

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th December 2013 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Abbiss (Chairman), S Steed, B Hamilton-Russell, A Millington, T Casswell, D Young.
Unitary Cllr M Shingleton.

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

0) Public participation:

No parishioners present.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllrs M Evans (working), H Barratt (family commitment), Unitary Cllr Butler (working). It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

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 28th November 2013:

It was **RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.**

4) Matters Arising from the minutes:

(a) Progress report:

Clerk reported the following:

School Buses:

Despite SC asking the bus company to drop Lacon Childe pupils off in the village the message hasn't got through but SC promised to request this again.

Oldbury Wells mini bus:

Copy of letter from Headteacher emailed out to everyone and several emails exchanged as the Head asked to meet with PC to resolve the problem. Dates were given by Head but it turned out that she wanted the PC to go to the School. After discussions with the Chairman this was declined and an offer of a telephone appointment has been taken up which is tomorrow at 12 noon. They do not want to alter the pick up/drop off points.

The problem has been discussed by the Clerk with PC Ann O'Leary who felt that the PC's request was reasonable and agreed that it was a much safer option. She was unable to ask Officers to come out at 7.30am but will request that they do come through at school closing time to look at the problem again.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk makes it clear that the Councillors agreed that all children should be picked up/dropped off at the Bus Stop for the safety of the children and other road users. Clerk will report back following the telephone call.**

Dog Control Orders:

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk met with SC and walked through the village and erected new signs (3 different ones). On walking through the Churchyard it was noticed that the one on the grass was damaged and rather than put this sign up Clerk was given some spares and would ask the Vicar if he would like this to put there.

After emailing the Vicar declined the offer as he did not wish 'Shropshire Council' on the sign and asked that the sign put on the gate post at the bottom of the Church Lane be moved to the notice board as he felt that this might encourage others to use this gate post as a notice board.

Clerk confirmed that she had explained the reasons for the signs and that Shropshire Council will be patrolling the parish and would fine anyone not cleaning up after their dogs but the sign had to be removed before the weekend as there was also a wedding taking place.

The sign was removed as per the Vicar's request.

Speeding at Chorley:

No further information received.

Road Name signs/SATNav error sign:

Email received from SC regarding this which was read out to Cllrs confirming that SC could provide a SATNav error sign and Chris Edwards had asked Alice Dilly to look into this and that Name signs could be provided with the Lengthsman Scheme money and that Chris would ask Glenn McGrandle to contact Clerk regarding specifications but also a programme could be put in place to provide these over the next couple of years.

Church Clock:

The Vicar has arranged for someone to come out and give a quote for a service/repair. Clerk has made it clear that if the PC decides to make a contribution then the invoice will have to be in the PC's name.

Bus Shelter repair:

Mr Philips confirmed after several weeks of chasing that he is unable to carry out the repairs due to work commitments and a quote has been obtained from Mr Breakwell. This is £132 to replace tiles and brackets but Clerk is unsure whether this included the new downpipe and had emailed asking this question, but no reply had been received so far. It was **RESOLVED to accept this quote and ask that the work is carried out a.s.a.p. Clerk pointed out that the tree behind the shelter will also need pruning.**

Rubbish collection from Stanley Farm:

Clerk confirmed that she had discussed this with Veolia who promised to contact Matt Home direct – no further info to hand.

Unitary Cllr Shineton asked Clerk to contact Veolia and say that she had requested that they collect from these properties.

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems:

Reply from Graham Downes: 'in short we don't have any significant works planned for Honeysuckle Lane. As you know this road is very seldom used during the winter apart from agricultural vehicles and apart from the few houses at the Hardwickforge Lane no residential properties along its length. There are a number of other roads in the vicinity which do carry residential traffic, school buses etc which, in my opinion, require attention more urgently. We will however, as always, attempt to keep the road in safe manner until such times as we have funding to structurally repair the road. Walton Bank to Prescott – I have a meeting next week with our contractors regarding carriageway patching. Included in this meeting will be the two areas of works we are looking at completing this year. The first being Walton Bank towards Prescott and an area around Honeysuckle Lane between Prescott and Oreton Bank. To carry out either sections of works will require a road closure for a couple of days or so. I will let you know the outcome and proposed dates when I have them'.

Chairman expressed her concern that whilst observing the men filling potholes they patched some and left some. Cllr Shineton asked that this be reported to Chris Edwards as this should not be happening.

(c) Any other matters arising:

None.

5) School Bus – reply from Oldbury Wells School re: mini bus pick up/drop off:

Dealt with earlier.

6) Planning applications:

a) Reference: 13/04879/FUL (validated: 04/12/2013)

Address: Coppice Barn, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of Oak Framed Garage including driveway and access.

Applicant: DKM Homes Ltd (Harfsford Mill Barn, Ludlow Road, Harpsford Mill Barn, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 5NN)

Clerk apologised to Cllrs for not notifying them of the site meeting but thought that Chairman had copied all Cllrs into the email.

This barn conversion, like the others on site, has been carried out to a very high standard but prospective purchasers expressed concern that there is nowhere to store tools/lawnmowers etc. It was felt that the proposed garage is in keeping with the properties and Cllrs had no objections to the plans but did question whether the garage should have doors or a secure area at the rear of the garage for the storage of tools etc. No problems were raised with the driveway or access. If doors are permitted then this should also match existing timber.

b) Any other plans received after issue of the agenda

c) Planning permissions/refusals:

Reference: 13/04106/FUL (validated: 10/10/2013)

Address: Cherry Orchard Cottage, Chorley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant Permission

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

None.

7) SALC report:

Chairman confirmed that she had again been elected as Chairman but would step down next year and reported the following and also confirmed that the Vice-Chairman came from a Telford & Wrekin Council:

- Di from SALC and Chairman met with SC Officers nominated to work with SALC
- SALC wish to carry on under the umbrella of SC but still remaining independent.
- Confirmed that they can retain office space until 2015 unless SC moves before then.
- Agreed that there would be no more liaison meetings only small meetings with a couple of Officers as they are seeing the same people all the time.
- SALC are being left out of meetings with larger councils and want to be more involved.
- Quality Councils explained to SC Officers.
- SALC are conduit for SC but officers were unclear what SALC do so this was explained.
- Need to be more pro-active and keep smaller councils 'in the loop'.
- Uncertain whether Chairman should write to Keith Barrow to raise awareness of SALC to him for the future. It was felt that this could do no harm.

8) Unitary Councillor's report:

Unitary Cllr Shineton reported the following:

- Uproar at SC regarding savings which have to be made in next 18 months.
- Education and Adult Social care cannot be touched – this was all explained.
- All members are looking into costing/Officers/skill gaps due to loss of staff and some money will have to be put into the budget to cover this.
- Charter – Children in Care due to be dealt with at SC and the age limit is increased to 21 before been excluded from the system.
- Tax Base for Stottesdon and Sidbury PC is Band D property £304.82.
- Ambulance – number of complaints from this area going through regarding response times. The 8 minute mark is not being hit on many occasions. It was reported that it took a paramedic 45 minutes to attend a patient in Cleobury Mortimer at 5am and it was reported that there were no ambulances anywhere in Shropshire at that time.
- Out of Hours dental surgery not available in Shropshire – a case history is being made of this.
- Opening hours for GP surgeries from 8am-8pm being looked into.
- Any input to emphasise need for extra money for Highways should be sent to Keith Barrow with a copy to Clare Wilde and Chris Edwards.
- Government needs to recognise state of unclassified roads.
- Continuation of Lengthsman Scheme for 2014-15 but not sure after that.
- Clerk pointed out that Cllr Butler had pointed out the proposal to cut the Ludlow/Cleobury/Kidderminster bus and urged anyone to make representations on SC website.

- LJC will not have budgets next year and suggested that the PC put money in their precept to cover any local grant requests.
- Next LJC meeting in Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer in February – open public meeting.

Chairman thanked Cllr Shingleton for her report.

9) Financial matters:

a) Outstanding payments:

Clerks fees - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £403.23 for December (cheque signed at last meeting but amount confirmed tonight)

HMRC PAYE - £131.83 (January)

SLCC subs - £129.00

It was **RESOLVED** that these accounts be paid and signatories instructed to sign cheques.

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

None.

b) Income since last meeting:

No bank statement received for the deposit account.

c) Bank statement:

Balance confirmed and initialled by Chairman.

d) Precept:

Councillors went through figures and it was agreed that this be taken away for Cllrs to look at again and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Clerk was also asked to clarify the use of the General Power of Competence.

e) Ipad information:

Clerk had made enquiries regarding prices of an Ipad and also a tablet and gave this to the PC. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to leave this until the next meeting for further discussions/investigations regarding which to purchase.**

10) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish problems:

Cllr Hamilton-Russell reported his annoyance after being served with papers from Land Registry (Unilateral Notice) regarding Chancel Repair Liability which he was completely unaware of until the papers were received.

Cllr Hamilton-Russell pointed out that the late Rev Bromley served on the Parish Council and was in touch with the people in the parish but he feels that this has been dealt with in a very underhand way by the Rev Resch and had talked to him about this. It appears so far that no one else in the parish has been served with these papers and if anyone does become aware of anyone else receiving any to get in touch with Cllr Hamilton-Russell.

Advice is being taken from CLA Legal Department at the moment.

It was **RESOLVED to put this on the agenda for the January meeting for further discussion.**

Long pothole before bridge at Litley on the Harcourt road.

Riddings Lane needs sweeping.

No response to requests from Mr and Mrs Steed at Wrickton regarding their drive. Cllr Shingleton suggested that Clerk includes Clare Wilde into this email also.

b) Parish Watch:

Break in and theft of tools and diesel etc at Baveney which is very close to our parish.

c) Dog Control Order signs:

Dealt with earlier. Clerk does have additional signs for use in the parish.

d) Community Right to Bid:

Clerk had downloaded information regarding this as it had been suggested putting a 'marker down' for the school playing field. This will be put on the next agenda.

11) Annual Place Plan review 2013-14:

After discussions it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk looks at the Place Plan and make comments on the form to include playing field provision/car parking/shop retention etc. and then this should be signed by the Chairman and Unitary Cllr Shineton.

12) Correspondence:

Emails forwarded – all noted as received unless comments made:

SALC Bulletins

Rural Services Network newsletters

SALC Update on Planning

SC – Road closure:

Road to be closed: Lower Woodend to Six Ashes xrds

Date of closure: 13th January 2014

Time and duration: 5 days; 07:30hrs – 16:00hrs

Purpose: Drainage works

Applicant: Shropshire Council

Clerk had made enquiries regarding this closure as this is a school bus route and SC confirmed that Transport will have been notified and will have to make the necessary arrangements.

SALC – Mobile Infrastructure Project

SALC – Death of Localism and NNPF over SamDev

Reply from SC – re: parish signs – dealt with earlier

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

RSN Newsletters

Oldbury Wells School emails – dealt with earlier

Rev Resch emails: re Clock and Dog Control signs – dealt with earlier

Clebury Country – COSHH training

Rural Hub Newsletter

Came and Co (Insurance) Xmas greetings to everyone!

13) Date of next meeting – 27th January 2014

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 14 the public and press shall be excluded under s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended

No parishioners present.

14) Update: Car parking/playing field:

Nothing further to report.

There being no other business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Cheques written:

Mrs F Morris (salary January) - £xxx

HMRC PAYE (Dec) - £403.23

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SLCC subs - £129.00

Signed: Chairman

Date:

These minutes were approved at the Parish Council meeting dated 27th January 2014.