

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th December 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell, M Pearce, S Allen, R Abbiss, Z Griffin, C Adams, R Kennett.
Shropshire Cllr S Harris
Parishioners: two
Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

0) Public participation:

Parishioner present was concerned regarding the actions of some residents and comments on the Chorley App regarding the road closure through Chorley due to the Brooksmeeing Bridge being closed for repairs. He expressed concern that some actions could result in an accident or people getting hurt.

Clerk had pointed out that she had tried to do all she possibly could with regards to speeding, road signage etc and concerns expressed on the 'Chorley App' and had successfully:

- arranged for 'advisory 20mph signs' and 'no diverted traffic' signs to be erected.
- asked the school to put it in their newsletter asking parents taking children to the school to drive slowly through Chorley and if possible, to use the defined diversion route.
- asked the Police to patrol when available.

No one can enforce the 20mph as it is 'advisory', and neither can they prevent anyone using the road through Chorley as it is a main road with no speed restriction.

Clerk had also put the date of tonight's meeting on the App so that residents who had expressed their views could attend the meeting and make Cllrs aware of the problems.

Clerk had made Shropshire Council aware of the damage being caused to the road edges through the village.

The resident thanked the Parish Council for listening and he left the meeting.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllr L Grey and Cllr Crawford and Shropshire Cllr Butler.

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 28th November 2022:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that these be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

- Tree at Glebe Drive – reply from STAR Housing: Julie Burton:

That's great news that you're able to go ahead with this, we would be happy for you to plant a flowering Crab Apple or Prunus Purpurea on Glebe Drive. We just need to ensure its planted at least 10foot from any structures and ensure it isn't planted in the vicinity of any service cables. Could you let me know when it's being planted, and if you require any further assistance with the planting of it.

I would also ask that its planted 1.6metres from any paths to ensure grass cutting isn't disrupted. I could meet you on site to confirm the location and discuss further if you'd like, let me know when's best for you.

Cllr Abbiss reported that Mrs Mayor was happy for a tree being planted at Sidbury, and Cllr Allen confirmed that Mr Goode was happy to have a tree planted at Bagginswood.

Clerk thought that SC Highways should be contacted as the trees will also be close to the highway. Suggestion of a tree on the plot of land by the Chapel was considered not suitable due to tree already there but suggested the land opposite the Duck Inn car park next to The Meers might be a suitable location. Cllrs Abbiss thought there was an ownership problem there. Cllr Adams would make further enquiries.

0) Trees, opposite Fighting Cocks:

Chris Tibbits, say they do not belong to them. I have tried to contact owner but no luck, as yet.

b. Personnel meeting date arranged 9th January 2023

c. Any others – nothing further.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerk's salary - £xx, HMRC payment - £217.33 Clerk's expenses – will deal with next month
- Chorley Village Hall hire – Clerk to work out dates the PC have used the hall.
- Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting: £908.23 (Stotty Strolls) and £2.57 deposit account interest

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a. Reference: 22/05234/FUL (validated: 30/11/2022)

Address: Maitland, The Barns Of Litley, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the siting of 2No domestic garden storage outbuildings with associated groundworks, hardstanding, fencing and landscaping and the associated change of use of land to garden curtilage

Applicant: Mr Craig Roberts

After discussions Councillors OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

1. This is considered to be an overdevelopment of a small site which is visible from the highway.
2. The addition of the 2 storage outbuildings, which are already on site, gives no details of their intended use. Are these for storage/residential use as it appears that a chimney is fitted to one of these containers.
3. The previous application, at this site, for a building to house tractor, hedge cutter, etc has been withdrawn,
4. It appears that this work has already been carried out, without planning permission, and the Parish Council do not support retrospective applications. Permission should have been obtained prior to any of this work taking place.
5. With all the buildings this has now been turned into a small residential complex.
6. There is a water course next to this site and any discharge of water into this should be carefully considered

b. Reference: 22/03439/FUL (validated: 26/07/2022)

Address: Proposed Residential Dwelling, Stottesdon, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of 1 No affordable dwelling, formation of vehicular access and installation of a package treatment plant
Decision: Grant Permission

c. Any others received after issue of the agenda: none.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported on the following:

- Carbon Literacy training 17th and 24th January. Book with Clerk, if interested.
- Safeguarding – Alarming number of deaths in young children. Often children need someone to talk to. There appears to be gaps between Parish Councils and Police. Everyone should be responsible for safeguarding and if there is a known problem this information should be passed on. It was suggested that perhaps SALC should be asked to put on some training for Cllrs.
- Chief Constable Pippa Mills says that Police should attend PC meetings at least quarterly.
- Cllrs should have dedicated PC email addresses. Clerk pointed out that this has been previously discussed and costs given to Cllrs. Wait until Cllr Grey is available as she may be able to help with this.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

At this point Cllr Harris' report was taken early.

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

S Cllr Harris reported on the following:

- Cost of Living support – leaflet handed to Clerk
- Warm Hub in library at Cleobury Mortimer – Broadband can be used, and it is warm in there too.
- Budget
- BT Fibre Broadband – Sidbury has cabinet but is not connected.
- Airband should be available at Sidbury but needs a clear line of sight.

Chairman thanked Cllr Harris and he left the meeting. Clerk will copy Cllr Harris into problems raised.

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Tree planting – update from STAR Housing – dealt with earlier.

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

I have been informed that it should be opened by the 21st December, but the recent weather has caused the contractor some issues. At the very worst case the road will be opened by the 23rd December 2022.

c) Warm Hubs – any update: Nothing further for Stottesdon but the Chorley Chapel runs fortnightly and is well supported.

d) Speeding through Chorley/Speed limit request/update:

Traffic Engineering are currently experiencing high volumes of customer enquiries and we are unable to respond directly to all that we receive. Details of your enquiry will be entered onto our system for review by a local Traffic Engineer. They will look at the details and carry out an assessment of your enquiry and take further action if required.

e) any others:

- Hinton corner and bridge still not repaired.

- Question asked following the number of trees lost to Ash die back, if farmers could be sponsored to replace trees. Clerk pointed out that 'free trees' are available at appropriate times through SC. It was also suggested to talk to Wade Muggleton about this as he is keen for more trees to be planted in the parish.
- Edgewood, Bagginswood still appears to be no action from Enforcement. Clerk confirmed that they have been advised to put in a planning application.
- Fly tipping of builder's rubble dumped in gateway on the Harcourt/Bagginswood road – now cleared by a Cllr.
- Duddlewick Road – no repairs made. Clerk confirmed that this is still in the system for repairs.
- Miss Joyce Yardley died today aged 96.
- Smartwater Scheme – after discussions Clerk will invite co-ordinators to a meeting – possibly the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Email received from Kinlet PC: Liz Fuell contacted you about a conversation we had while out walking. I mentioned that myself and some friends parked at Kinlet Village Hall and walked towards Chorley Chapel. The first problem we encountered was a ditch crossing, I think in High Wood, where we had to descend into the brook, over tree roots and up the other side. If the other side was slippery, then help would be needed to get up the bank. The crossing needs foot planks. We then walked to where the Geopark Way crosses the track, close to Bush Cottage. We could not follow the Geopark Way towards Chorley Chapel, since the stile was completely broken, and the landowner had put a wire fence across the gap. I have already reported this obstruction to the Earth Heritage Trust[University of Worcester], as they oversee the Geopark Way. We were walking to assess the route, as to its suitability for our walking group, Kidderminster Stride and Stroll. Clerk will forward this to SC.
- Blocked Jack Mytton Way now cleared by resident.
- Grit bin still needs replacing at the top of Walton Bank.

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors – taken as read unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief – Clerk urged Cllrs to read these.
- Electoral Roll
- Bike marking events on run up to Christmas – Police
- URGENT: Electoral Review of Shropshire - Parish & Community Briefing
- Parish & Town Council - Carbon Literacy Courses
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Police – Rural Crime contact details
- Town and Community Links Newsletter – Lieutenancy
- West Mercia Police newsletter
- [ACTION BY 31/01/2023] Council Tax Precept Requirement 2023/24 – Stottesdon
- Appeal on Planning Application 20/00733/FUL – 4 Crown Cottages, Bagginswood

11) Date of next meeting: 23rd January 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.29pm with Chairman wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Payments made: Clerk's Salary - £xx
HMRC - £217.33

Signed: Chairman

Dated: