

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th August. 2024 in Chorley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), Z Griffin (Vice-Chairman), M Pearce, S Allen, R Kennett, A Sierakowski, C Adams, S Crawford, R Abbiss, R Gutteridge (co-opted).

Shropshire Cllrs Butler and Harris

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: One

0) Public participation:

Nothing raised.

1) Co-option of Parish Councillor:

Parishioner present attended regarding the vacancy. With no other interested party, Cllrs listened once again to the resident/ interest's etc, and it was **RESOLVED that Robin Gutteridge was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Declaration of Acceptance forms were completed and signed, and Interests form handed for completion. Robin joined the Councillors.**

2) Apologies for absence: None received.

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 Allen declared an interest in item 7b, as the applicant is a family member.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024:

These had been circulated to all members and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.**

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

New updates on Potholes Sidbury

We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.

State changed to: Fixed.

New updates on Pothole – turning from Moonhouse Bank-Hardwickforge

Thank you for contacting us. This note is to confirm that we have received your report and we'll be in touch with an update as soon as possible.

Hi Freda.

Kier is managing the collapsed road, so I don't have that much to do with it now, however from the initial estimate of the time to complete it will likely be on going for another 3 weeks at least. Once I have an accurate completion date, I will let you know.

After the above job, the plan is to move on to the bank at Brooksmeeting for reinforcement works, and then the bank slippage at Rays Bridge. Once I have more details on these other 2 jobs, like dates and traffic management, I will let you know.

Capital works team have said that there is a possibility that Bagginswood Rd may be done later in the year. I believe it's on a standby list, but I don't have any more details.

Duddlewick is waiting for pothole repairs, but we need to see if a new gully can be sunk to stop water pooling in the area where the potholes are worst. I'm looking into this with Andy Keyland.
Kind regards

Chris Haslam

Update: Brooksmeeting:

Hi Freda. The road should be open by 26th August.

New updates on Potholes – from The Highlands towards Oldfield.

We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.

State changed to: **Fixed**.

Apparently, these repairs have not been sealed, so feel they will not last. If this is just a temporary fix, this job is being done twice instead of correctly in the first place. Clerk will query.

It is understood that 33 potholes repaired, but not sealed along Honeysuckle Lane. – Clerk will contact SC again.

Stones tipped at Brooksmeeting making it difficult for large vehicles to pass on the Hawkswood Road.

- b. Any others: Clerk confirmed that she had transferred £20,000 from the current account into the deposit account.

At this point it was agreed by all to bring forward item 9 – Shropshire Councillor's report:

Cllr Butler had sent out the summer report which Clerk had forwarded to Cllrs, and he commented on the following:

- The new Governments review of the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) is out for consultation and a Shropshire Council view will be at Cabinet on the 11th September. The proposals present around a 1000 more homes a year for Shropshire. The current Local Plan is hoping to be delivered late spring and thereafter new site allocations will be looked at in consultation with Town and Parish Councils including Development Boundaries .
- Parish Boundaries (map handed to Clerk).
- SALC will be sending out Consultation documents shortly.
- Infrastructure in South Shropshire not good enough to take extra homes.
- Lezley Picton put her view on where houses are to be built and Cllr Butler will send the document through to Clerk.
- Rural Housing Enabling Officer taken on for 12 months. Employed by the Voluntary Sector, but Cllr Butler did not know anything about the contract.
- SC still have to save £62m. but are on track.
- Withdrawal of winter fuel payment is a big concern!
- Green bins letter to be sent out shortly.
- Redundancies – some have already been made. Reshaping Organisation which will take time.

- Cllr Harris confirmed, that although 7 months away, he will not be standing for re-election. Cllr Butler will be standing for the Cleobury Mortimer Ward, but always on hand to help.

Both Cllrs Butler and Harris were thanked for their work and reports and left the meeting at 8.15pm.

6) Finance:

b) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary/Payroll administration - £xxx, including backpay, holiday pay. Cllr Allen asked if this was backdated to April, as agreed. Clerk will check this. The charge for DM Malley Payroll Services will be sent later in the year.

HMRC - £295.17

Land Registry fee - £19.95 repaid to Clerk.

RESOLVED that all accounts be paid.

Any others received after issue of agenda

c) Income since last meeting: £11.29 deposit account interest. £750.00 Environmental Grant

d) to discuss request for Burial Grant – Stottesdon Church. It was **RESOLVED to ask the Church to complete a Grant application form, but as this had not been included in the precept, it could not be paid until next year.**

e) clerk had received email from external auditors requesting further explanation of variances, which she had already sent in, so was re-written, but still coming to the same figures. They also queried the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) figures and requested copy of the statement (never requested before). Clerk had responded to the email but will receive comments on the audit paper regarding this. Clerk had also been in touch with Scribe, who will rectify PWLB figures on their system.

7) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 24/02252/FUL (validated: 10/06/2024)

Address: 4 High Street, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TZ

Proposal: Demolition of existing outhouse to create a parking space

Decision: **Withdrawn**

Cllr Allen declared an interest in this application.

b) 24/02820/CPL|Application for lawful development certificate for proposed siting of caravan to provide accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling|Heath Farm Bagginswood Stottesdon Kidderminster Shropshire DY14 8NB

No comments required.

Comments could be sent in if Cllrs felt they wanted to, but they could not see any problems with the application.

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

the position in relation to planning, which is that as long as there's not an Article 4 Direction in the Conservation Area in Stottesdon (which I don't think there is), they are not likely to require planning permission (but they should confirm this with Shropshire Council).

8) SALC report including Area Committee minutes:

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

- Next Executive meeting will be in September, where affiliation fees will be discussed.
- AGM/Conference being re-arranged.

- AGM will be 30th October at Shirehall when awards will be given out. New Service Level Agreement and Constitution will be reviewed.
- Conference on 6th December at Church Stretton – this will be an all-day event with several speakers – Chris Borg – NALC, Save our Shropshire.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report: if available. Summer report sent to Cllrs.

Dealt with earlier.

10) Parish matters/problems:

a) Raised by Cllrs:

- Some patches of gravel/tar have been carried out along Duddlewick road.
- Piece of hedge removed in Station Road, when there seems to be gates next to it giving access into field. As this is a Conservation area should permission be required and what is the reason It was suggested that perhaps it is for access for building material for new property. Photos will be obtained and sent to SC for clarification.
- Litley Bridge has been hit again!
- Increased traffic per day through Sidbury due to road closure – lorries, cars etc.
- Road traffic signs left lying around the parish when work has been completed.
- Signpost arm in The Square needs replacing.
- Arm on signpost at The Highlands saying STOTTESDON needs repainting.
- Drains at bottom of Moonhouse Bank need jetting.
- Speeding complaints along Station Road – ask the Police if they can visit with speed gun.
- Update on Brown Clee Medical Practice given.
- Information received regarding possible breach of planning permission at Station Road, Stottesdon but information given was:
 - (i) That the construction of the pond is likely to require planning permission as an engineering operation, as there are no permitted development rights that would apply in a field used for “horsiculture” (as it is referred to in planning). Domestic permitted development rights do not apply because the field does not form part of the residential curtilage of 5 Station Road.
 - (ii) If the horse walker has been constructed in a different position from that shown on the plans approved as part of the recent planning permission, then there will be a breach of planning control, and a planning application will need to be submitted to Shropshire Council for this. This may need to be a full planning application, although it's possible that what is known as s.73 application could be submitted to vary the conditions of the existing permission to amend the list of approved plans. If the change is considered to “non-material”, then the application could be submitted as a “Non-Material Amendment” application; and
 - (iii) The storage of the fodder other than in the fodder store, would not be a breach of planning control, as there is no condition on the Planning Permission (Ref. 23/02626/FUL), to restrict where fodder is stored.

A request received asking if planning permission is required: The banks have deteriorated significantly over the last few years. We were given permission a couple of years ago to remove a large silver birch which was leaning dangerously towards the chapel, its roots were exposed due to the slippage of the bank.

We are proposing to shore them up using gabion baskets and sleepers to match in with the existing sleepers at the bottom of the drive. We also hope to source some local stone to front the baskets which would tie in with the stone of the neighbouring chapel.

After discussions the position in relation to planning, which is that as long as there's not an Article 4 Direction in the Conservation Area in Stottesdon (which we don't think there is), they are not likely to require planning permission (but they should confirm this with Shropshire Council).

b) Any others, including Speeding/Police:
None.

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

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- SALC bulletins
- NALC Bulletins
- Keep up with South Shropshire news P Dunne MP
- SALC/SC - Town and Parish Council Survey deadline 16th September
- Shropshire Council Place Plan Review Town and Parish Council update
- Successful defibrillator status check – Stottesdon
- Reminder: Join the next Monthly Hospital Update
- SH0160: Receipt of Documents – AGAR Form 3, 2024 – Audit papers
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey launched.
- Land Registry UK - Order Complete – 441732 – landowner discovered of woods by Rays Farm and the hedge is on their list for cutting at relevant time (after bird nesting season).
- PCC newsletter - July 2024
- Any others received after issue of agenda.

At this point Cllrs introduced themselves to the new Cllr` , with regret that this should have been done earlier.

12) Review of all policies: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations ok until next year. Other policies are on the website for Cllrs to look at.

13) Date of next meeting: 23rd September 2024

Payments approved:

Clerk's fees - £xx including back pay, holiday pay/backdated to April, as approved.

HMRC - £295.17

Land Registry fee - £19.95 repaid to Clerk.

Income - £750.00 EMG from SC

Transferred £20,000 from current to deposit account.

Bank interest – £11.29 August.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: