

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th December 2024 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), M Pearce, Z Griffin (Vice Chairman), C Adams, R Gutteridge, R Abbiss, A Sierakowski.

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllrs R Kennett, S Crawford, S Allen, Shropshire Cllrs S Harris, G Butler. Police.

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 25th November 2024:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Reply from Boyne Estates:

Thank you for your email regarding the flooding on the Moorbrook - Duddlewick stretch of highway. We will investigate for any blockages in the River Rea and arrange for extraction when ground conditions allow.

Regards,

Tavie Boyne

Burwarton Estates Company Ltd

Hardwickforge Bridge – cancelled due to floods, no date yet.

Litley Bridge – repairs in the programme, but no date.

Thanks to Robin for defib checks.

Clerk also reported that the caravan at the rear of the Dr's Surgery is for use as a 'welfare centre' for when building work commences on the new house and although it is being used by the applicant to work from home in, it is not being used for sleeping.

It was also noted that another caravan has been sited next to the bungalow at Blundell Farm. Clerk was asked to contact Planning to seek policy information as to whether permission is required or not.

b. Any others: none.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC - £538.24 (DM Payroll Services tell me we are £570.77 in credit, so this does not have to be paid)

Lengthsman account – agreed Clerk pay once received.

Any others received after issue of agenda:

Your SLCC Membership Renewal - £190

c) Income since last meeting - £70 Chelmarsh PC (towards SLCC renewal)

Interest - £24.17

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 24/03701/VAR (validated: 26/09/2024)

Address: Barn Adjoining Swallows Rest, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Removal of Condition No,1 (agricultural occupancy) pursuant to planning permission BR/95/0414

Decision: **Grant Permission**

As building work appears to have commenced, Clerk checked with planning regarding permission but the filed said ‘not proceeded with.’ On speaking to the applicant, they had been told that the original planning for Swallows Rest included the conversion of this barn, therefore permission was not required.

b) Lawful Development Certificate to de-convert 5 No. dwelling units back into one dwellinghouse

LOCATION: Bardley Court House, Bardley Court, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire.

OS REFERENCE: 369511 - 280727

APPLICANT: Mr Jonathon Hill

Withdrawn

c) Any others received after issue of the agenda:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PLANNING REFERENCE: 24/04679/AGR

DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED:

Erection of a new agricultural building

LOCATION: Harcourt Farm, Harcourt, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

OS REFERENCE: 368955 - 282702

APPLICANT: PN & DB Johnson

Cllrs had no objections to this, therefore no need to make comments as it was for ‘Information only.’

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that the Nature Recovery event had been well attended. She had picked up that verges with wildflowers growing should be left by the width of a cut for mowing with low growing flowers behind this.

Planning document needs reviewing, and it is hoped that Parish and Shropshire Council can work together.

Housing numbers for Shropshire appear to have doubled.

Rural areas appear to lose out to Urban re funding as it is thought rural areas can raise funds easier!

Cllr Abbiss also queried regarding the usage of the recycling centres.
SALC – Ray Wickson (Telford & Wrekin) elected as Chairman with Sylvia Pledger (Shropshire).

8) Shropshire Cllr's report:

Clerk had emailed this out to Cllrs.

9) Parish matters/problems

a) Raised by Cllrs:

- Potholes filled at the bottom of Burnt Pitt bank, but this appears to be a sink hole, and water is lying on top of the repairs still. Clerk will notify SC.
- Problem with the road flooding at Bardley Court bend reply from SC:
- With regards to the 3 Enquiry Nos 14158161 19/10/24, 14160970 24/11/24 and 14162040 06/12/2024 relating to Bardley Court, these have all been made by the same member of the public.

On receipt of the first Enquiry No 14158161, on 19/10/2024, the issue was investigated, and a Job raised for the in-house drainage team to attend. Our In-house drainage team attended the site on 27th November 2024 and the highway gullies were jetted and water was removed from the road, it was noted at that time that the flooding issue appears to be from the adjacent pond overflowing due to the sheer amount of rainfall we have had recently. The highways drainage system is not designed to take water from the pond but only to drain surface water from the highway. The issue with the overflowing pond could possibly be a riparian issue and the member of the public reporting the issue has been advised to obtain a land registry search to determine the owner of the pool.

However, in the meantime, the in-house drainage team will return on Monday to further investigate the situation and I have also asked for some flood signs to be erected today. This message has also been communicated to the member of the public who reported the issue.

It is assumed this pool belongs to Beckett's, but as the member of the public has been made aware of this, then it is hoped he will contact Mr Beckett.

- Concern expressed that it is unknown and how the farmers and edges will end up.
- Potholes commented on again – Clerk has reported all these on Fix My Street.

b) Any others:

- No telephone/broadband in Chorley since Saturday and the mobile signal throughout the parish is very bad. Openreach have replaced the pole at Litley, but residents have been given 17th and 27th as dates to be reconnected.
As there are many people working from home, businesses, single people, elderly and vulnerable people in the community and 'welfare' checks being unable to be made this was a real problem.
Sidbury is also off.
Clerk will contact Ben Walker at SC and copy Stuart Anderson MP into the email.

10) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: *(noted as received unless comments made):*

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- King Charles portrait – Cllr Kennett took this to ask School again or Church or Dr's Surgery.

- Shropshire Council - Review of Banners, Bunting and Festive lighting Policy and Process – Questionnaire for completion. Chairman read the questions, Cllrs replied, and Clerk will send off completed form.
- Notification of road closure at Hardwickforge Junction to Station Road End Of, Stottesdon - during the dates of Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th November and the hours of 8am to 4pm – Reply from SC – dealt with earlier.
- Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party 2025. Suggestion made.
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - December 2024, January to March 2025
- Fire service Consultation
- Reply from Burwarton Estates "River Rea flooding" – dealt with earlier.
- SALC and LNRS conference 6th December in Church Stretton – Report from Cllrs attending.
- Zoom meetings consultation – Chairman read questions, answered by Cllrs. Clerk will forward response.
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Much Wenlock Leisure Centre proposal
- SALC - Shropshire Council Budget 2025/26
- SC - [ACTION BY 31/01/2025] Council Tax Precept Requirement 2025/26 - Stottesdon & Sidbury – ready for precept meeting next month.
- Coronavirus & defibrillator availability updates – Clerk confirmed all three defibs available 24/7.
- Lezley's Leader Update

11) Date of next meeting: 27th January 2025

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.23pm.

Payments approved:

Clerks' salary - £xx

HMRC - £538.24 (as DM Payroll Services say we are £570.77 in credit; we do not need to pay this)

Lengthsman account – pay when received.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: