

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm ay Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), M Pearce, R Kennett, Z Griffen, C Adams, R Abbiss.  
Shropshire Cllr S Harris  
Parishioners: two  
Clerk: Mrs F Morris

### **0) Public participation:**

Two parishioners present had planning applications to be discussed at the meeting. Chairman explained that if there was information, they thought the Cllrs should be aware of they could speak now, but once the meeting opened, they would not be allowed to speak.

Mr Arrowsmith, Coulraine Cottage, explained that these were amended plans as those passed were incorrect regarding the size, which was 1.2 meters shorter than discussed with Architect which would have a big impact on the corner bedroom because of the vaulted ceilings and that bedroom is at the point where the 2 roofs meet compromising the head space and usable space. Louvre door proposed on boiler room and Velux windows re-sited. The applicant also queried if they would require planning permission to remove the laurel etc from the wall (which is collapsing) on the side of the property. It was suggested that he contacts planning.

Mr Griffiths explained the reasons for his new property, fulfilled the local connection, and the plans submitted he felt would fit in with the surrounding area. The property would be triple glazed, air source heat pump and solar panels on the garage roof. The land slopes down away from the Doctor's Surgery and this was the preferred site of the planners.

*No questions were asked and both parishioners left the room.*

### **Parish Council meeting opened at 7.41pm**

**1) Apologies for absence:** Received and noted from Cllrs S Allen, S Crawford, D Powell, and Shropshire Cllr Butler.

### **2) Resignation from Cllr Grey/Casual Vacancy:**

It was with regret that Cllr Grey had resigned. The Clerk had notified Shropshire Council and the vacancy posters had been put up. Clerk confirmed that on speaking with SC the vacancy should be advertised for Sidbury PC and Cllrs were asked to let people know of this. Clerk will also put this on the Stottesdon Facebook page and the Chorley app. Both Chairman and Clerk had replied to Cllr Grey.

### **3) 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.

Cllrs R Abbiss and C Adams declared an interest in item 7c as relations of the applicant.

**4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – these had been circulated with the agenda and were proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.**

**5) Matters arising from minutes:**

a. Clerk's report:

Clerk's meeting with Chris Haslam, SC Highway technician:

Chris came to introduce himself as the new Highways Technician for the area. He explained that there has been some reorganisation and hopes that we can all bear with him while he settles into his new job!

SC must save £50m so we all have to have realistic expectations.

Potholes – they are filling on 'safety defects' – not all potholes in the same area may be filled at the same time – depends on depth!

All problems should be reported on Fix My Street (FMS), by the person who raises the problem as SC think that being reported first hand gives correct info:

1. Report direct to FMS.
2. Take photos of the problem and send with report to FMS.
3. Give exact location.
4. Give description of problem.

To receive the information first hand is far better and relieves the Clerk of a lot of reporting. If someone is unable to use computer etc then the Clerk can help.

It is much better for SC to receive reports throughout the month, rather than wait for the PC to deal with these at the meeting and the Clerk then has to send in a load altogether.

They are looking at the IT part of FMS to get better reporting back to people who have sent in complaints.

There is nothing stopping people letting the Clerk know of the issue once they have reported it.

SC are using other contractors and if people see more than one vehicle at a job there is a genuine reason for this, i.e., traffic safety on narrow roads, materials etc. The men are issued with instructions as to what to do.

We went to look at the 'H' bar at the school and he will try to get this sorted asap. Whilst there I noticed that the kerb in the gateway opposite was loose, sticking up and when stood on what was underneath! Chris took note of this for repair!

Broken kerb outside Hornbeam Lodge was noted – will arrange for repair (probably with concrete).

School car park – I explained about our meeting several years ago and the problems Pete Backhouse raised.

Chris has marked two potholes at the entrance to the car park.

The 'KEEP CLEAR' box in front of the School House and The Bungalow entrance, he felt the school should address this issue by asking parents not to block this.

Hedge outside The Wheelwrights protruding into the road. He was going to drive down to have a look and knock on the door/ write to the residents, if he felt action was necessary.

Burnt Pitt Bank: I asked when this was to be repaired as the planned work did not go ahead and I queried getting the water off the road before any work commenced.

He asked about the water, and I explained where it came from and he queried 'has the PC talked to the landowner,' as this might be an easy fix for them. You can obviously see that he marked the road after his visit.

He is aware that the yew tree is to be removed. Permission to carry out this work has been granted but SC must wait for the road closure order and contractor availability. I have asked if this could be done during half term, no guarantee, but will try!

Cllr Kennett was disappointed that the Duddlewick road and farm lane was not mentioned. Clerk confirmed that she had spoken about both and Pickthorn Lane. Chris took all the details down and marked the areas on the map Clerk provided him with and promised to investigate these areas but could not promise anything immediately.

b. Any others:

Severn Trent manhole by Whitesides still not repaired and there are sharp edges sticking up. Clerk will report again.

Chairman had not spoken to Mr Griffiths regarding the Station Road hedge but would do so asap.

#### **6) Finance:**

a) Approval of accounts: Quarterly Bank reconciliation – sent out separately

b) Personnel Report from June meeting and to agree recommendations proposed. **Agreed with recommendations regarding Clerk's salary,**

c) Payments for approval:

- Clerk's salary - £xx
- HMRC payments - £295.60

Lengthsman Account - not available.

RESOLVED to pay these.

Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

d) Income since last meeting: July £7.66 and August £8.34 interest on deposit account.

#### **7) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:**

a) Reference: 23/03147/FUL (validated: 20/07/2023)

Address: Coulraine Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Erection of extensions to the dwelling as well as internal alterations (Revised Scheme)

Applicant: Mr And Mrs M Arrowsmith

Cllrs raised no objections to these amendments.

b) Reference: 23/02626/FUL (validated: 19/06/2023)

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

Proposal: Erection of stables and manage for private use (resubmission)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

c) Reference: 23/03323/FUL (validated: 28/07/2023)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling West Of Glebe Farm, High Street, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 1No. single plot exception (SPE) affordable dwelling & double garage, formation of access road on the site & connection to the mains drainage.

Applicant: Mr J Griffiths (The Rickyard, Glebe Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TY)

*Cllrs Abbiss and Adams had declared an interest as relation to the applicant, took no part in the discussion regarding this application and left the room.*

Considerable discussion took place regarding this application and after a vote was taken Cllrs agreed to support the application (3 for, one against).

d) Reference: 23/01387/FUL (validated: 06/04/2023)

Address: Coombe Farm Cottage, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LS

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to the existing buildings with south-facing solar roof panels

Decision: **Grant Permission**

e) Reference: 23/03187/TCA  
(validated: 18/07/2023)

Address: Land Adj. 16 Glebe Drive, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UF

Proposal: Fell 1no Yew within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: **No Objection**

f) Any others received after issue of the agenda: No more received.

## **8) SALC report given by Cllr Abbiss:**

No Executive meeting been held since last month's report.

AGM to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Wroxeter Hotel, £10 each and hoped that as many Cllrs could attend as possible as hopefully there will be a very inspirational speaker. Cllr Abbiss felt that the PC should pay for the Clerk to attend if she is available.

Bookings through the Clerk.

## **9) Parish matters/problems:**

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors including:

- Fly tipping – Harcourt Road reported – this possibly was cannabis plants again.
- Litley Barns – concern expressed that building is progressing on this site, where planning permission was withdrawn. **RESOLVED to report to Planning.**
- Lengthsman work recently carried out, including cutting around road signs, some of which are 'rotting away.'
- Sand coming off the fields at Prescott Farm corner is blocking the drain again and the drain further down towards Prescott Mill. Clerk confirmed that she had mentioned this to the new Highways Inspector who said that the sand could be removed and

put back onto the landowner's field. It was **RESOLVED to write to Mr Whitehouse at Prescott Farm regarding this asking if there is anything he can do in the field to prevent this happening as the road becomes very slippery for cyclists etc.**

- Tractors are being driven quite fast through the village, with young lads driving these, with two extremely near misses recently. Clerk will contact the Police.
- Hedges need cutting back – 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- Fingerpost in the village still has arms missing and often pointing in the wrong direction.
- Problem with broken/overgrown bridge FP40 – possibly belongs to Duddlewick. Clerk will send in report.

b) Kings Coronation coins – Clerk still has a number of these which have not been collected but will advertise on the Chorley and Stottesdon apps again.

c) Brown Clee Medical Practice – awaiting dates for next meetings.

Cllr Abbiss reporting that the Nightingale Nursing Fund is folding and the money in the account is being split three ways between Hospice at Home, Cleobury Mortimer Co-Co and Ditton Priors Co-Co. This has all been dealt with through the Charity Commissioners who must be told where the money goes to.

d) any others – Clerk received a call from the new owner of The Fighting Cocks, due to move in mid-September, asking if there was any restriction on colour as they want to paint the outside of the pub. Clerk queried this with planning and had sent the information through to the new owner. Clerk read out email to Cllrs.

#### **10) Shropshire Cllr's report** - emailed to Cllrs:

Cllr Harris reported on the following (which will also be sent out in next report):

- ✓ Cleobury Mortimer Patients Voice to be restarting.
- ✓ FOI requests sent to SC, who have been slow in answering, but are obligated to give the information requested.
- ✓ FOI request on cost of claims for damage to vehicles following hitting potholes (see attached).
- ✓ Boundary Commission – new divisions, no decisions yet.
- ✓ Green Peace – urged Cllrs to look on website regarding Vapes which create so many problems for the Environment as they contain so much plastic. 11% over 12's are using these. Concern was expressed regarding this and SC and LGA are lobbying Government to stop it.  
Clerk pointed out that a new Vape shop was to be opened in Cleobury Mortimer which Cllr Harris was not aware of.
- ✓ Budget discussed.

Chairman thanked Cllr Harris for his report.

#### **11) Correspondence:** All emailed out to *Councillors (taken as read unless comments made):*

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations

- Road Closure at, HILLCREST GREEN LANE STOTTESDON KIDDERMINSTER DY14 8UL - on 25/08/2023 for 1 day between 0930-1530. Work Details - To provide a safe working area for engineers to access telegraph poles in order to provide fibre overhead cabling.
  - SALC - Finance training delivered by Parkinson Partnership - September 2023 - January 2024
  - LB9141201-000074936216A- FERNY HALL TO YEW TREE FARM JUNCTION – Rad closure. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October
  - PCC newsletter - July 2023 – John Campion
  - Bridgnorth and Shifnal Area Committee - Change of Date to 4<sup>th</sup> September
  - SALC - IMPORTANT Place Plan & Neighbourhood Development Plan submissions VERGE & NATURE RECOVERY
  - SALC - Warp It letter
  - SALC's 74th AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> November
  - Police - Contract contacts for Sep till Dec 2023
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- NALC Legal Update – August 202 – forwarded today.

**12) Date of next meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Cllr Adams gave apologies for this meeting.

**Payments approved:**

Clerk's salary – £xx  
HMRC - £295.60

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

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**