

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th November 2019 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Ferguson (Vice-Chairman), S Allen, B Montague, R Abbiss, D Powell.

Shropshire Cllr M Shingleton

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioner: 1

0) Public participation:

Parishioner present attended with a view to filling the Casual Vacancy for a Cllr.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S Crawford (prior meeting), C Smith (unavailable), Shropshire Cllr Butler (Cllr Shingleton in attendance). It was **RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

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.

No interests declared.

2) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2019:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED that these be signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

3) Matters Arising

a) SC – parish problem replies:

Flooding – Station Road – it appears that there is an obstruction in the pipe between the manhole near the stable and the manhole in the verge by the BT pole. I can't tell you what the obstruction is, but it is either a collapsing pipe or broken pipe. The jetting hose became stuck on twice when jetting which means there is an obvious restriction. The fact that the road has flooded twice in a 12 month period shows there is more than just a silting issue. Long term we will need to look at a CCTV survey to understand the problem or look to replace pipe.

It was **RESOLVED to ask SC when the CCTV is likely to take place.**

'H' Bar and dropped kerb/white lining of car park opposite school:

Headteacher complained that when the hole in the school gateway was filled it let the kerb 'wobbly' which is a trip hazard. Clerk had reported this to SC and the reply was:

Kerb has been issued to Kier.

Lining – it would be easier if we incorporated the lining into our work schedules. If we got Kier to come out as a one off job the costs are extortionate around £1,000, however, if we included the work into a package the cost would be a few pounds. The only issue with the lining is that I am fully committed for this financial year so if you want me to organise, which I am happy to do, it won't happen quickly.

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It was also noted that cars are parking fully on the pavement (blocking the new dropped kerb) and also turning in the drives of the properties off the car park. Clerk had put an article in the newsletter and asked the school to put a link to the newsletter in the school news this week. The information had been put in the newsletter so not sure what else the school or PC can do. It was suggested that when cars are blocking the pavement Crimestoppers or 101 should be telephoned.

Clerk had made a sign asking for the litter bin on the bus shelter not to be used for dog mess but it won't stick on the bin so she had asked Mark Pearce to put a piece of board above the litter bin to serve as a notice board also but if Cllrs objected then she would tell Mark not to do it. It was **RESOLVED that Mark does this.**

b) Cost of Memorial bench

Clerk showed printed sheet of memorial benches and pointed out that she had made enquires regarding the land ownership from SC and Graham Downes had replied with the following:

Station Road Recycling area – I will have to check our records Freda – the electronic records that I have access to do not show ownership of the land that the skips are on but show the extent of footway nearby. I attach a plan which may be of assistance.

After discussions it was felt that the site needed enhancing and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Mark Pearce for a price for clearing the site and the price for a bench and planter/s. It was also suggested that Iron Works at Oswestry could be looked at for a bench. Land ownership still must be established.**

c) Co-option of Councillor/s:

Col Brian Hamilton-Russell attended the meeting with a view to re-join the PC. Brian had been on the PC for many years and served as Chairman until personal circumstances forced him to resign. Brian now has the time to serve again and it was **RESOLVED that Brian be co-opted onto the PC and the 'declaration of acceptance of office' will be signed at the next meeting.**

d) Any other matters arising: Nothing.

4) Planning applications.

a) Reference: 19/04941/TCA (validated: 11/11/2019)

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

Proposal: To fell 1no Leylandii (A) and 1no Conifer (B) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Applicant: Mrs Joanne Beattie (Chapel House, 4 Station Road, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8TT)

Clerk had asked the tree Warden to look at this and his reply was:

I can't see any problem with it at all..... over sized Leylandii can't be a good thing anywhere.... so yes best be gone and allow light and room for some more interesting things to get a chance.

It was **RESOLVED to support this planning application.**

b) Reference: 19/04268/OHL (validated: 25/09/2019)

Address: Sidbury And Surrounding Area, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: To uprate an existing 11.5km of 2 wire circuit to 3 wire circuit to upgrade the supply to the local area consisting of rural farms and surrounding properties from The Bold Farm to the village of Sidbury, to include 3 small diversions of existing overhead line requiring 3 additional wood pole supports. The maximum pole height proposed is 11.5m.

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

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c) Any applications received after issue of agenda - none received.

Clerk read out reply from SC regarding not being notified of planning application amendments Reply: *Thank you for your email which has been passed to me as someone who may be able to help with your query. The Planning Validation Team do not deal with this type of application, I can however, answer your queries.*

AGRs (as they are known) are applications for 'Prior Notification of Agricultural (or forestry) Development', whereby a developer must notify the planning authority of specific proposals before exercising permitted development rights.

Under legislation certain development on agricultural units can be carried out under Permitted Development rights, and not require a formal planning permission.

However, a formal notification must be made to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether approval of the authority will be required as to the siting, design and external appearance of the proposed building. If an approval is required or the prior notification does not meet the criteria, then they will need to apply for a formal planning permission.

Under legislation we do not have to carry out formal consultations, however we do send a notification to the relevant Parish Council 'for information only', just to notify the council that the development will be taking place. You should have received a 'for further information' letter, by email, on the day it was registered as being valid notifying you of the application being validated.

5) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported on the following:

- NALC Chairman's report sent out.
- Planning pre-app policy ought to be considered – suggested looking at other websites.
- Confidential Policy links to pre app policy so that developers know they can talk to members in confidence,
- Place Plans – there is a problem with the web site – the address is incorrect, but they are working on it. You can find them but must get around it some other way!
- CIL Officer appointed. More training to be provided.
- Attended NALC AGM at Milton Keynes but due to transport delays missed the AGM but did hear Princess Anne speak who is fully aware of the roles/work of Parish and Town Councils. Parish Council's began in 1894 and there are now 57,000 Cllrs with an average age of 61. 30th November | National tree planting day.
Code of Conduct highlighted.
Protection from Cybercrime – Insurance to cover this.
GDPR Data Protection breaches – should notify ICO within 72 hours.
Creating Safer Communities – Sussex meet half yearly with Chief Constable and through this partnership they have reduced the response to 101 to 4 minutes!
PCSO's to attend meetings.
Boundary Review: 'Community Governance Review' – SC are to let SALC have all the details of what this involves in respect of Parish and Town Councils. Looking at this probably next year.
- AGM Celebrations went very well with a good turn out with a good band.

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- Affiliation fees agreed at AGM
- Booklet on loneliness picked up by Cllr Abbiss – this was handed to Cllr Montague who is the Co-ordinator for Co-Co. Meeting to explain this scheme is planned for 10th December 12.30-4pm in Chorley Village Hall.

6) Shropshire Councillor's report:

Cllr Shingleton reported on the following:

- No big decisions being made at present by SC.
- Holding a Surgery at the market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer on 7th December
- Future Fit is still progressing. Full A & E and Major Injuries Dept at The Royal Shrewsbury with the Princess Royal, Telford designated A & E Local – still to be decided on level.
- Maternity – no one aware of this 'leaked report'.
- Highways being re-organised. Kier gave report at a recent meeting. They did take over with great difficulties. Some work has now been taken back 'inhouse' with extra staff appointed.
- My Shropshire on the SC website should be used to report any issues.
- Flare up of crime in Cleobury Mortimer but seems to have settled now.
- New PC appointed for the area.
- Task and Finish groups going over everything at present.
- Rural Strategy meeting tomorrow.

7) Financial matters:

a) To confirm bank transfer payments from last month – initialled by Cllrs.

b) Outstanding payments: All paid by BACS:

Clerk's salary - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £52.49

Account - M Pearce (Lengthsman Account) – not received.

ZEN (Internet Account) - £36.

Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda – none received.

Cleobury Youth Partnership- donation (agreed in precept but not paid). Clerk pointed out that £200 had been given in 2018 (2017/18 budget) but £200 put into budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20 has not yet been paid. It was **RESOLVED to pay the £400 which 'brings the PC up to date'**.

Burial Grants:

Stottesdon - £440, Sidbury - £220 and Chorley £137.50. Clerk suggested that these be paid now rather than at the end of the year.

It was **RESOLVED that all these accounts be paid by BACS.**

c) Income since last meeting – Interest 48p Sept, 46p October and 51p Nov.

d) Bank statement – initialled by Cllrs.

e) Defibrillators – replies/invoice: £3513.60 for 2 defibs + £105 each for electrician to install.

RESOLVED to order/pay via BACS.

f) Cost of defibrillator signs – need exact number/location of defibs before a price obtained.

g) Church Clock – thanks from Rev Daborn and Mary Overton for donation

h) Receipt ICO - Renewal confirmation ICO:00012699446

i) Accounts – quarterly reconciliations- handed out to all Cllrs ready for next meeting.

8) Parish matters/problems

a) Dropped kerb/'H' bar – dealt with earlier:

c) Parish problems:

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- Fingerpost at The Manor (in the Square at Stottesdon) still awaiting repair – this has been going on for well over 12 months.
- Bellringer Bank/Harcourt junction is deteriorating badly.
- Bottom of Dayhouse Bank towards Hardwick bridge – large pothole.
- 2 large tree trunks stuck against/under the bridge at Hardwickforge – possible hazard for damage to bridge/flooding
- Signpost at the bottom of Moonhouse Bank (by flood) needs attention – 1 arm hanging and ‘Hardwickforge’ arm missing and needs replacing – a Cllr was going to have a look if this is lying in the grass.
- Nasty pothole on Harcourt road – 100 yards from Bagginswood under elm tree – fills with water like all the others!
- Road edges on very steep/sharp on Bagginswood/Six Ashes road just up from the old Miners Arms.
- Walton Bank potholes and road edges deteriorating badly and at the bottom of the bank.
- Nasty pothole/road failing at the Walton Bank junction.
- Nasty potholes at the bottom of Burnt Pitt Bank and numerous towards Billingsley on this road.
- Road failing up from Brooksmeeing bridge in several patches into Stottesdon – including Wribley Bank.
- Drain 5/6 yards below Dr’s Surgery in Stottesdon appears blocked possibly causing some of the flooding down Station Road.
- Mud/silt on road at bottom of Moonhouse Bank where flood has been.

Not in our parish:

- Large pothole on main Bridgnorth/Ludlow road at Starvecrow – already reported this to SC.
- Pothole at Button Oak – you have emailed today saying hopefully this should be done today.
- Possible drain blocked/overflowing on Punches corner as there appears to be a lot of water running across the road on this bend – not ideal in icy conditions!
- Nasty pothole outside Oldbury Grange.
- Road ‘dipping’ again as you come out of The Desserts at Billingsley.

Lots of litter on Harcourt road picked up by Cllr Allen.

Clerk has asked Mark Pearce to put the ‘HORSES’ sign back on the post by Ginny Hole turn.

‘Pick up after you dog signs’ have been put up around the parish by Mark Pearce – supplied by SC.

9) Correspondence: Emails forwarded to all Councillors. Please look at these and bring any comments to the meeting. All noted as received unless comments made:

SALC – Dementia Care Homes report

SALC - Environmental Maintenance Grants – next year will probably be the last year for this scheme.

SALC - On the beat - South Shropshire

SALC - November Bulletin

SALC - Clerks What to do and When - The Clerks Year training - Thursday 28th November 2019, 10am - 4pm in the Ludlow Room at Shirehall, Shrewsbury – Clerk booked onto this.

SALC - Monday News in Brief

SC - Alterations to the Electoral Register

PCC Newsletter- Extra Officers in Your Community

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Road closure 25th November – Brooksmeeting: Clerk pointed out that Bryan Home had been in touch as he was due a delivery on Tuesday 26th November and she had contacted SC, but Severn Trent will let this through. Clerk commented how helpful SC and ST had been regarding this ‘Road closed Ahead ‘signs not very helpful starting in Stottesdon with no idea where the road is closed, and the time of the closure not stated. Cllr Shingleton suggested that Clerk writes to SC.

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda - none.

10) Date of next meeting: 16th December 2019

There being no other business the meeting close at 9.12pm.

Payments approved:

Mrs F Morris – salary - £xx
HMRC - £52.49
Zen Internet - £36.00
Cleobury Youth Partnership - £400.00
Heartstart - £3513.60

Signed: Chairman

Date: