

## **Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council**

**Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss, Z Griffin, R Kennett, C Adams, M Pearce, A Sierakowski and S Crawford (left meeting 9pm).

Shropshire Cllr S Harris

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Public: five

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

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained procedures to the **members** of the public. Chairman asked members to introduce themselves and reason for attending.

One resident was new to the parish so just came to show an interest, two residents had planning application (Barncroft) to be considered by Cllrs and the other two concerned regarding work taking place, possibly not according to planning conditions.

Applicants for Barncroft came prepared to answer any questions if required. Their house sale is going through at present, and the plans are to enlarge this bungalow to accommodate a family of six. No questions asked.

The other 2 residents were concerned regarding the amount of work taking place at 5 Station Road, possibly some without planning permission, i.e. lights on each corner of the menage, lots of trees removed, appears to be training of other horses taking place when permission is for PRIVATE use and now understand that a 'horse walker' is to be installed, which has not been granted planning permission.

After listening to all comments, Cllrs will discuss this later in the meeting.

The residents were thanked for attending and were given the opportunity to stay or leave,

### **Parish Council meeting opened at 7.50pm.**

#### **1) Co-option of Councillor and Vice-Chairman/signing of declarations:**

The interested resident was unable to attend so this will be held over until next meeting.

**2) Apologies for absence:** Apologies received and noted from Cllr Allen and Shropshire Cllr Butler and Cllr Crawford pointed out that she would have to leave the meeting early tonight.

#### **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 planning 7e as her son is the applicant. Clerk pointed out that this was for 'information only.'

#### **4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024:**

These had been circulated with agenda and with the addition of Cllr Crawford being present, the minutes were proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that these were signed with this correction.**

## 5) Matters arising from minutes:

Clerk's report:

Following a foot patrol of Cleobury Mortimer your local PC Nolan has issued the following to non-residents of Cleobury Mortimer area.

TOR X1 (traffic offence summons) this was for a high-performance car bearing no front number plate.

ASB warning letters to the registered keepers of 6 off road bikes who were causing a nuisance and an annoyance and blocking the foot path.

### **At this point it was agreed to bring item 7 Planning application forward:**

a. Reference: 24/00525/FUL (validated: 13/02/2024)

Address: Barncroft, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations

Applicant: Mr A Harris (Woodside Bungalow, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PF)

Some Cllrs had visited the site and the only comments made were that an electric pole will have to be re-positioned, one bedroom window overlooking adjacent property. The size of the property was queried but this is required for a family of six and is very private and secluded.

It was **RESOLVED to support this planning application.**

b. Reference: 24/00466/FUL (validated: 07/02/2024)

Address: Ferney Lodge, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PR

Proposal: Erection of garage

Applicant: Mr Stuart Taylor

Some Cllrs had visited the site and commented that this is visible from one side of the valley. A garage has previously been changed into living accommodation on this site.

It was **RESOLVED to support this application.**

c. Reference: 24/00526/TCA (validated: 09/02/2024)

Address: Old Vicarage Centre, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UH

Proposal: Reduce back branches to achieve 3m clearance between the house and the trees of 3no Yew (44, 45 & 46) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Applicant: Mr Jamie Gordon

(3 Raynes Way, Syston, Leicestershire, LE7 1PF)

Clerk pointed out that this had already been approved by SC prior to the meeting.

~~d. PLANNING REFERENCE – 24/00526/TCA~~

~~DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED – Reduce back branches to achieve 3m clearance between the house and the trees of 3no Yew (44, 45 & 46) within Stottesdon Conservation Area~~

~~LOCATION: – Old Vicarage Centre, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire.~~

~~Duplicated in error on agenda.~~

e. Any others received after issue of the agenda:

No further plans received.

### **Before the residents left Clerk thought it was an idea to report the following:**

Traffic lights – The Deserts:

Following Clerk having to report the traffic lights stuck on red both ends, requests to remove etc, the Clerk emailed SC, and this is the reply from C Haslam, Highways technician:

The lights have to remain as the issue is likely to get worse before it gets better, and if there was an accident after we removed the lights this would be difficult to explain, (and your resident would not be the one doing the explaining.) There is always a cost, which is unavoidable in the circumstances. Any drivers who drive through and cause an accident or seen to cause damage, will be subject to police investigation if caught.

Better a little inconvenience than injury.

Planning issues:

Planning issues had been raised and the appropriate course of action was discussed.

**6) Finance:**

a) Payments for approval:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC payments - £296.81

Lengthsman Account – 550.00

Any others received after issue of agenda:

SALC - £35 – training Cllr Adams

All **RESOLVED to pay.**

b) Income since last meeting: £12.53 interest

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

Information Only:

24/00733/AGR | Erection of a steel frame agricultural building for storage of straw | Pickthorn Farm Chorley Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6PU. Applicant Mr R Abbiss

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest as the applicant was her son.

No comments made.

24/00171/CPL | Lawful Development Certificate for the lawful erection of porch to front elevation | The Wain House High Street Stottesdon Kidderminster Shropshire DY14 8TZ

Decision:

Shropshire Council hereby certify that on 7th February 2024 the matter described in the First Schedule to this certificate in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule to this certificate and edged red on the plan attached to this Certificate, is NOT LAWFUL within the meaning of section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the following reason: 1. The proposal would fail to comply with Schedule 2, Part 1, Class D.1(b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) as the ground area (measured externally) of the proposal would exceed 3 square metres. Therefore, the proposal cannot be considered as permitted development and planning permission would be required.

**8) SALC report: Report given by Cllr Abbiss.**

1. NALC report ---Council and Councillors are encouraged to have a domain name for their emails.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June is the “Big Lunch” Where councils are bringing people together.
3. Martyn Law – several webinars providing all the details. This is a very important law that is trying to combat terrorism etc.
4. South Shropshire area meeting had the enforcement team to talk to them, interesting. A small team of five. 3 Officers who ultimately deal with enforcement and it is

confidential. Looking at harmful inappropriate development. When a notice is served there is a way they can appeal.

5. S Shropshire again Fire and Rescue – Anna Morris Jones 23 on call stations in Shropshire, all except Bridgnorth are trying to recruit. They struggle for day cover.
6. SATH are going to hold three meetings, North, Central and South to discuss the reconfiguration.
7. SALC are planning to work with a group of clerks re Youth and Transport.
8. SALC Executive meeting – Guest speaker Beverley Baxter CEO Community Resource. 5-year plan. Working on Wellbeing and care, community support, funding advice and support including that for village halls
9. The emergency planning meeting went well, with the last one being held in the council chamber at the Shirehall. Unfortunately, I had vertigo so sadly was unable to attend.
10. An update on the staffing situation is that an appointment has not been made but we have a personnel meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> February to relook at the procedure etc. before advertising again. The Chairman and Vice Chairmen have delegated powers to complete this task. Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for the report.

**9) Parish matters/problems:**

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- Duddlewick and Hinton potholes
- Pothole out again at the bottom of Burnt Pitt Bank
- Cycling Clubs use our roads as circuit routes but are turning back due to the state of them.
- Queried if Lengthsman money was to continue – understood we would get it this year but not sure about next year. Clerk will ask for more due to the amount of money we have spent, saving SC.
- Walton Bank drainage – needs SC to investigate this as Lengthsman cannot do anymore there.
- Bottom of Almshouse bank – potholes.
- Potholes from Hardwick corner down to the bottom of Almshouse Bank. Some of these are failed BT trenching work.
- Severn Trent Connection outside Whitesides – 4 sharp sides to this and cannot be seen in the dark.
- Churnpike Cottage, Chorley (Dave Cook's property) more stuff dumped on this site and the property is lived in.
- Bridleways Group set up to try to get bridleways opened to keep the horses off the roads. Pound Lane is obstructed, and Clerk was asked who to speak to regarding the donkey bridge – Billingsley to Highley. Clerk said she knew Highley PC had been dealing with this and would send on the PC contact details.
- SC funding mentioned.
- Roads at Sidbury – nothing has been done at all.
- Potholes, Northwood Lane between Lowr and Upper Northwood
- Raggits Quarry – photos received of the remains of fires hold – suggested these are sent to Christine Day at Green Knight Estates.

**Cllr Crawford left the meeting at 9pm.**

- b) Brown Cleve Medical Practice – Cllr Abbiss reported that a presentation was made to Dr Railton at the recent meeting. It was reported that there is a Dr (female) interested who is in another practice at present. Pharmacy at Ditton Priors closes on a Wednesday when all the price of medicines etc are investigated and ordered.
- c) Martyn's Law – Slides already sent out to Cllrs will be sent out again by Clerk.
- d) Place Plan – this needs updating but will be left for a future meeting.

#### 10) Shropshire Cllr's report:

IMPORTANT financial update – emailed out to Cllrs.

Cllr Harris reported on the following:

- Asked Clerk to copy him into any SC issues and he will follow up.
- Bridleways – there is a team who deals with these at SC – Clerk suggested Richard Knight.
- Speeding concerns for Chorley – email Nick Newton
- New Police Officer.
- Martyn's Law – Safety issues (all round safety).
- Budget cuts – meeting Thursday to set the budget, possibly 5% increase by SC. Birmingham is 10%.
- Likely to be reduction in Leisure/Libraires
- Potholes/HS2 money – no clarity on this yet.

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
- Shropshire Planning Enforcement
- We Don't Buy Crime Smartwater Towns & Villages Scheme
- Save Our Shropshire - Workshop for Town and Parish Councils
- Community / PACT event [#218328090] 16.2.2024
- letters and cold calling regarding energy efficiency improvements
- SALC - The Right to Grow
- SALC - 10 Steps to Net Zero
- SALC - Warp It
- Planned Resurfacing work - The Old Mines to Mires Cottage, Bagginswood
- News from West Mercia PCC: Panel backs PCC's plan to deliver improvements for communities.
- EVENT Road Closure: Bridgnorth Vintage Tractor Run (SUN 17-MAR)
- Martyn's Law - Presentation Slides
- Notice of Publication the Shropshire Council (Footpath 57 (pt), Parish of Stottesdon) Public Path Diversion Order 2024. This was the Order confirming alteration.
- SC - Street Scene Executive Manager Appointment
- News from West Mercia PCC: PCC reinforces commitment to community priorities in latest budget.
- Resident emails from Chorley re; speeding vehicles. Clerk had tried ringing Traffic Management but as this issue was long outstanding it was suggested that a complaint was put forward, which she had done!
- Resident letter re: possible planning breach

- Cllr Rodgers, Highley PC - Highley Police Working Group - courting our neighbouring parishes opinion. Clerk was unable to attend the meeting but had been requested for a comment from the PC for Highley to send into Police & Crime Commissioner. Clerk read to Cllrs what she had sent.

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

SALC - Stabilising Local Government Finances: Webinar

SALC - Press release: Hospitals Transformation Programme announces 'drop-in' sessions for communities.

SALC - Press release: Research grant for Trust surgeon

SALC - Homes Plus: Information about our rent increases for 2024-25

Stottesdon School - Crucial Crew

John Campion - PCC newsletter - February 2024

D-Day 80 Flag of Peace to consider purchasing and flying from **9am** on 6th June, leaving it up for one week should you wish to do so. The Flags come in various sizes with the largest being 5' x 3' at a cost of £28.80 including vat post and packaging, with the smallest being a 3' x 2' at a cost of £22.80 including vat post and packaging.

It was **RESOLVED to order two large size (Stottesdon and Chorley) and one small for Sidbury.**

**12) Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Cllr Kennett tendered his apologies for some meetings but would send apologies to Clerk.

**Payments made:**

Payments – Clerk's salary - £xx

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**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**