

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present:

Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell, C Smith, S Allen, B Montague, R Abbiss,
B Hamilton-Russell.
Shropshire County Cllr M Shingleton
Clerk: Mrs F Morris
Parishioners: 0

At the beginning of the meeting Cllr Madge Shingleton, Vice-President of SALC presented the Clerk with her 30 years' service award on behalf of SALC.

Madge paid tribute to the Clerk pointing out throughout her years as Clerk (34 years on 1st April) the consistency in her work and the wealth of knowledge she has by continually keeping up to date with legislation through training etc. Madge made particular reference to all the work put in by the Clerk on 2 particular projects in the parish the first being The Meers at Chorley - these properties were ready for occupation but had no electricity connected – the Clerk contacted the Electricity Company and never gave up until the connections were made! The second being the hard work the Clerk put in to getting the old Fox and Hounds car park changed to the Surgery car park – this again raised many challenges, but the Clerk once again dealt with all the problems encountered by the PC. Clerk responded by saying that when she took over as Clerk Madge became Chairman of the PC so owed Madge a lot in 'teaching her the ropes'. Clerk also thanked current and past Chairman and Councillors for all their help and support over the years and in particular for their support during her recent health problems and confirmed that she hoped to carry on for as many more years as possible!

0) Public participation: No parishioners present.

PC meeting opened at 7.40pm.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllr S Crawford (illness) and S Cllr Butler (sick leave). **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

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.

Cllr Montague declared an interest in item 5c as this is her property.

2) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019:

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

3) Resignation of Cllr Ferguson:

Chairman pointed out that it was with regret that this resignation was accepted. Clerk had advertised this through the proper channels. Cllrs were urged to mention the vacancy to anyone they thought might be interested and the vacancy for Sidbury.

4) Matters Arising:

a) Clerk's update:

Planning applications:

The PC are notified of applications via email. This is put onto the PC website within a couple of days of the application being validated via our website provider. All residents can access this.

Consultation period is 21 days for the public and 31 days for the PC – all dates are strictly adhered to. We are lucky that we meet monthly so all applications are dealt with within the requested timescale and the Clerk and Cllrs will research into planning conditions etc. and visit the sites.

Old Vicarage Planning application:

It was unfortunate that this application came in on the 5th December and consultation period was over the Christmas period but SC Officers have to compile their reports etc within the timescale and the suggestion that this was being dealt with 'under the radar' was incorrect - it was open and transparent. They read all comments on the Planning portal.

Some comments on the SC Planning portal are incorrect:

- The PC did not hold a public/parish meeting it was monthly PC meeting where the application was discussed as per any other planning applications received.
- PC went above and beyond what they had to do in notifying residents of the application i.e. flyers at Dr's Surgery, Shop, Village Hall and some hand delivered – we didn't have to do any of this! The agenda was on the notice board and on the website – all conforming to rules/regulations! The application was on the agenda Compass were invited to attend and explain the application NOT to give a presentation – they didn't have to come but did.
- Glebe Drive is NOT sheltered accommodation.
- Parishioners time is on the agenda for every meeting – 15 minutes set aside at the beginning of the meeting, this application was discussed for over an hour. Residents could have stayed and listened to the Cllrs discuss this but only 4 remained. Once the PC meeting commences then parishioners do not have a right to speak.
- So much concern expressed for the safety of the school children and residents yet at school dropping off/collection times pavements are hardly accessible in particular to disabled, elderly residents etc.
- Parish Cllrs not living close to this site – 4 out of the 8 do.
- Some Cllrs have attended planning training sessions.
- SC notify nearby residents of applications NOT the PC and the PC are unaware of who are notified.
- Plan – conveniently not showing the school – they only show the application site and immediate surrounding properties.
- The site notice was put on the Stotty Strolls board by the Planning Officer, as advised by a resident!

The application was dealt with for change of use/alteration to conservatory roof. The 'applicant' is nothing to do with planning consideration.

b) Reply from SC re: roads:

Clerk reported on the work from Walton Bank to Fighting Cocks and also the work due to commence next week from Prescott to the Miners junction. Although the PC have been reporting these roads for several years Clerk paid thanks to Cllr Shineton for arranging a site visit and showing the Contractors the problems we have in the parish.

The diversion rout planned for the 2ndstage of the work using the Honeysuckle brook (ford0 road/Hardwick/Station Road is completely unsuitable and this has already been taken up by the Clerk and Cllr Shineton.

c) Defibrillator updates/training:

The defibrillator at Chorley Village Hall is all 'up and running' but the electricity supply to the building at Sidbury was unsuitable. The electrician has quoted an extra £156 to install a safe supply. Further enquiries had been made to install this elsewhere in Sidbury, but this appears to be the best site. It was **RESOLVED that the extra amount is paid by the Parish Council.**

Clerk is trying to arrange a further training session.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals

a) Reference: 19/05255/FUL (validated: 05/12/2019) – **Any updates received**

Address: Old Vicarage Centre, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UH

Proposal: Change of use from a mixed residential, commercial, training and hostel use (Use Class C2, C3 and D1) to a mixed care home and education use (Use Class C2 / D1) and associated works

Applicant: Compass Community Ltd (C/o Agent)

No further comments to add from last month.

b) Reference: 19/05515/FUL (validated: 06/01/2020)

Address: Proposed Dwelling North Of Coombe Farm, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 1No dwelling with two bay garage and store and installation of package treatment plant

Applicant: Mrs Dunning (Brecks Cottage)

Cllrs had visited the site and had no objections to the plans but expressed concern that this was very close to a water course.

c) Reference: 20/00173/FUL (validated: 20/01/2020)

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

Proposal: Partial removal and rebuilding of a boundary wall to a height of 2.05m and the insertion of two conservation rooflights

Applicant: Mr T Montague

Cllr Montague declared an interest, took no part in the discussion and left the room.

Cllrs had looked at this wall and rooflights and raised no objections to the application.

Cllr Montague was called back into the room

d) Any applications received after issue of agenda - no further plans received. **RESOLVED to accept these plans.**

6) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

- At the recent meeting with SALC Officers, Chairman and 2 Vice Chairs, highways were discussed and Peter Nutting, SC Leader, promised to sort drainage problem at Moon House Bank out if details were sent to him. Clerk confirmed that the same letter had been sent again as per the December meeting, but no reply had been received from him.
- Area Committee held at Quatt welcomed Gwilym Butler and Robert Macey as their speakers. They talked about Parish Plans, Isolation, Mental Health, Housing etc.
- Boundary Review of Parish and Town Councils to take place after next elections.

- SC – ‘fix my Street’ for reporting issues.
- Parish Plan review late summer/early spring.
- VE Day asking Chairman to make toast to heroes at 3pm – website SAFFA75.org for further details.
- Climate Change policy.
- New Area Secretary Chris McLean.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

7) Shropshire Councillor’s report:

Cllr Shingleton reported on the following:

- Roads – agree with all comments made about these. Walton Bank being repaired at present with Prescott-Miners junction to follow.
- Apprenticeships available through SC – 01743 258521 if anyone knows anyone who might be interested.
- Health - concern regarding the maternity problems in the County.
- Future Fit (ongoing for 7 years)– on stream to go forward with this. RSH (acute) and PRH (planned work) with still some talks of building a new hospital between Telford and Shrewsbury.
- Concern expressed by 2 local medical centres as they are being asked to do variation of contracts with full routine examinations at appointments – this will take much longer and will reduce appointments available.
- CCG meeting next week.
- Talk of ‘block booking’ 6 patients at a time

Chairman thanked Cllr Shingleton for her report, and she left the meeting.

8) Financial matters:

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

b) Outstanding payments:

Clerk’s salary (bank transfer) - £xx

HMRC PAYE (bank transfer) - £60.20

Account - M Pearce (Lengthsman Account – will do this for year end, Fencing round school car park - £369. Work on Surgery car park/Installing Silent Soldier at Chorley - £290.

ZEN (Internet Account)- £36.

SLCC renewal - £161 – Clerk will ask Chelmarsh PC to contribute again.

It was **RESOLVED to pay all these accounts via BACS.**

Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda.

c) Income since last meeting – only interest on deposit account.

d) Bank statement – initialled by Cllrs.

e) Accounts – quarterly reconciliations/budget – Clerk handed out all copies to Cllrs which it was **RESOLVED to accept.**

f) Precept – Clerk referred Cllrs to the Draft Medium-Term Financial Plan which showed the precept for last year. Clerk had also produced a ‘suggested precept’ and Cllrs discussed this, and it was **RESOLVED to precept for £25,000 which is a reduction from last year.**

9) Parish matters/problems

a) Parish problems

- Pickthorn Lane – very large potholes again with a risk of the milk tanker refusing to go down this lane to collect the milk from the farm.
- Sidbury bank needs sweeping – grit/debris gathering in the bottom and the milk tanker was stuck down there recently.
- Massive pothole between The Highlands/Overton just before the woods.

- Road breaking up badly outside Roseacre, Bagginswood/Old Crown and in both directions from here.
- Potholes Bardley Court bend.
- Potholes on The Bagginswood/Harcourt road/Stottesdon – used as a diversion route and road edges also becoming very damaged.
- Potholes/road edge damage Bagginswood/Six Ashes road
- Burnt Pitt Bank – numerous potholes which are very difficult to avoid – drainage needs sorting along this road too!
- Large pothole in the hollow from Burnt Pitt bank still has the cone in it despite being reported numerous times.
- 2 large potholes at the bottom of Almshouse Bank – photo of one attached
- Potholes Wribley Bank.
- Potholes/road deteriorating along straight towards Duddlewick.
- Pothole towards Hardwicke bridge coming out again.

Signage for diversion routes during road closure– concern expressed that HGV's using the Litley road might damage the bridge and that the ROAD CLOSED sign ought to be made clearer before vehicles, in particular HGV's, travel to the Walton Bank junction to find that they could not access Stottesdon this way and have had to reverse all the way back.

Grit bin/grit piles request for halfway down Almshouse Bank:

Clerk had been asked by Mark Pearce for another grit bin or piles of grit as this bank is very slippery and vehicles have had trouble getting up this bank. Mark is having to carry the grit from the bin at the top of the bank.

It had been suggested that the bin towards the top of Walton Bank being moved to Almshouse Bank as this is never used and Walton Bank is on the primary gritting route. Clerk had asked SC and Graham Downes confirmed that he had no problem with this being relocated if the bin could be utilised better.

It was agreed to move the grit bin from Walton Bank to Almshouse Bank and Clerk will ask Mark Pearce to do this.

Not our parish:

- Potholes on the bridge below Halfway House – concern that the bridge might get damaged due to these.
- Very large pothole between Norton Covert and Heywood Cottages on Loughton Road

Request from resident:

It has been good to see that the road sweeper has been through the village after all the leaf drop, but I was wondering if you could advise if the pavements from The Kinsleys to Glebe Drive, Stottesdon are going to be cleaned any time soon.

I have walked these regularly for the past two years and in my view they have not been swept at all during this time. The accumulation of leaves, hedge brash and grit make them sometimes quite slippery and uneven.

Just wondered if they were on a maintenance schedule, or if not would it be possible for them to be tackled in another way.

It was RESOLVED to ask SC if they can do this (Cllr Shineton will also make enquiries) but if not then the PC will ask Mark Pearce to sweep these under the Lengthsman Scheme.

10) Correspondence: Emails forwarded to all Councillors. Noted as read unless comments made.

SC – New Electoral Roll

Stottesdon, & Sidbury Church, Chorley Chapel - Burial grant - Burial grant - received with thanks

Cllr Butler - Severn Trent Community Fund has launched!

P Dunne, MP - Brexit Bill passed in the Commons

Western Power updates

Cleobury Country Courses:

- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Awareness Course - Tuesday 4th February 2019
- Fire Marshall Course - Monday 10th February 2020

SALC:

- Environmental Maintenance Grants - Important Information
- Monday News in Brief including NALC Funding Bulletin
- Shropshire Council Place Plans
- Press Release: Find out more about Proposals for a New Health Organisation for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
- Training Programme 2020 – Cllr Allen interested in What to do/When – Clerk pointed out that this is aimed at Clerks but could see no reason why anyone else could not attend.
- Invitation to get involved in community solar in Shropshire
- February Climate Change Workshop - Shropshire Council

School Hall opening: Email from School – anyone wishing to attend can do so.

Unfortunately we have had an unforeseeable delay to do with the hall flooring. Sadly our opening will now be on Monday 3rd February at 10.30 (and not Monday 27th January as previously announced). We apologise for the change in date but would very much welcome you to the event if you can make the change.

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda.

None.

11) Date of next meeting: 24th February 2020 and to approve list of dates for coming year emailed out.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Payments made:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC PAYE – £52.49

Zen Internet - £36

Quote for electrics for defib at Chorley - £156

SLCC renewal - £161

M Pearce - £369 – school car park fencing

M Pearce - £290 – Surgery car park bulb planting, bark top up and installation of Silent Soldier at Chorley and cleaning bus shelter roof.

Signed: Chairman

Date: