

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), M Pearce, S Crawford, Z Griffin, R Abbiss.

Shropshire Cllr G Butler

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllrs S Allen (family illness), J Rogers (recovering from operation), L Grey (illness), S Cllr S Harris (Cllr Butler attended instead). **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

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.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2022:

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.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Parish problems:

Following last month's meeting Clerk sent in 17 problems and asked if she needed to log these separately as some had already been reported.

Clerk then had emails back and numerous gave the incorrect locations so had to go through them all again and report every problem individually. Then all individual emails back for every problem – what a lot of time wasted!

Sidbury notice board/flagpole: Reply from Cllr Abbiss:

Mrs Vivienne Mayor has called me today. She is all for moving the board at Sidbury and she says there is a flagpole there somewhere. I guess it will be rotten now as its over 40 years ago since it was used. She is going to try to get the triangle sorted out as soon as she can as there is a fine specimen tree amongst it that her father planted. She was keen for a flagpole as well. She will be back here on Wednesday so I guess she will have a look at it and find someone to do the work. It will be a job well done when someone tidies it up. Nothing had been done to this patch before as neighbours chickens liked to scratch in it.

RSVP verges – reply from Graham Downes: Chairman asked me to request SC not to cut planted verge:

I will ask but am not going to guarantee this, I will send a plan over to Kier. Are you going to get the grass cut at the back end of the season? there is also a potential change to how we cut rural verges, but I cannot see any policy change ready for this coming season.

b. Stotty Strolls Noticeboard transfer:

Reply from Chris Tibbits:

Thanks for confirming that the PC has now taken ownership and responsibility for the former Stotty Strolls boards.

As requested, we will settle the invoice in due course and then transfer any remaining balance to the Council. Please provide the PC bank details so that the transfer can be made electronically.

The keys for the Sidbury and Stottesdon boards, together with the 'hex' bits which unlock the lefthand side displays, are here at The Old Stores - for Mark to collect when he wants them. Just one point remains - would you like the remaining stock of the walk's leaflets, or do you want us to recycle them?

c. Any others:

Parking outside Bell Vue Garage at Six Ashes has not improved with a line of vehicles parked on the roadside. Clerk will email the Police again.

From Chris Tibbits:

This may well be in hand already, but thinking ahead a bit, we wonder if the Parish Council could refurbish the Flagpole in time for the Jubilee celebrations in June?

The Pole is looking very scruffy indeed and really would benefit from a decent coat of paint (and the pulley block would benefit from some grease too).

Flags measure 200cmx110cm ((6'6" x 3'4") that are currently used. It was **RESOLVED to order 1 flag 2yds @ £62.24 for Stottesdon and 2 1.5 yd flags @ £38.22 for Sidbury and Chorley.**

Clerk was asked if a response had been received regarding the litter bin on the bus shelter – SC were investigating this, but Clerk will chase again.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

a) Erection of a two bedroom dwelling with annexe; detached double garage and installation of a package sewage treatment plant - Proposed Development Land West Of Crown Cottages Bagginswood Stottesdon Shropshire.

Ref. No: 21/00704/FUL | Status: **GRANT**

b) To confirm comments sent to SC re: holiday lets at Bardley:

Councillors OBJECT to this application and would ask that our comments dated 18th April 2021 are once again taken into consideration.

With regards to the traffic survey this was actually carried out while the road was closed for several days. The 'counter' was also only put a few yards from the access to this site (towards Bagginswood) and therefore we do not consider that this will in fact give sufficient correct information, with traffic only coming from one direction.

We understand that the 'noise study' was carried out in an evening in May, outside school holiday times, therefore again like the traffic survey, this is also considered not to be giving accurate information.

We would ask that all comments made on this website are fully taken into consideration and that the application is refused.

c) Any others received after issue of agenda: - no further plans received.

At this point it was agreed to bring item 9 forward:

9) Shropshire Cllr's report:

Cllr Butler thanked Cllrs for bringing the item forward. He pointed out that he will be sending out a 'joint annual report with Cllr Harris' in the next few days and will also be sending 1 monthly report between them in future which will cover the items he is raising tonight: Cllr Butler confirmed that he is Portfolio holder for Finance and Corporate Resources and is therefore very busy and he spoke briefly about the following:

- Boundary Review – Unitary Review starts October with reports in the Spring.
- Town and Parish Council reviews to follow.
- 608 children in care compared to 250 prior to the pandemic
- Budget including Council Tax refund
- SC Pension Fund
- Waste Collection
- Highways
- Shropshire Plan

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for attending and he left the meeting.

6) Finance:

Accounts for payment:

a. to approve Clerk's salary (including salary increase backdated to 1/4/21) Clerk gave Cllrs details of current and new pay scale. It was **RESOLVED to pay the increase, but a Personnel meeting should be called as the Clerk's hours etc have not been reviewed for several years.**

HMRC payments - £242.80

Clerk's expenses - £290 from October-March, including working from home half yearly payment.

M Pearce - £275 – repairs to STOTTESDON sign and weeding at Surgery car park.

b. Lengthsman account: These would be given to Clerk tomorrow - £860.

c. SALC training account - £30 paid.

d. Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

RESOLVED that Clerk pays all these accounts via BACS.

7) Parish matters/problems: (to include)

a) Flagpole needs repainting and pulley block needs greasing – **RESOLVED for Mark Pearce to carry out this work asap.**

b) Any others:

Potholes/road problems:

- Hinton Road
- Dayhouse Farm bank
- Sidbury
- Random Castle/Cox's Barn
- Northwood Lane
- Road slipping in The Desserts just up from Brooksmeeing
- Loughton/Duddlewick road
- Harcourt road edge drops by about 8" in the gateway before the top of Bellringer Bank
- Loughton/Wheathill road very deep potholes.

Clerk has reported all these problems several times but will follow them up again.

- Bridleway opposite Chorley Chapel is blocked by a fallen tree. Clerk will deal with this.
- Burst water main/pipe by Chairman's house – Severn Trent dealing with it.
- Bus shelter in Stottesdon needs tidying.

8) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

- Chair's meeting via Zoom 24th March 6pm. Once again this is an unsuitable time for those who work.
- Environmental Maintenance Grant going ahead again this year.
- MPs had a meeting via Team with SALC Exec where they talked about flooding, Digitalisation of Broadband, Health Service – need pharmacies open at weekends in order to get patients discharged with medication.
- Future Fit – money is still there to see this through.

Area Committee meeting included:

Food Poverty Alliance, Bridgnorth Flood Action Group, Good Food Partnership.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

10) Queen's Platinum Jubilee (any update):

Cllr Griffin reported that she had spoken to The Fighting Cocks regarding bonfire/beacon, food etc but is going back to speak to them again.

Chorley is doing something in the village.

It was suggested that we try to find out how many children in the parish there are under the age of 16 with a view to giving something commemorative to each child.

11) Correspondence: Please see emails circulated – taken as read/noted unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief
- SALC Bulletins
- Jubilee Flags/commemorative gifts will put on Facebook/Chorley App to try to find out the number of children under 16 in the parish.
- SALC – Training events
- Green Laning/Countryside access – Chairman did not think we had any BOAT's (Byway Open to All Traffic) in the parish. Pickthorn Lane is a road through to Duddlewick.
- RBL – Planting a Tree for the Jubilee
- Police Crime Commissioner newsletter – includes Smartwater, this could be an idea for a speaker at the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Abbiss pointed out that Dr Matt Home from Willowdene was included in this report with an interview he had given and wondered if it would be an idea to invite Matt along to speak at the APM. Clerk will check their availability.
- SALC Training events
- Keep on Moving Shropshire Festival – launch day 8th May 2022
- Chair's networking meeting 24th March 6pm
- Climate Emergency Workshop
- Shropshire Garden Party – nominate two people for work during Covid; After discussions it was felt that it was too difficult to pick out two people so Clerk would decline the offer on behalf of the PC.
- Any others after issue of the agenda:
- SALC – Middle Marches Community Land Trust – meeting 6th May – posters put up on noticeboard
- PKF Littlejohn – Audit information
- SALC – Car park charges consultation
- SC – Environmental Maintenance Grant application
- SALC – Elevate: Strength & Balance classes for over 60's
- SALC – Shropshire Resilience Conference – 19th May
- SALC – 20's plenty for us – free speed limit presentation via zoom 6th April – 6pm-7pm

- SC – Council precept confirmation
- SC – Cost of Living help

Clerk will put relevant posters on the noticeboards

12) Date of next meeting: 25th April 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Payments made:

Clerk's salary - £xx

Clerk's expenses - £290

HMRC - £242.80

SALC - £30

M Pearce - £860 Lengthsman

M Pearce - £275 STOTTESDON sign and surgery car park

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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