

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Powell (Vice Chairman, but chaired the meeting), R Abbiss, M Pearce, C Adams, S Crawford, Z Griffin.

Shropshire Cllr G Butler

Public: Zero

Clerk: Mrs Freda Morris

### **0) Public participation;**

None present.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllrs D Young, S Allen, L Grey and R Kennett and Shropshire Cllr S Harris.

### **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.

### **3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman with the alteration from a 4 to £ on page 2.**

### **4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a. Clerk's report:

NALC guidance and view on financial assistance to the church attached. The NALC view on Parish Council's not being able to provide funding for the maintenance of church buildings has not altered. This confirmed what the Clerk thought that the PC cannot make a donation.

b. Any others – none.

At this point, the Chairman asked Councillors to agree that item 9 was brought forward as Cllr Butler had another important meeting to attend. **RESOLVED to accept.**

Cllr Butler thanked the PC for letting him speak earlier, and brought up the following as per his report emailed out by Clerk:

- **Boundary Review** - The Boundary Commission has released its proposals for the changes to our Unitary Council wards. The existing Ward would be split into two. Firstly, Cleobury Mortimer town, plus Coreley, Milson and Neen Sollars PC but now also taking in Boraston and Nash. The other ward would be Hopton Wafers, Farlow, Wheathill, Stottesdon, Neen Savage, and Kinlet. They are proposing to call this ward the Stottesdon ward. We are resigned to the splitting of the ward into two single wards however we feel the other ward should not be called Stottesdon. This would cause great confusion as a lot of the parishes do not look to Stottesdon and many officers and outside bodies may well send everything to the

clerk at Stottesdon assuming they cover the whole ward. We are submitting that the ward should be called Cleobury Mortimer Rural.

- New round of business grants discussed need to be match funded between £5-100K all details on monthly report.
- New challenges around government dealing with Councils on Levelling up funding when the LEP closes next spring. They only will qualify for funding with areas with over 500,000 people. This is a challenge for Shropshire as combined with Telford and Wrekin only comes to 450,000. Council talking to all neighbouring Councils to create an economic partnership.
- Informal talks also going on with neighbouring Welsh councils for more working together along the Marches. Lots of changes coming new MP at next election and possibly new government to change everything again.

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for his report and he left the meeting.

## 5) Finance:

a) Approval of accounts: All paperwork sent out to Cllrs.

- i. Sign off accounts as presented by Clerk – these had been circulated by the Clerk and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to accept the accounts as presented.**
- ii. To consider Internal Auditor's report – It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to accept the report.**
- iii. To complete Annual Audit form AGAR section 1 – Clerk read out all the questions, which were answered by Cllrs, and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that this was signed by Chairman and Clerk.**
- iv. To complete Annual Audit form section 2 – accounting statements – this return was approved, and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that he Chairman and Clerk sign this.**
- v. To approve Asset Register – It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to accept the Asset Register as produced by the Clerk.**

Clerk was thanked for all her hard work.

b) Accounts for payment:

- Clerk's salary £xx, HMRC payments £233.53, Clerk's expenses - £145.05 (which included first quarter of working from home payment). **RESOLVED to pay these.**
- Lengthsman Account – not available but Cllrs **RESOLVED to pay this once received – Clerk will email to Cllrs.**

Any others received after issue of agenda:

- Internal Audit fee £100 (V. Turner) **RESOLVED to pay.**
- SALC – subs - £396.41 (paid twice in error, but now refunded)
- BHIB Insurance - £547.19 - paid but previously authorised for payment.

c) Income since last meeting: £1500 EMGrant. VAT return - £590.93. SALC - £396.41 (Reimbursement, invoice paid twice in error)

## 6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 23/02014/CPE (validated: 17/05/2023)

Address: Wrickton House Barn, Burwarton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6RS

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate to demonstrate that the following planning permission 10/03236/FUL is still in place and has no expiry date based on the fact that pre-commencement conditions were discharged and that material works were undertaken

Decision: **Certificate - Lawful**

b) Reference: 23/02129/VAR (validated: 18/05/2023)

Address: Rays Farm, The Bungalow, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PF

Proposal: Removal of condition 4 attached to Application Reference Number: application number 97/0427 Date of Decision: 03/12/1997

Applicant: Mrs J Nicholls (Rays Farm, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6Pf, United Kingdom)

This was discussed and Councillors STRONGLY OBJECTED to the removal of condition 4 attached to the bungalow at Rays Farm.

The application form does not quote condition no 4 in full. It only states 'the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly working or last working at Rays Farm Country Matters, Billingsley', the condition continues with 'or in the locality in agriculture or in forestry, or a widow or widower of such a person, and to any resident dependants'.

Reason for condition 4 states 'permission has only been granted because of the special circumstances of the case'.

The Parish Council has always strongly objected to these conditions being removed on properties as there is a severe shortage of affordable properties in the parish for agricultural/forestry workers.

We therefore remain consistent that this condition should not be permitted to be removed. The bungalow just up the road from Rays Farm being a prime example.

c) Reference: 23/02199/FUL (validated: 22/05/2023)

Address: Bardley Court House, Bardley Court, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of extension to existing detached garage to include first floor accommodation over existing and new with external staircase and landing and rooflights, rear single storey extension to garage as implement store, installation of double doors to west elevation of main house (revised scheme)

Applicant: Mr J Hill

No objections to this application.

d) Reference: 23/02137/FUL (validated: 02/06/2023)

Address: Old Rectory Farm, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PY

Proposal: Use of land for the siting of mobile home as temporary accommodation whilst refurbishing house on site

Applicant: Mr Richard Jeavons

Councillors discussed this and raised no objection to this application but would ask that a time scale of 2 years is put on the caravan being on site.

It is appreciated that there is a vast amount of work to be carried out on this property and therefore suggest that if the property is not habitable within the 2 years requested then a further application is submitted at the appropriate time.

e) Reference: 23/01744/FUL (validated: 03/05/2023)

Address: Chapel Cottage, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Planning application seeking consent for a single storey porch extension to front elevation

Decision: **Grant Permission**

f) Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Reference: 23/01141/OUT (validated: 28/04/2023)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land NW Of Springacre, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application for residential development (2No dwellings) with all matters reserved

Decision: **Refuse**

## 7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported:

- that the last meeting was held at the library in Bridgnorth when Mrs Sylvia Pledger from Albrighton was elected as Chairman and S Harris as Vice Chairman. Sadly, Cllr Beechey who had been on the committee for many years resigned.
- Complaints were received regarding the closure of the B4364 regarding inadequate information on signs, with a total of 49 locations having 217 signs and a detour of 35 miles for motorists. This is to be taken up by the SALC Executive with SC and it was suggested that the Clerks should be talked to regarding diversions as they know their areas.

Cllr Griffin commented that the road closure at Glazeley had signs up then down several times with no work commenced on the date given, but the work was eventually carried out.

Clerk had reported this to SC, but this was Severn Trent doing the connection to the new barn conversion.

- Next year's area subs will not be charged as they have enough money in the account.
- Quality Gold Status has been achieved by Welshampton and Lyneal for the second time, Donnington PC for the first time and Wem Rural applied for Quality Gold Status.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

## 8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- Cllr Adams asked if the Clerk had received any feedback from Andy Oliver or Lezley Picton, Clerk replied 'NO.' The school 'H' bar was being passed to the relevant department. Cllr Adams pointed out that she had recently travelled through Bromsgrove where signs had been made by children asking motorist to slow down and she felt that these had a very positive effect on her.
- Cllrs Abbiss reported that Pickthorn Lane was repaired (partially) 2 days later, but her daughter in law took Andy Wilde to see the lane after the meeting!
- Sidbury road passed Rectory Farm is sinking badly.
- Hawkswood Road, in a bad state with no barriers to stop drivers going off the road down into the brook towards the bridge.
- Duddlewick – Cleobury North Road still no repairs.
- Following recent storms, the road from the old railway line to Hinton Farm has deteriorated further due to water damage and by the farm itself.
- Potholes at Almshouse Bank.
- Sidbury banks need sweeping/debris removing.
- Bagginswood road through to Labrador – potholes and road sinking.
- Prescott drains blocked with sand/debris out of field. Jetter is required as Lengthsman could not get the drain between here and The Mill running freely as it is so blocked! The field is a SSSI site, and it suggested that a letter should be sent to Andy Wilde or Richard Whitehouse regarding this and asking where the debris removed could be deposited. 3 hours had been spent clearing this!
- Dogs continually barking day/night at 13 Glebe Drive, car parked inappropriately for delivery vehicles, refuse lorries etc to get through. Clerk (as a neighbour) had spoken to the resident regarding the dogs, and she said she was 'doing her best to keep them quiet.' It was **RESOLVED to write to STAR Housing.**
- Hedge at the Wheelwrights needs cutting back to the wall as tractors/lorries etc are having to take a wide berth round this. Cllr Griffin will provide Clerk with contact details.
- Trees still not cut back in the garden opposite The Fighting Cocks – Clerk will ring Mr Johnson again.

- b) Kings Coronation coins – still some not collected despite Clerk advertising that they can be collected.
- c) Brown Clee Medical Practice – any further update. Meeting next week, Cllr Powell will be attending.
- d) any others – Rev Daborn will be retiring in August, and it was queried if anything was happening regarding this. It was felt that this should be for the Church Wardens to sort,

9) **Shropshire Cllr's report** - emailed to Cllrs – dealt with earlier.

11) **Correspondence:** All emailed out to Councillors - taken as read unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Helpful Resource for Finding a Nearby Registry Office – **RESOLVED to include this on website.**
- Boundary Review – agreed to leave until next meeting, when hopefully all Cllrs will be present.
- Open Gardens this year is Sunday July 16th, 12 til 4pm. Wade Muggleton emailed to say that a 33-seater minibus will be parked in the Bus Stop bringing people here. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to ask for this to be parked either on the school car park or the Dr's Surgery car park for easier visibility for residents of Glebe Drive and pedestrians visiting.**
- Healthwatch - Diabetic care and support - tell us your experiences.
- SALC - Health & Wellbeing - two-part online event - 20th & 27th July 2023, 6.30pm - 8pm
- Police - Council contact contract Stottesdon – remain the same.
- The Web Orchard - Google Analytics 4
- SALC - TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS and PARISH MEETINGS & D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024
- NALC Legal Update – June 2023
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Carbon Literacy Course - Advertisement for SALC members
- Police Newsletter – put on notice boards.
- Wednesday 28th June - Healthy Homes, Healthy Householders Webinar
- Police - Town and Parish Council survey 2023 – Cllr Powell completed this.
- SALC - URGENT: Boundary Reviews/Consultation Shropshire

12) **Date of next meeting** – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Payments:**

Clerk's salary - £xx  
HMRC PAYE - £233.53  
Miss V Turner - £100 internal audit  
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**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.**