website hosting) - £228. What we received for this amount was queried. Clerk explained that they set up the Website and maintain it. Any problems the Clerk has she contacts them, and they sort it. **RESOLVED that the Clerk pays these via BACS.**
- Any others received after issue of agenda – NONE.
- Clerk asked Cllrs to consider paying to have all the old POC documents/paperwork destroyed. One quote received so far was £150+VAT for 20 bags. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk gets two further quotes and disposes of it.**

c) Income since last meeting: 10p June and 10p July interest.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 22/02363/FUL (validated: 19/05/2022)

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

Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations to existing holiday accommodation

Decision: Withdrawn

b) Reference: 22/02614/TCA (validated: 06/06/2022)

Address: Land at Glebe Drive, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UF

Proposal: Works to a number of trees (see schedule) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

Clerk reported that work started last Friday.

c) Reference: 22/03006/FUL (validated: 14/07/2022)

Address: Knowle Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NJ

Proposal: Erection of 1No agricultural building for housing of cattle and associated yard area

Applicant: Mawley Hall LLP

After discussions, no objections raised, **RESOLVED to accept the plans.**

d) PLANNING REFERENCE - 22/02539/OUT

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated double garage

LOCATION: - Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land to The East Of, Stottesdon, Shropshire,

Some Cllrs had visited the site and after discussions it was **RESOLVED to OBJECT to the planning application and the following comments were drawn up to send into Shropshire Council Planning.**

There are a number of inaccuracies in this application:

2.0 in the Planning, Design and Access statement: worker in question currently resides at the family home with his parents.

We believe that no children live at home.

‘Off mains Drainage justification statement’ from Architect:

There is a mains drainage system in Stottesdon.

Cllrs would ask SC to obtain more evidence for the need of a residence on this site.

Cllrs feel that more information regarding the proposed dwelling is required before any further comments can be made – bungalow/house/size etc. We do appreciate that this is an outline application.

Previous applications relating to this site 20/02502/AGR – point 5 in Agent’s statement ‘the new building is to be sited within the farmed area in a position screened from roads, paths and residential properties.’ This is certainly NOT the case as these buildings are visible from the Harcourt Lane, Riddings Lane, neighbouring properties and from the main road from Stottesdon to Billingsley (known locally as Wribley Bank). The Parish Council are only notified regarding the planning applications for agricultural buildings ‘for information only’, but we did ask for these building to be moved further down the site from the road and for the buildings to be screened. Please look at neighbouring field – Pool Meadow Orchard – App. Number: 13/00450/FUL and the comments made regarding screening – you cannot see this building from Wribley Bank, but these four bay buildings are highly visible.

Cllrs feel that the current buildings are inadequate for housing stock as the buildings are too high and do not have ventilation but accept that ewes could be lambbed here.

It was suggested that a secure gate could be installed at the entrance of this site with CCTV with remote access to this. We cannot see that this field and the field on the other side of the brook, which we believe is owned by the applicant, justifies the need for a dwelling. If permission is granted this will be creating a holding where it has always been open countryside. We would request that these buildings are screened with fast growing trees to lessen the impact of visibility in the countryside – as per the Agent’s comments mentioned above.

The buildings already on the site are on the skyline which the PC previously commented on and also comments made in the Pool Meadow application Harcourt Lane is a very well used walking route for residents and visitors and these buildings have certainly interrupted the panoramic views from this road.

e) Any others received after issue of agenda: No further plans received.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported:

- Area Committee AGM was held on 11th July where there had been a problem with Zoom connection. Cllr Griffin confirmed she was on via Zoom but could not hear much.
- Speaker at the meeting was from Shropshire Youth Association who spoke about bullying but knew nothing about the Cleobury Youth Partnership.
- As there are three ladies working in the SALC office they wanted to see more ladies on the Executive Committee and Cllr Pledger from Albrighton and Cllr West from Much Wenlock were elected.
- Governance Review starts in October 2023, but Councils are being encouraged to start discussions with neighbouring Councils. Cllr Motley is dealing with this.
- No contact details of SC Officers have been made available to Clerks as yet, but this is in hand.
- £50 donation made to Firefighter’s Charity in lieu of room hire at Bridgnorth Fire Station.

8) Parish matters/problems:

- Gate installed at Walton Bank now – already aware of this.
- From Scott's at Norton towards Loughton grass verges not cut.
- Hinton Road potholes and bridge now exposing parts of the structure and needs looking at urgently.
- Overgrown footpath opposite Chorley Chapel and runs along the Chapel burial grounds
- Footpath off the bridleway at top of Bakehouse Lane overgrown through Chorley Hall woods.
- Another overgrown path runs through kissing gate opposite The Old Bakery (which is also overgrown, goes through Equestrian Centre fields down to Brook then through Johnson's maize field and comes out opposite Lower Harcourt (just below Harcourt bungalow). No path left through maize field to walk on.
- Potholes along Riddings Lane to Chorley and road collapsing at the top of Northwood Lane.
- Sidbury – below triangle by Rectory Farm and Church road is collapsing.
- Brooksmeeing road through the woods is slipping.
- Duddlewick road very rough.
- Potholes bottom of Dayhouse Cottages bank.
- Prescott to Ginny Hole no path left through the crop so have to walk round the edge of the field, but very little room left or through the tractor marks in the crop.
- Bagginswood Road still no repairs carried out.

Clerk pointed out that most of these problems have already been reported on Fix My Street, several have come back as 'fixed', but they have not been

It was queried if Kier is 'value for money' as a lot of their staff travel miles to get here, so do they do a full day's work or just a few hours?

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

Cllr Butler gave a further brief report:

- SC had a financial Review in early July, there is likely to be funding deficit of around £35m.
- Inflation – in unchartered waters at the moment, will there be enough money to heat swimming pools, schools etc.
- Unsure what is happening at Westminster yet, waiting for new Prime Minister.
- Care worker shortage – this will have huge impact as people have to remain in residential care until packages can be sorted for home.

Challenges:

- School White Paper on Academies – want everyone in an Academy by 2030.
- Local Authority looking to be own Academy. Minimum 10,000 pupils in academy.
- Stottesdon School already in Academy but Diocese refused for Kinlet and Farlow to join.
- Cross boundaries fighting and drug dealing in Cleobury Mortimer which is causing big problems.
- Police Open meeting in Cleobury Wednesday 6pm at Market Hall with all partners together. All welcome.
- Uniformed Officers may not always be visible in Cleobury, but undercover Police are present.
- Ukrainian people – 375 with 266 hosts in County but expecting 800 in next few months. 111 in local schools with 300 available jobs.
- Question asked about how many children are in care – last figure 648 (6 months).

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for his report, and he left the meeting.

10) Queen's Platinum Jubilee coins update:

One coin needed for Rachel Datlen's daughter and Cllr Abbiss will find out if the Williamson children have received theirs.

11) Correspondence: Noted as received unless comments made.

- Alterations to Electoral Roll
- SALC News in Brief
- Confirmation of Local Connection Letter – James Griffiths
- Shropshire's Draft Economic Growth Strategy – 2022-27. Clerk was asked to email dates out again.
- SALC – Neighbourhood Planning training – 20th and 27th October via Zoom. Cllr Griffin is interested; Clerk will send email out again.
- RBL – Queen's Canopy plaque: It was felt that £129 was quite expensive for a plaque and it was agreed to source a quote for a brass plaque and Cllr Pearce says he could mount this on some oak. Cllr Grey offered some oak. Cllr Pearce was asked to speak to Farlow Farm Nurseries to find a suitable tree which is long lived but not too big.
- SALC – Biodiversity Net Gain and Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill Briefings – 7th & 14th September via Zoom – Cllr Griffin is interested; Clerk will send email out again.
- Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

12) Date of next meeting – 22nd August 2022

Cllr Griffin asked if this meeting was going to be cancelled again like last year. It was **RESOLVED to cancel until September 26th. If anything comes in which needs attention, then a meeting might have to be called.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Payments made:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC - £93.60

Information Solutions - £228.00

SC – Elections - £200.00

Signed: Chairman

Date: