

## **Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council**

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell, C Smith, B Hamilton-Russell, B Montague, R Abbiss.  
Shropshire Cllr M Shineton  
Clerk: Mrs F Morris  
Parishioners: 0

**0) Public participation:** No public present.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Allen(meeting), Shropshire Cllr G Butler (sick leave).  
**RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

*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.

**2) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED that these be accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

**3) Matters Arising:**

a) Clerk's update:

- Yew tree – branch came out blocking the road, quickly removed by Nathan Home and Mark Pearce removed all debris. SC to arrange work on this tree.
- Planning – Old Vicarage – noticed on planning portal it now says 8 children with 6 being brought in for teaching. Have asked officer for update again! Cllr Shineton understands that this is now with the Legal Dept at SC.
- Walton Bank /Prescott repairs – all completed. Positive comments have been received regarding this work although it appears that running water is missing the drains and running between the tarmac edge/hedge bank. Clerk has already mentioned this to SC but will notify them again.
- Email from Gwilym thanking everyone for lovely card and saying treatment going OK.
- Loughton Road – emergency closure. As emailed out to Cllrs a large amount of tarmac across the width of the road had been lifted so SC closed the road until the damage could be assessed. A resident had contacted the Clerk regarding the closure as despite signs saying ROAD CLOSED vehicles are still using this road and driving on the verge round the problem thus causing more damage. Resident also complained that the road signs are lying flat at Norton Farm.

- School Hall opening – lovely hall. Cllrs Abbiss, Allen, Clerk and Cllr Shingleton attended.

Chorley Village Hall – looking at a cheaper broadband provider and have altered settings so should be able to connect straight to wi-fi without using passwords.

b) Reply from SC re: roads: Clerk confirmed that all complaints regarding the roads had been acknowledged.

c) Defibrillator updates/training: Defib now installed at Sidbury and Cllr Abbiss explained that there had been access problems again with the electrician having to crawl under the door! Clerk will now contact Chris Phillips for dates he is available for training.

d) SC Stottesdon Parish Council - Casual Vacancy co-option; No election had been requested so the PC can co-opt. Clerk will contact Jonathon Hill to see if he is interested but this vacancy will be advertised through the next newsletter.

#### **4) Planning applications/permissions/refusals**

a) Reference: 20/00353/FUL (validated: 05/02/2020)

Address: Rays Farm, Billingsley, Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PF

Proposal: Erection of new outdoor wooden play area

Applicant: Mrs J Nicholls

After discussions Cllrs **RESOLVED to support this application for a local business.**

b) Any applications received after issue of agenda:

PLANNING REFERENCE - 20/00733/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a treatment plant replace existing septic tank and soakaway

LOCATION: - 4 Crown Cottages, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire.

This is a retrospective application (work carried out in 2015) – Cllrs raised no objections.

The extension to the barn in Harcourt Lane was queried (Mr Morris) – Clerk thought this had been approved under 'permitted development' but would check the planning portal.

#### **5) SALC report:**

- Cllr Abbiss reported the following:  
Di at SALC at compiled a 'Guide to Planning' document which will be sent out when approved.
- Executive meeting – Emergency Planning came to the meeting but didn't give a presentation just told us where they were with the plans. SALC offered to set a working group with them to progress the plans.
- Parish/Town Councils to identify risks. Task & Finish group appointed, so wait and see what happens.
- Local Plan pushed back 2 months to May then 6 weeks consultation. Plan will be up to 2038.
- Place Plans on SC website.
- New Consultant Tom Blackburn-Maze over £30m spent on roads Jan-March with more to be invested in roads. 43 gangs of workmen now working on the roads and they have been told not to drive over potholes but to fill all.
- SALC training costs increasing.
- Meeting to be held on Strategic Boundaries – merging some parishes/wards.

*Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for the report.*

## **6) Shropshire Councillor's report:**

Cllr Shineton gave the following report:

- Full Council meeting Thursday when budget will be set – some proposed figures given.
- Infrastructure – roads in awful state!
- North West relief road – different money to highways budget.
- Need to expand/support businesses.
- Old Power Station site, Ironbridge queried. Plan is to build over 1000 houses (site now flooded), plans to incorporate old railway line/businesses but all this is a long way off yet.
- Future Fit – no update at present. CCG meetings in 2 weeks' time. New Chief Executive appointed.
- SC Assets – will do report for the PC.
- Free Trees – to be reintroduced.
- Senior Team reorganisation.

It was raised with Cllr Shineton the difficulty in reporting potholes on the 'myshropshire' website as they are asking for postcodes which we don't always know. It was suggested that the nearest property name is used or a grid reference. Cllr Shineton will raise the issue.

*Chairman thanked Cllr Shineton for her report, and she left the meeting.*

## **7) Financial matters:**

a) To confirm bank transfer payments from last month. Cllrs initialled these.

b) Outstanding payments: Clerk's salary- £xx  
HMRC PAYE - £52.49

Account - M Pearce (Lengthsman Account and other work carried out) – not received.

ZEN (Internet Account) - £36

Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda.

Chorley Village Hall hire - £240

It was **RESOLVED to pay all these accounts via BACS.**

c) Income since last meeting - £50 Chelmarsh PC towards SLCC renewal and Deposit a/c interest – 48p January, 49p February

d) Bank statement – initialled by Cllrs

e) Grant request for Stottesdon Primary School Garden project. Clerk read out email and showed Cllrs the plans. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to donate £500 towards this on conditions that the money was spent locally and for a specific part of the garden where a plaque could be installed saying that this area was supported by the Parish Council. Clerk was given delegated powers to liaise with Rachel Datlen regarding this.**

## **8) Parish matters/problems**

a) Parish problems:

- Norton/Farlow/Smallbrook road in a very bad condition with deep potholes and surface non-existent in places.
- Sidbury banks and roads through the village – our lengthsman and residents having been trying really hard to keep the roads clear but there are potholes also.

- Honeysuckle ford – no depth marker on the ford coming from Hardwick end. Potholes along this road which we understood were going to be filled prior to this road being used as diversion route.
- Road slip at the bottom of Hawkswood Lane has had barriers there for several years – when will a permanent repair be made?
- Pickthorn Lane – very deep potholes – risk of Milk Company – a site meeting has been suggested by farm owners to try to resolve this situation.
- Potholes Dayhouse Farm side of Hardwicke forge bridge – river water has also pushed hedge into the road.
- Signage for the road closure at Hinton does not occur until you get to Scotts at Norton from the main Ludlow road – drivers go towards Aston Botterell where the roads are all in bad conditions with road edges badly damaged – if you went off the road edge we are told severe damage would be done to vehicles.
- Burnt Pitt Bank – a cluster of potholes half way up the bank have now got much worse and unavoidable. Pothole also on bend by the yew tree. In fact, the whole of this stretch of road has deteriorated badly. Large cone been put back in the pothole at the bottom of the bank.
- Wribley bank potholes.
- Debris washed down and gathered at the bottom of Litley, Wribley and Sidbury banks – some removed by local person at Sidbury.
- Very deep/wide pothole at the bottom of Almshouse Bank – people have already damaged vehicles in this.
- Flood at the bottom of Moonhouse bank is regularly being dealt with by our lengthsman – CCTV awaited to resolve this long outstanding problem.
- Harcourt roads suffered damage due to this being used as the diversion route.

Reply from Martin Sutton re: Yew tree, Burnt Pitt corner: (STAR Housing own the land the tree is on so they will be dealing with it now).

Yes I have inspected the yew tree identified as 8005 on the screenshot map below. It's a STAR Housing tree and it has suffered a limb failure when a branch dropped over the road in recent storms. The branch has been removed but there is a residual problem with the tree, in that another primary limb on the road side of the canopy has got a substantial amount of decay in a long, open wound at a height of about 3-4m above the road. The stub from the limb that ripped out and the decayed limb are shown circled in red on the attached photo, taken from the side of the road. The defect limb is now exposed by the failure of the adjacent limb and to avoid it also failing in the future the damaged limb should be removed. This in turn will over-expose other potentially vulnerable branches in the remaining upper canopy and I would therefore recommend an overall canopy reduction to remove a large proportion of the upper crown, so as to leave a smaller, rounded profile to the tree that presents no risk to the road. This has been shown in the other attached photos. The actual pruning points should be decided on site by a skilled tree surgeon, considering the intended reduction in canopy height and spread but taking account also of the natural canopy structure and size of pruning wounds to be created.

'Stud on the hill book' – this has now been added to the PC website under 'our history' – any costs for this will be met by the Archives group.

### **9) Policy updates:**

Clerk pointed out that the policies on our website need updating and asked if Cllrs could have a look at these. Chairman asked Cllrs to notify Clerk and Cllrs which they had looked at to avoid too much duplication.

**10) Correspondence:** Emails forwarded to all Councillors. All noted 'as received unless comments made'

Western Power updates – very useful!

Cleobury Country Courses:

- Emergency First Aid at Work Course - Wednesday 4th March 2020
- Portable Appliance Testing Course (PAT) - 9th March 2020
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- SALC:
- Monday News in Brief
- Training Programme 2020
- Press release: There are some issues that can't be fixed by medicine alone
- VE/VJ Day Lamp Post Poppies – Clerk will forward the email again re costs for these, but Cllrs thought it was a good idea to purchase some.
- NALC legal update - February 2020 - Discrimination – protected characteristics – ethical vegans
- Important - Youth Support!
- Is Your Council Taking Part In #GBSpringClean 2020? Ask School if they are interested. Clerk has some litter picking kits.
- Connecting Shropshire broadband programme update - February 2020

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda.

Chorley Village Hall invoice – dealt with earlier

Cllr Shineton - Flood Alert - Ledwyche Brook and River Rea

**11) Date of next meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

**Payments made:**

Clerk's fee - £xx

HMRC PAYE - £52.49

Zen internet - £36

School garden project – £500

Chorley Village Hall - £240

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

**Signed: Chairman**

**Dated:**

**Road Closures:**

**PROPOSED Road Closure at Winterburn Bridge:**

Winterburn Bridge collapsed in 2007, following this the remains of the bridge were removed, and a temporary piped culvert installed in order that the road could be reopened to traffic. In order to ensure the bridges future, the bridge is now due to be rebuilt with a permanent structure.

Advance vegetation works are due to be undertaken this month and the work to rebuild the bridge is proposed to commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (though this may slip by a week) and is

expected to take up to 20 weeks to complete, this is due to the depth of excavation required to rebuild the bridge.

The road will need to be closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the works

**Road Closure:** New Road, Oreton (New Dates - 18/02 to 09/03/2020)

**Start Date:** 18th February 2020

**End Date:** 9th March 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure: STW - Renew 250M of 6"Cast Iron Main in carriageway. O/S The Plough.

**Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water

**Works Promoter Ref:** LB9141201/000012243395A

**Enforcement pattern for New Road, Oreton (New Dates - 18/02 to 09/03/2020):**

24hrs

**Road Closure:** Oreton Road Jct Oreton to Honeysuckle Jct, Oreton

**Start Date:** 18th March 2020

**End Date:** 19th March 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure: BT - Clear a blockage in the carriageway.

**Works Promoter:** BT

**Works Promoter Ref:** BC005KL1W000000031706L2C

**Enforcement pattern for Oreton Road Jct Oreton to Honeysuckle Jct, Oreton:**

09:30 - 15:30

**Road Closure:** Netherton Lane, Highley

**Start Date:** 20th April 2020

**End Date:** 20th April 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure: BT - 3 Pole Replacements. Works to take place for 1w/d only between 09:30 - 15:30.

**Works Promoter:** BT

**Works Promoter Ref:** BC006TI002AP500290728800

**Enforcement pattern for Netherton Lane, Highley:**

09:30 - 15:30

**Road Closure:** Wenlock Road, Bridgnorth (from the Livestock Market to The Wheatlands)

**Start Date:** 18th March 2020

**End Date:** 20th March 2020

**Purpose:** LTP Scheme to replace road markings, signs and pedestrian safety barriers

**Works Promoter:** Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council

**Works Promoter Ref:** UJ214LTP4/847852

**Enforcement pattern for Wenlock Road Bridgnorth Closure:**

Monday - Friday 08:00 - 17:00

**Road Closure:** Church Lane Start of to Haughton Farm Jct, Tasley

**Start Date:** 14th April 2020

**End Date:** 15th April 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure: Air valve chamber rebuild. Dates to be pushed back to 14/04/20 - 15/04/20 to avoid Good Friday and Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

**Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water

**Works Promoter Ref:** LB9141201/000073390504

**Enforcement pattern for Church Lane Start of to Haughton Farm Jct, Tasley:**

24hrs



**Road Closure:** Bridgnorth Open Gardens

**Start Date:** 12th July 2020

**End Date:** 12th July 2020

**Purpose:** Bridgnorth Open Gardens will take place on 12th July 2020. St Marys St is to be closed from 8am to 8pm.

**Enforcement pattern for Bridgnorth Open Gardens:**

All the time

**Road Closure:** Loughton Crossroads to Jct with B4364, Loughton

**Start Date:** 20th April 2020

**End Date:** 22nd April 2020

**Purpose:** Road Closure: STW - Air valve renewal in carriageway.

**Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water

**Works Promoter Ref:** LB9141201/000073393066

**Enforcement pattern for Loughton Crossroads to Jct with B4364, Loughton:**

24hrs

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

**Road Closure:** Bridgnorth Carnival

**Start Date:** 28th June 2020

**End Date:** 28th June 2020

**Purpose:** The Bridgnorth carnival will take place in the town on Sunday 28th June 2020.

Roads will be closed on the route from 1230pm to 2.30pm. Roads affected are: Wenlock Rd, Salop St, Whitburn St, High St, West Castle St, New Rd, Underhill St, Bridge St, St Johns St and Mill St