

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), S Allen, M Pearce, R Kennett, S Crawford, A Sierakowski, R Abbiss.

Shropshire Cllr S Harris

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: zero

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Apologies noted from Cllr Adams, Cllr Griffen and Shropshire Cllr Butler.

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 23rd October 2023:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Deuxhill Roadworks:

I attended a meeting with Multevo last Monday regarding road closures on the B4555 at Chelmarsh/Eardington and was very disappointed to hear that all the road signs put out Deuxhill on the Sunday ready for work commencing on the Monday had all been stolen – 47 signs!!

Even more disappointing to be told that the Site Manager had nearly been knocked over twice at Eardington by a van trying to get through the road closure! Police have been notified on both matters.

New updates on [Grit bin](#) – Walton Bank

This note is to advise that the issue you have reported is being investigated by council officers in the local area. We will provide further information once we have an update. State changed to: Investigating – 24/10/23.

Ray's Farm:

Further to the e-mail below and our subsequent telephone conversation.

The application is a legal determination, and the crux of their case is that, as the building was not built in accordance with the approved plans, the building is unauthorised, and has been used as a dwelling for over 4 years and as such is lawful by the passage of time. This would mean that any conditions attached to the original planning permission (outline and reserved matters) would no longer bite.

This application is currently under consideration.

Bollards have been placed on the roadside, next to Holly Lane turn, opposite Telephone Exchange and the Clerk had been asked by landowner if a complaint had been received as a large tree had been cut down in this location due to die back. Clerk knew nothing about it but had reported other damaged reflector posts so assumed these had been out in the incorrect place. Clerk had made enquiries with SC but had not received a reply.

b. Any others:

Clerk asked if any response had been received from Severn Trent regarding the issue raised by a Chorley resident.

Clerk confirmed that a call from the Manager confirmed that the dates coincided with dates when they had breakdowns on the site, but he had been out to investigate and could find no problems. The Manager was going to make further enquiries as the complaints had not been logged with the correct teams and if the site had been visited the logbook had not been signed by employees.

He confirmed that a cleansing schedule involved four lorry loads out in one day, four times a year and is carried out in daylight hours so as not to disturb anyone's sleep.

He will contact the Clerk again if he has any further updates and gave Clerk his telephone number in case of further problems.

Amalgamation of Parish Councils:

Councillors were asked to think about this possibility but probably would not happen for the next 4 years.

Emergency Planning – no one attended this training session, but Clerk confirmed that she had asked for any recordings etc from SALC.

5) Finance:

a) Payments for approval:

Clerk's salary - £xxx

HMRC payments - £296.81

Lengthsman Account – not received.

Clerk's SLCC renewal - £183, Chelmarsh PC gave £65 towards this last year and have been asked again.

Middle Marches Community Land Trust Nature Recovery meeting – donation. Cllr Young had attended an event and a donation towards room hire, etc, had been requested. It was **RESOLVED that £20 is donated and the Clerk will pay this via BACS.**

Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting: £12.49 interest

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 23/04418/FUL (validated: 23/10/2023)

Address: Burnt Pitt Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Dayus (Burnt Pitt Farm , Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ)

Cllrs had visited the site and as this was a small extension which was not overlooking anyone, had frosted glass in the window, it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to support this application.**

At this point it was questioned why Stottesdon was in a Conservation Area.

Cllr Sierakowski explained Conservation Areas and others felt it was possibly because we have listed buildings and to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the village.

b) PLANNING REFERENCE - 23/04603/TCA

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Fell 18no Leylandii within Stottesdon Conservation Area

LOCATION: - Coulraine, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ.

Clerk had been in touch with Cllrs as the deadline for comments was prior to the meeting.

Cllrs had suggested a native hedge rather than laurel and on contacting SC the Officer supported the PC and would be approving the application.

c) Reference: 23/03767/FUL (validated: 11/09/2023)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land To The East Of, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a functional needs agricultural dwelling with double garage within sight and sound of livestock, installation of package treatment plant

Decision: **Refuse**

d) Reference: 23/04923/FUL (validated: 15/11/2023)

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

Proposal: Replacement of windows and doors (Article 4 restriction)

Applicant: Mr Terry Montague (The Barns , High Street, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8UA)

No objections were raised to this application.

e) Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Reference: 23/04931/FUL (validated: 21/11/2023)

Address: Old Rectory Farm, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PY

Proposal: Internal and external works to listed building

Applicant: Mr Richard Jeavons

Reference: 23/04932/LBC (validated: 21/11/2023)

Address: Old Rectory Farm, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PY

Proposal: Internal and external refurbishment of the grade II listed farmhouse

Applicant: Mr Richard Jeavons

Cllrs had visited the site and raised no objections to the proposed work as the property is in an extremely poor state.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported:

- The AGM had been held via Zoom where the Clerk was congratulated on 37 years' service.
- Jan Snell Award, which the PC have won twice, was shared this year with 3 PC's and this is the last year this award is to be presented as many people do not know who Jan Snell was anymore.
- Affiliation fees increase approved.
- Area meeting 4th December via Zoom.
- Joint Working Group set up regarding Communications with SC.
- Training costs to increase from £30-£35 and £75-£85.
- Vice chairman for Shropshire had stepped down and as it was Shropshire's turn to take the Chair Cllr Wickson was voted in to Chair for an extra year. Until a new Vice Chair for Shropshire can be elected Cllr Abbiss as Vice President will step down to Vice Chair with a vote to allow business to continue .
- Government sees PCs as frontline for Climate change.
- Martyn's Law, covering terrorism etc (like old Emergency Plan). Helen Ball has been running training sessions.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

At this point, the Shropshire Cllr's report was brought forward:

S. Cllr Harris reported:

- StreetScene issues including potholes, etc should be reported via Fix My Street.
- Debra Lloyd with deal with any grit bin issues and Chris Haslam is the Highways Technician.
- Trying to arrange a meeting at Kinlet with Enforcement Officer Mick Laidlaw, 7th December, but date will be confirmed to Clerk.
- Enforcement is such a slow process and if problems were dealt with as soon as reported then our Parish would not be in the situation it is in now – our problems were highlighted to Cllr Harris!
- Grants available for flooding victims.
- Worth the PC thinking about amalgamating with other PC's.

Cllr Harris was thanked for his report.

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- ✓ Hinton Bridge damage and potholes by the farm. Clerk confirmed that the bridge has been inspected and the potholes added to the SC list.
- ✓ Duddlewick Road and up to the farm – reported numerous times!
- ✓ Barriers by Rays Farm need look at to make sure they are safe!
- ✓ Sidbury Roads
- ✓ Hawkeswood-Brooksmeeing road now dangerous!
- ✓ Lengthsman been out with digger and cleared debris from the banks and cleared water off the roads.

- ✓ Large pothole at the bottom of Burnt Pitt bank now has a large cone in it. Lengthsman thinks the water is coming from underneath the road here.
- ✓ Reflector post and GIVE WAY sign at Billingsley chipping bed junction reported months ago but both still lying on the grass.
- ✓ Clerk confirmed that a report she has managed to print off for Fix My Street states 403 problems reported!

b) Brown Clee Medical Practice – Trying to recruit new Drs, with £20,000 being offered to Shropshire.

c) To consider adopting Grant Awarding Policy:

The policy had been sent to Cllrs last month and Clerk had made alterations. It was

RESOLVED to adopt the policy, which will be put on the website.

Clerk was asked to seek advice from NALC as to whether the PC can contribute towards the cost of a toilet at the Church.

d) Report from Cllr Young re: Nature Recovery strategy meeting:

UK is the most nature-depleted country in Europe.

Under the Environment Act 2021, SC is tasked with writing a Local Nature Recovery strategy by January 2025.

The target is to increase biodiversity by 10%.

PCs are asked to identify land which could be protected and enhanced for nature e.g. restoring wildflowers to roadside verges and other pockets of land, and also identifying areas for tree planting and pond creation.

SC has 2 tree planting officers who can be contacted to provide free trees.

There was a case study from a PC which had planted wildflowers around a children's playing field.

Getting local people on board to provide the manpower to do this is important.

There was also a presentation from the Shropshire Hills Stepping Stones project describing how they are enhancing the environment for nature and trying to increase numbers of threatened birds like the curlew and lapwing.

There was also a presentation from a Severn Trent River Ranger explaining how they are trying to improve water quality.

e) any others – none.

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

Please see earlier report.

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors. *Noted as read unless comments made.*

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- PCC newsletter - October 2023
- PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE- LB9141201-000013502772A - STOTTESDON ROAD JUNCTION BLUNDEL FARM
- Shrewsbury Northwest Relief Road - Addendum to SALC's Latest (for Shropshire local councils and parish meetings)

- National Youth Work Week 2023
- SEND Update - November 2023
- TOWN, PARISH & COMMUNITY COUNCILS - D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024
- Town and Parish Council Survey Results – Shropshire
- VAT on sports facilities - updated bulletin
- Request: Suicide Prevention and Support over festive period 2023 poster - reach into communities
- Reply from John Campion – Police & Crime Commissioner Policing in our area (Case Ref: WE8583). *Cllrs felt that this was a very bland reply, not answering our problems. Reports say West Mercia are in Special Measures.*
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- SALC - Councillors Need to Know - online training event - Monday 11th December 2023, 6pm - 8pm
- HAF Winter / Christmas Programme Open for Bookings
- Public Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner at Kinnerley Parish Hall, 7pm on 5th December 2023
- Crowdfund Shropshire event 21st November 2023 HANDOUTS
- Webinar on local level food strategies -Thu, 7 Dec 2023 10:30 - 12:00

11) Date of next meeting – 18th December 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Payments approved:

SLCC – subscription renewal - £183

Clerk's salary - £1061.65

HMRC PAYE - £296.81

Signed: Chairman

Date: