

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), M Pearce, S Allen, Z Griffin, R Abbiss.

Shropshire Cllr S Harris

Parishioners: 1

Clerk Mrs F Morris

The Chairman asked that once the meeting starts that he aims for a 9.30pm finish at the latest and that only 1 Cllr speaks at a time. This is as per our Standing Orders and to help the Clerk with taking the minutes accurately.

0) Public participation:

The parishioner present is interested in the Casual Vacancy, so Clerk suggested that she attended the meeting to see what happens. The closing date of the advertisement is not until 25th October so co-option cannot take place until after that date,

1) Apologies for absence:

Clerk explained that following on from the question regarding apologies raised by Cllr Kennett last month no reasons for non-attendance or approval need to be given, just note apologies received. Apologies received from Cllrs L Grey, S Crawford, D Powell, R Kennett

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.

None declared.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and Chairman signed these.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Following the comment made last month regarding the hedge removal at Northwood Lane it appears that this is possibly Stanley Farm. Clerk confirmed that this had obviously been reported to SC as Enforcement notification had been received.

Reply from Shropshire Council:

There was a team on Riddings Lane on Thursday the 29th September repairing a large edge break, which required a large amount of tarmac hence the extra vehicle, the road had to be closed, 2 vehicles for the traffic management 2 teams plus the additional vehicle with the tarmac, the two teams were used to cut down the length of time the road would be closed.

The Duddlewick to Cleobury North has 28 outstanding road defects, I will try and get a completion date from our contractor and update you when I have a date.

The H bar is for our traffic section as this is new, I was trying to find an enquiry relating to this on our system with no luck so far, please can you let me know how this was raised.

Reply from Police:

Sorry if your colleagues are unhappy with the level of attendance. This is something we are trying to work on and increase as the Neighbourhood Charter reflects. I have spoken to the ladies, and we are trying to ensure that either a member of our team attends, or we send you a brief update for your area.

Shelly is on duty for the 24th October and I have asked her to attend the meeting. This will be her priority commitment, however there is always a chance that an operational requirement takes her away.

We are aware of the current trend in rural crime and there are steps being taken to combat this. I will ask that Shelly brings any advice literature with her and also ask that we promote the NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS alert system further. It is increasingly important that members of the communities keep their eyes open and note any suspicious activity and let us know registrations etc. Regarding the school, as you are aware we have looked at this and I have no real solutions to offer. The road layout is, as most of the villages, not ideal for school and rural traffic to cross paths. I will however ask my team to try and pay passing attention at relevant times to see if there are any real time issues they can deal with.

Clerk confirmed that when the new Officer took over this area, he attended our PC meeting and said he would endeavour to get someone attend our meetings, but this would depend on shifts, holidays, incidents etc.

Cllr Abbiss confirmed that John Campion, Police Crime Commissioner does not expect Police to attend every meeting.

Website:

Good to hear from you. The yearly fee you have with us covers the following:

- Hosting of the website (diskspace & bandwidth)
- Backup of the website (40 days rolling backups)
- Telephone and Email support with issues
- SSL Certificate
- Security updates for the website platform.

Email wise our recommendation would be Office 365; we have a package for Parish Councils which includes a 365 Business Basic License and Support for £9.50/user/month.

This was raised by Cllrs Grey and Griffin and would wait until Cllr Grey is present at the meeting to discuss further.

Walton Bank hedge/gateway: reply from Planning Officer, SC:

I can confirm the above application has been withdrawn.

Cllrs asked that an Enforcement notice is completed requesting that the gate is removed, stones removed, hedge reinstated to its original position and the grit bin is replaced.

Clerk has already requested a new grit bin.

Tree planting, Glebe Drive – reply from Julie at STAR Housing:

Sorry for the delay but yes, we'd have no problem with you planting a tree there.

Let me know if you need any help with obtaining a tree or planting it on the day.

Or if not, can you let me know when it's been finalised, as we'd like to confirm the locations suitable for the tree. I'm sure you'll consider this anyway, but we just need to be confident it's not going to cause us any issues when mowing grass, or when the tree grows, etc.

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Cllr Pearce will now speak to Farlow Farm Nurseries regarding suitable tree.

Cllr Allen confirmed that he had also spoken to Roger Goode regarding planting a tree at Bagginswood and he is happy for this and will meet on site to discuss position.

Cllr Abbiss confirmed that she had spoken to Mrs V Mayor who is happy for a tree to be planted at Sidbury.

b. Personnel meeting date:

This cannot be held via Zoom and Cllr Crawford cannot meet until after 6.30pm. Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Crawford for day to suit her.

c. Any others:

Cllr Pearce pointed out that the road slippage in The Deserts appears to be getting worse (the gap is getting wider). Clerk keeps reporting this.

Cllr Abbiss reported the road to Hawkswood from the bridge needs dealing with – barriers down towards the brook.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerk's salary £xx
 - HMRC payments-£
 - Clerk's expenses – leave until next month
 - Pension letter – Clerk will deal with this
 - Lengthsman Account – will bring next month
 - Information Commissioners Data Protection renewal - £40 – **RESOLVED to pay.**
 - To consider purchasing from RBL Lampost poppies/Silent Soldier. Orders had to be in by Friday 21st and after emailing Cllrs Clerk ordered 1 Soldier and six poppies (these have Tommies on them but made of harder material). As paying by BACS could not be relied on being received in time to get the order delivered by November, Clerk had to pay for this on her debit card and transferred the money back to her vis BACS - £233.56. **RESOLVED to accept this and Cllr Pearce will put these up when received.**
 - Any others received after issue of agenda – no.
- b) Income since last meeting:

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a. Reference: 22/04683/TCA (validated: 04/10/2022)

Address: Coulraine, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ
Proposal: Works to trees (See Schedule) within Stottesdon Conservation Area
Applicant: Mrs Debbie Arrowsmith

Cllrs raised no objections to this application as it was work that is required after years of neglect.

b. FOR INFORMATION ONLY PLANNING REFERENCE: 22/04725/AGR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED:
Extension to existing grain store for agricultural machinery and produce storage LOCATION: Lower Overton, Middleton Scriven, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AG. OS REFERENCE: 366625 - 286560
APPLICANT: Mr John Greves
Application noted.

c. Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Reference: 22/04708/FUL (validated: 17/10/2022)

Address: Burnt Pitt Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural storage building (20/02504/AGR) to livestock housing

Applicant: Mr Ian Morris (IGC Morris, Upper Duddlewick Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14 8TH)

Cllrs discussed this fully and **RESOLVED to support with the following comments being sent to SC:**

Councillors raised no objections to this application but as per previous applications we have asked for these buildings to be screened. These buildings are very prominent from Riddings Lane and Wribley Bank roads which are directly opposite this site driving from Chorley to Stottesdon.

The building in the neighbouring field was moved down the field and is well screened by trees and is therefore unobtrusive.

In the Design and Access statement for application number 20/02504/AGR point number 5 states

'The new building is to be sited within the farmed area in a position screened from roads, paths and residential properties' - this is certainly not the case. They are very visible from all around this site.

We would be obliged that screening is given serious consideration when determining this application due to its very prominent position.

No further applications received.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that the next meeting will be the AGM on 11th November via Zoom. Cllrs Abbiss and Griffin will be attending.

8) Parish matters/problems:

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Cllr Pearce will now speak to Mark Link at Farlow Farm Nurseries for his advice on a suitable tree and will be happy to plant this for the Parish Council., A plaque will have to be sourced.

b) Brooksmeeing Bridge closure – 14th November-9th December:

As a new home is due to be delivered to Homelands on 23rd November, Clerk was asked if this would be allowed through. Clerk made enquiries.

Reply: Kier have advised my they can accommodate the movement if the delivery can get through the site between 8.30 am and 10.30am on the 23rd November.

c) SALC – Warm Hubs – any update:

Cllr Allen had not enquired at the Fighting Cocks but would do. There could be transport issues for some residents if this is set up.

d) any others:

- Road is subsiding further (cracks in road getting wider) in Desert Woods – could this be dealt with when the road is closed for the Brooksmeeing bridge work? Clerk will ask.
- 30mph sign coming up Burnt Pitt Bank has been hit.
- The property Edgewood, Bagginswood is getting bigger with 2 caravans being lived in, large workshop erected, business being run from there, including possible dog breeding, all without planning permission. The watercourse had also been filled in. Clerk was asked to complete Enforcement Notice for this again as nothing has been enforced,
- Bagginswood still needs repairing in the previously reported places. Notification has been received that work is planned for 2023/24 but only from Labrador back to the Kinlet junction – possible the better piece of road! Clerk will report again.
- Millennium Oak tree at Sidbury needs the lower branches cutting off – Cllr Pearce will deal with this.
- Signpost in The Square – arm been missing for years – Clerk will report again.
- Sidbury road sunk by Rectory Farm – small car could ‘bottom’ on this.
- Brooksmeeing/Hawkswood road – barriers fallen down towards brook.
- BW fallen trees over Jack Mytton Way on Billingsley side of road (opposite Rays Farm).
- Gate on BW at the top of Bakehouse Lane is not very horse user friendly and heavy to open. Clerk will contact ROW.
- Clerk reported stone on road edge between Honeysuckle Brook turn and Autumn Grove entrance which had damaged their car tyre, rim, and trim. S. Cllr Harris will bring this up at Farlow & Oreton PC meeting. Clerk has also reported this to SC.

9) Shropshire Cllr’s report - emailed to Cllrs:

S Cllr Harris briefly reported on the following:

- SC Finances very bleak – Cllr Butler will send out more details in the next monthly report.
- Energy – looking to save £7m, not sure what will be coming down next!
- Meeting with MP, P Dunne if anyone would like any issues raised with him to let Cllr Harris know asap.
- Cost of Living – lots of information on the SC website and Clerk has also put a link to this on the PC website. 2 electric vehicle charging points being installed at Highley and 2 at Cleobury Mortimer car parks.
- SC - helping residents to become competent with this ‘digital age’ – help available at library.

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors – noted as received unless comments made.

- SALC News in Brief
- SALC Fundamentals for Cllrs Training Session – 24th November 6.30pm-9pm via Zoom
- Police Charter
- SALC - Cost of living briefing sessions

- SALC – AGM, 11th November via Zoom
- SC – New Communications Officer – Highways – Laura Howells
- Statement from Chief Constable Pippa Mills on support for victims of burglary
- Neighbourhood Watch 2021/22 Impact Report demonstrates ‘More than you think’, plus others
- Cost of Living Crisis Briefing – S Cllr Butler
- Defibs – renewal of pads etc
- Any others received after issue of agenda

Cllr Butler: School Streets Scheme:

This pilot was past at cabinet today and I voted for it. The ambition is to roll out to all schools where a solution is needed. This is just the first stage. If Stottesdon school wishes to push forward for future rounds I am sure their support would be welcomed.

Road Closure: Brooksmeeing Bridge, Chorley

Start Date: 14th November 2022

End Date: 9th December 2022

Purpose: PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A 24HR CLOSURE FOR THE DURATION OF THE WORKS. WORKS WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY - FRIDAY 09:30-16:00 Take down and rebuild downstream left parapet, wing wall and spandrel (approximately 5m long x 3.5m high). Repair damaged timber approach fence to downstream left of bridge

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214BR-586548-1

Enforcement pattern for Brooksmeeing Bridge, Chorley:

Closure Monday - Sunday 00:00 - 23:59

Works - Monday - Friday 09:30-16:00 You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=131225567>

Road Closure: New Road Oreton

Start Date: 14th December 2022

End Date: 16th December 2022

Purpose: Road Closure- Severn trent Water- * new water connection * CARRIAGEWAY TYPE 3 (0.5 TO 2.5 MSA)

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Works Promoter Ref: LB9225201-000006658550-02

Enforcement pattern for New Road Oreton:

All the time

11) Date of next meeting – 28th November 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Payments:

Clerk – salary - £xx

Info Commissioners - £40.00

Mrs F Morris – reimburse for Silent Soldier/Poppies - £233.56

Signed: Chairman

Date: