

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Allen, R Abbiss, L Grey, Z Griffin, M Pearce, R Kennett, S Crawford.

Public: two

Clerk: Mrs Freda Morris

Clerk explained that as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present a Chairman had to be elected. Cllr Allen was **elected, and he Chaired the meeting.**

0) Public participation:

Wade Muggleton attended, as requested by Cllr Young, to talk about tree planting in the Parish and the tree to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

Wade suggested perhaps planting a tree in the middle of the triangle at the bottom of the Almshouse Bank (Loughton junction). Cllrs did not think this was suitable due to visibility and a selection of wildflowers already identified on this site and would prefer this left just for wildflowers.

As there are not many spaces on roadside verges, landowners would have to be asked about planting inside the hedge on their field. Suggestions were made to plant trees with a plaque saying that the tree was planted to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee at the following locations:

- On the wide verge by Hall Farm, Sidbury – Cllr Abbiss will speak to landowner.
- Chorley Chapel grounds
- Bagginswood – on the verge by the Harcourt junction into Roger Goode's field – Cllr Allen will speak to landowner.
- Stottesdon – Glebe Drive, to replace tree removed by STAR Housing. This had previously been agreed by STAR Housing, but Clerk will contact them again

Cllr Pearce will speak to Farlow Farm Nurseries regarding appropriate trees.

Wade had also been questioned regarding the removal of hedges along the Stanley/Northwood Lane. Clerk asked Wade if he could find out the exact location as planning permission had been granted for a hedge removal on one field and Cllr Abbiss confirmed that another hedge had been cleared of undergrowth etc but would grow again. Chairman thanked Wade for attending and would ask Cllr Young to contact him further.

The second parishioner had just purchased a property in Stottesdon and just wanted to sit in on the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8pm

1) Apologies for absence: Cllrs D Young (family bereavement), D Powell (poorly), J Rogers (resigned due to health issues). **RESOLVED to accept apologies.** Shropshire Cllrs G Butler and S Harris (both unavailable), Police.

Cllr Kennett had attended the recent Fundamentals for Cllrs training and understood that apologies should not be accepted, they should be acknowledged as effectively a Cllr could offer their apologies repeatedly and still remain part of the PC even though they were genuinely not engaged. Cllr Griffin agreed with this, but the Clerk expressed her disagreement as she understood Cllrs should give their apologies and reasons for not attending which had to be approved by the Council.

Cllr Kennett also felt that the Police should make an effort to attend or at least provide an evidenced document for information to the PC. Cllr pointed out that there was one Officer and two PCSO's for the whole area from Kinlet, Cleobury, Highley, Tenbury etc. and with

shift patterns/holidays etc. it was not always possible to attend. Cllr Kennett felt there should be ways around this instead of sending repeated apologies and this view was shared by other Cllrs.

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 24th July 2022:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Walton Bank gateway reply from MP and SC – both provided for Cllrs to read.

Clerk reported that she had received a call from SC regarding the application and they were waiting the correct application to be submitted and would then report back. This had been chased again by the Clerk, but the Officer had been on holiday until tomorrow. Clerk was asked to contact SC tomorrow for an update.

'H' bar opposite School Gate reply from SC, Highway Technician:

This was before my time, I will try and ascertain who made the promise and if a job was ever raised for the H bar outside the school, I will let you know when I have something to report. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Clerk had looked back and traced this as far back as 2019 – will chase this again with SC. Cllrs Abbiss and Allen remembered that white lining of the school car park and the 'H' bar was supposed to be priced and the PC offered to pay for the work.

Local Plan/Parish Plan etc:

Clerk had been in touch with Vicky Turner to enquire if the PC needed to do anything about either of these but Vicky replied saying [the local plan is with the inspectors so unless you had a particular issue which you have raised with the inspectors and may have to attend a public hearing then there is nothing for you to do.](#)

[And I was not aware you were working in a parish plan at the moment – so I am not expecting anything from you for that one too](#)

Parking outside Belle Vue Garage: Reply from Police

Answering your question about the cars parked by the garage, the mechanic doing the work has nowhere else to put the cars and unfortunately there is no signs that say otherwise. It may be better with your local council knowledge to get onto highways to see if any road markings can be put in place to stop this happening.

Clerk has asked S Cllr Butler to raise this with Cleobury Mortimer TC or Neen Savage PC whichever Parish it is in. Gwilym confirmed that Belle Vue garage comes under Neen Savage and it is a major concern of theirs. We have arranged for a review of the B4363 from Cleobury through Six ashes crossroads up to Kinlet Bank as they also want to bring in a reduced speed limit, I am unaware on when this will done at present but is on the list. Next time I meet with Neen Savage I will raise it again.

b. Any others: none.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- to approve Clerk's salary/HMRC payments – due in September so Clerk had already paid these. **RESOLVED to accept.**
- Audit fee - £240.00/report: Audit came back clear with a comment to be mindful of reserves when setting the next precept. **RESOLVED to pay this account and report accepted.**
- Lengthsman Account – next month.
- Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting: 37p interest August, 48p September.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/03865/AGR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Erection of a steel portal framed building for forestry business use LOCATION: Braggins Lye, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP. OS REFERENCE: 369931 - 282598 APPLICANT: Mr. N. Home
Application noted.

b. Reference: 22/03944/TCA (validated: 26/08/2022)
Address: The Rectory, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE
Proposal: Crown reduction by 1.0-2.5 metres and crown lift by 0.5-1.0 metre of 1no. Beech (T1), selective reduction of over extended limbs by 1.0-1.5 metres and reduction of decayed limbs from 1no. Silver Birch (T2) within Stottesdon Conservation Area
Applicant: Mr Mike Williams (Palace Yard, Hereford, HR4 9BL)
Clerk Had emailed this out to Cllrs as comments were required before this meeting and no objections were raised.
This has now been **approved** by Shropshire Council.

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
Decision: **Grant Permission**

d. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/03960/AGR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Erection of an open sided hay barn to replace existing enclosed building LOCATION: Land To The North Of Walton Cottages, Stottesdon, Shropshire. OS REFERENCE: 367551 - 281555 APPLICANT: Mr Christopher Brown
This application does not require comments, but Cllrs had previously stated that they had no objections to the barn.

e. Reference: 22/03950/FUL validated: 15/09/2022)
Address: Fellfield House, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LU
Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Applicant: Mr Kelvin Davies
Cllrs discussed this application, and it was **RESOLVED to accept this.**

f) Any others received after issue of agenda:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/04251/AGR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Erection of a cattle shed LOCATION: Newton Farm, Burwarton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6RT. OS REFERENCE: 365816 - 285343 APPLICANT: Mr John Hughes

This application required no comments.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Griffin and Cllr Abbiss attended the latest meeting via Zoom, which included very short snippets of information on:

- Civility and Respect
- Social Media accounts – suggest each PC has one.
- Emotional Intelligence
- Leadership Styles
- Right tool for right job.
- Warm Hubs
- Emergency Planning
- Safeguarding
- SALC AGM - 11th November via Zoom with Chief Police Officer in attendance
- Clerks Pay Rise details sent out – Cllr Griffin pointed out that a Personnel meeting needs arranging to deal with this. Clerk will sort this out.
- Affiliation fees discussed at Executive meeting.

Chairman thanked both Cllrs for their report.

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Tree planting – dealt with earlier.

b) Brooksmeeing Bridge closure – 10th October – 11th November

c) any others:

- Five lorries were seen along the road between Pickthorn Farm and The Highlands to fill in potholes!
- Road closed at Oldbury with a sign just saying road closed for 15 minutes with no advance warnings, leaving cars unable to turn round and traffic backing up. Clerk pointed out that this had happened at Chelmarsh but on enquiring SC took the opportunity to fill potholes and the road was closed for 13 minutes.
- Road edge potholes at Litley Bridge – right hand side going towards Chorley.
- Bagginswood Road only repaired in patches and previous work starting to break up.
- As the PC had funds it was suggested that some could be used on setting up a friendship/get together club for residents and suggested that perhaps the pubs could be asked if they were interested in holding it. Residents would also have to be asked to see if there was anyone interested. This could also be created as a 'warm hub'. Cllr Allen will ask at the Fighting Cocks.
- Duddlewick Road to the farm is an adopted road and requires repairing.
- Footpaths have been repaired in the area with new stiles/bridges.
- Pound Lane BW – Clerk received a request for this to be opened by a horse rider. This was passed to SC.
- Dr's asked Clerk if 'Disabled parking' could be written in lay-by in front of the surgery. Clerk has passed this onto SC.
- Hinton Road from the bridge to the farm still not repaired.
- Road damage outside Fieldhouse, Chorley. Clerk and residents have reported this to SC.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report - emailed to Cllrs

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors and taken as read unless comments made:

- Alterations to Electoral Roll

- SALC News in Brief. *Clerk pointed out that useful information and training sessions were included in these.*
- SALC - Shropshire Village Halls Conference – *passed to Village Hall.*
- Veolia/SC - £15,000 of funding now available to community groups across the county.
- Programmed resurfacing work 2023/2024 – The Square-Riddings Lane and Old Miners to Myres Cottage.
- Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - online training event - Rescheduled to 13th October 2022
- TREES CE Newsletter - Autumn Issue (Together Reducing & Ending Exploitation in Shropshire)
- Police Charter – 3 priorities remain as parking outside school, rural crime (thefts from farms), anti-social behaviour (speeding through Stottesdon and fly tipping)
- SALC - Cost of living briefing sessions
- SALC – Warm Hubs
- SALC – AGM, 11th November via Zoom
- SALC – Neighbourhood Planning training – 20th and 27th October via Zoom
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
It was suggested putting all training, policies onto one document and that all Cllrs should have a generic email address for Parish Council instead of using personal email addresses.
Clerk pointed out that this this had been discussed previously but was asked to enquire how much this would cost to set up through our web provider.
- RBL – Silent Soldiers – not dealt with.

11) Date of next meeting: 24th October 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Payments approved:

Clerk's salary: £xx

HMRC - £194.17

Audit fee - £240.00

Signed: Chairman

Date: