

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice Chairman), A Sierakowski, M Pearce, C Adams, R Gutteridge, S Allen, S Crawford.

Public: Two

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Two parishioners attended to express their concern regarding the tragic loss of Annie at The Fighting Cocks and the lack of information being received regarding the re-opening of the pub, just 'hearsay' at present.

This is a big concern for the village as it is the only pub and is the 'hub of the village'. It has regularly been used to host fund raising events, quizzes, wedding, christening, birthday parties and wakes. It is a restaurant and the only place in the village with a room to hire for private events.

It was wondered if this could be registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' with the Parish Council leading on this.

The process was explained by Cllr Sierakowski.

It was agreed to write to the family (if details could be passed to Clerk) to query if this would be opening again.

This will be put on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

The two parishioners thanked the Cllrs for listening and left the meeting.

Parish Council meeting opened at 7.55pm.

1) Co-option of Councillors/signing of declaration of acceptance of office – previous interested person is no longer interested so vacancy is still unfilled. Clerk has again advertised on the Facebook page.

2) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllr Griffin and S. Cllr Davies, Police.

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.

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in item 6a.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2025 :

These had been circulated with agenda, and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record.**

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Bagginswood Road:

Following photos sent into SC, I received the following reply:

Thank you for your time today, as discussed on the phone.

I have made Shropshire Councils term maintenance contractor Kier and Design Consultant WSP aware that an inspection of the site is required following your email and photos regarding cracking to the completed surfacing schemes on Bagginswood Road.

Any defects identified on the inspection will be agreed on site between the Shropshire Highways Alliance and issued to the Term maintenance contractor through a remedial process to rectify under the guarantee period.

Once I have the information logged, I will update you on what action and time frame to rectify will be taken.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional queries.

Regards,

Nathan Ebanks

Capital Delivery Engineer

I have also asked if the pothole could be filled right on the edge of the drive to the Bardley Court lodges – this is right on the edge of the road and if you meet something you cannot avoid it.

FMS Reports:

I have received loads of acknowledgements for FMS reports – some very old. I am told that the Harcourt Road is 'Action Scheduled' and the road has been closed today – for repair, hopefully.

Civility & Respect Pledge:

This has been discussed, and I really think that we should sign up to this – will put it on next agenda.

Internet Banking proving a nightmare! Cllr Abbiss reported that Lloyds have promised to ring her on Wednesday. Chairman added, no problem.

b. Any others: Openreach poles:

Cllr Sierakowski had written on behalf of Sidbury residents and Clerk had also written.

An email had also been received from Chloe Evans on behalf of Sidbury Estates expressing their concern regarding the amount of poles and urged Openreach to reconsider the current approach and to consult further with the community about less intrusive alternatives.

It was **RESOLVED to invite Cosmo Guy to our next meeting to explain the situation.**

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in this application, but it was FOI only.

a) INFORMATION ONLY: **25/03294/AGR**|Erection of a General Purpose Agricultural Building and Associated Concrete Yard Area|Woodhouse Farm Riddings Lane Northwood Stottesdon Kidderminster Shropshire DY14 8UT

b) Any others received after issue of the agenda – none received.

7) Finance:

a) Approval of accounts:

I. Bank mandate – Cllr Abbiss still trying to sort this with the bank to add her name.

II. Transfer of funds to deposit account – Clerk will deal with this.

b) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £467.94

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council - SH0160 - AGAR Form 3 Review

c) Any others received after issue of agenda

PJKF Littlejohn (Audit) - £252.00

Med UK - £165 – defib pads (3 packs, 1 for each defib.

Mark Pearce – Lengthsman - £400

RESOLVED that Clerk pays all these accounts.

8) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that the

- SALC AGM is at Shrewsbury Town FC on 29th October – bookings through Clerk.
- Accreditation panel set up for the Local Council Award Scheme
- Social Media training
- LNR – October, at capacity.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report: emailed out to Cllrs.

10) Parish matters/problems

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Same reports as potholes still not yet repaired.
- ✓ Moor Brook cleared of trees.
- ✓ Harcourt road – many potholes repaired but deep one has been left?
- ✓ Deep drop outside Ducks car park – reported numerous times.
- ✓ Lane blocked with Harris fencing from Duddlewick to Pickthorn Farm. Will notify ROW.
- ✓ Drain outside Willowdene is compacted with mud which Lengthsman cannot shift.
- ✓ Hardwick bridge brook still not cleared of debris – Clerk will contact Pete Gould again.
- ✓ Gates on BW at Bakehouse Lane, Chorley are now open.
- ✓ Kissing Wicket at Yew Tree Farm – nothing has been done.
- ✓ Post/rails damaged at the top of Honeysuckle Brook ford (Prescott end) – possibly been hit by vehicle.

b) Concerns raised by parishioners

Speeding along the main road at Kinlet (Punches corner) where children catch the school bus. Requesting speed limit. Have sent this to Kinlet PC.

c) any others:

Cllr Abbiss raised the issue regarding over 70's should have eye tests but thinks this should apply to all drivers.

Cllr Abbiss suggested that the PC should investigate providing more road name signs as we did a few years ago., i.e. New Road, High Green at Chorley.

11) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: Taken as read unless comments made

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- West Mercia PCC - Town and Parish Council Survey
- PCC newsletter - August 2025
- A New Way of Working Together – email sent 29/8/25. This needs some thought!
- Road Closure: B4376, Bridgnorth Road junction to B4375 junction 28/10-4/11/25 9.30-14.45
- Road Closure: B4363, Billingsley to B4555 junction – 22/9-24/9 – 9.30-16.00 to repair vehicle crash barrier

- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - From September 2025
- Breakthrough Communications - training events
- SALC AGM - Wednesday 29th October 2025, 4pm - 7pm at Shrewsbury Football Stadium (Sovereign Suite) - bookings required.
Any others received after issue of agenda
- Med UK – defib pads received – handed to Cllr Gutteridge to replace these.
- SH0160 2024/25 AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report – read and noted!
- S Cllr Davies - Cleobury Mortimer Leisure Centre Closure – it would be useful to know how many residents used the facility
- Tourism in Shropshire: Supplier Event - Wednesday 12th November
- Area Committee Review
- Shropshire Council chief executive to stand down – Andy Begley has left.
- SALC Area Committee - Feedback from consultation session 1.9.25SALC and Local Nature Recovery in Town and Parish Councils across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin conference 3rd October ELLESMERE
- B4363 at the Kennels bridge – investigating.
- Fix My Street reports – many of these are months old!

12) Date of next meeting: 27th October 2025

Payments made:

Clerks' salary - £xx

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There being no other business the meeting close at 9.31pm

Signed: Chairman

Date: