

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2015 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs H Barratt (Chairman), J Hill, R Abbiss, B Hamilton-Russell, T Casswell, D Young, S Crawford.
Unitary Cllr M Shineton
Clerk: Mrs F Morris
Parishioners: 9

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained procedures.

0) Public participation:

Parishioners present came to talk/listen to item 5 amendments to planning application at Stanley Farm. Chairman gave every parishioner present the opportunity to air their views on the Stanley Farm application and explained that it is only the amendments to this application that will be discussed by Cllrs once the meeting opens.

Points raised by parishioners included:

- 1902 map showing that there was never a track where one has recently been made.
- Against Council Policy
- No overriding evidence regarding need for this project.
- Application should be withdrawn and treated as a new application and not dealt with under delegated powers.
- Chalets right against the woods where children roam/play and fishing/shooting takes place.
- Footpath against the chalets where it was felt that the site could easily be accessed by intruders.
- Queried where staff travel from? Answer - majority from Shropshire including Stottesdon/Chorley/Highley/Cleobury Mortimer/Bridgnorth. Willowdene is the biggest employer in the parish.
- Location queried due to remoteness from Stanley Farm.

Chairman thanked parishioners for their comments.

Dave who carries out the Lengthsman Scheme work reported that there are drains in the parish which need repairing, i.e. Walton Bank and that the debris will be dug out from the bottom of the Batch Bank and the ditch at Wribley Bank had been dug out to try to eliminate water running across the road.

Clerk thanked Dave for attending quickly to her request to put cones in the hole caused by the broken drain at Walton Bank.

Chairman thanked Dave for this information and Clerk confirmed that she would feed the problems into SC.

The Parish Council meeting was declared open at 7.48pm.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllr M Evans (work), S Allen (meeting), A Millington (work) and Unitary Cllr Butler (meeting). 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.

No interests declared.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 26th 2014:

The minutes had been circulated with the agendas and it was **RESOLVED that these be signed as a true record and Chairman signed accordingly.**

4) Matters Arising from the minutes:

(a) Progress report:

Clerk reported the following:

Problems dealt with since last meeting in conjunction with Cllr M Shingleton:

- Flooding at Sidbury – this appears to be a continual problem with the drain silting up. SC attended at the weekend and erected FLOOD signs and then returned on Monday to clear the debris off the drain to release the water.
- Request from resident at The Kinsleys for a 'no turning sign'. Clerk confirmed that she had written to Alice Dilly regarding providing this sign.
- Walton Bank broken drain – cones put into deep hole prevent motorists going off the road. Clerk thanked Willowdene for dealing with this matter as per SC request.
- Walton Bank road closure – this has become a nightmare due to the weather being too cold to lay tarmac and then the permit expired so work commenced again today and should be completed within 4 days.

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems:

Emails acknowledged with work either carried out or put in the system.

(c) Reply from Insurance Company re: Glebe Drive parking;

Reply received from Came and Co and SC re: parking bays: Clerk had sent out the email which confirmed that the bays are covered under the insurance policy and SC confirmed that if problems occur with potholes etc then they would work with the PC.

(d) Any other matters arising;

No further matters raised.

5) Planning applications:

a) Amendments to application no: 14/03842/FUL – Use of land for the stationing of 6 log cabins for a mix of holiday lets and accommodation for rehabilitation centre clients – Stanley Farm, Chorley:

It was pointed out by the Chairman and Clerk that it was only the amendments that the PC were being consulted on which was to remove the 3 holiday lets from the application and a s106 agreement stating that if the project failed then the accommodation would be removed.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED that Clerk write to SC stating that Councillors would like to reiterate that their comments contained in their previous letter remain unaltered in particular bullet point 2 (too far from Stanley Farm and services) but welcome the removal of the holiday lets and a s106 agreement being imposed on this application.**

b) Reference: 15/00179/FUL (validated: 14/01/2015)

Address: Brooklands Cottage, Farlow, Bridgnorth, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TA

Proposal: Erection of a detached double garage with playroom over

Applicant: Mr & Mrs William Clulee

Several Cllrs had visited the site and had no objections. It was **RESOLVED that Clerk writes stating that Cllrs had no objections.**

c) Any others received after issue of agenda:

None received.

d) Planning permissions/refusals- if any received after issue of agenda:

None received.

6) SALC report:

Chairman apologised for not attending the AGM due to unforeseen problems.

- Cllr Abbiss reported that the AGM was held at the beginning of the month and Presidents etc remain the same as last year.
- Karen Roper tendered her resignation.
- Di Dorrell will be promoted to Secretary when Karen leaves.
- CTSG – Cllr Abbiss will address full Council on Thursday regarding this matter.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

7) Unitary Councillor's report:

Cllr Shingleton commented on the following:

- Road repairs/closures – the recent problems with road closures/permits were discussed and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the portfolio holder, Claire Wild with a copy to Chris Edwards regarding the amount of time it is taking to get work carried out and also expressing concern that there does not seem to be any system in place which notes a temporary fill of a pothole and then ensuring that a permanent repair is completed.**
- Health/Children's/Mental Health all coming together at present with a number of pilot schemes being tested.
- Vulnerable children in the area – contact 08446789044 is the first point of call – Cllr Shingleton will provide Clerk with more details which will be included in the next newsletter.
- University – major plus for Shropshire – student accommodation being investigated at present.
- Discretionary Housing payments – Cllr Shingleton will give Clerk further details to be included in the next newsletter.
- Fees/charges being looked at, i.e. pest control etc.

Chairman thanked Cllr Shingleton for her report.

8) Financial matters:

a) Outstanding payments:

Clerks fees - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.35

Parish Online renewal -£33.60

Willowdene Resources (Lengthsman scheme account) - £589.20

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Crucial Crew - £63 – contribution for 9 children @ £7 each attended this annual event which the children enjoy.

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

b) Income since last meeting – 35p

c) Bank statement – Clerk reconciled this to the cash book. Initialled by Chairman.

d) Bank accounts – Clerk had been in touch with Lloyds Bank who had suggested transferring money into a high interest account for a set period. Bank also confirmed that accounts no longer pay interest on current accounts.

It was **RESOLVED to leave the accounts as they are at present.**

9) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish problems:

- Parkwood bends – potholes
- Caravan in field at new building site in Chorley (Cook's land) – PC requested no temporary accommodation be allowed on this site when the planning application was discussed. Clerk will contact SC.
- Springacre, Chorley – cars etc still have not been removed despite enforcement action being taken. Clerk will enquire about this matter.
- Mud on road in Chorley believed to come from the track leading to Willowdene – Clerk will write to Willowdene regarding this matter.

- Hedge outside The Bull Ring, Stottesdon protrudes onto the pavement and it had been witnessed that a parishioner was walking on the road with a walking frame. Children also walk along this footpath to School. Clerk confirmed that this hedge had been cut.
- Hedge outside The Wheelwrights, Stottesdon also protrudes onto the road. Clerk again confirmed that this had been cut earlier this year. It was **RESOLVED to write to both owners asking that the hedges are cut back to the hedge/fence.**
- General state of the roads commented on re: potholes etc.
- Litley/Northwood Lane/Billingsley road breaking up in particular at the junction of Northwood Lane.

b) Parish Watch:

Cllr Hamilton-Russell had received no notification of anything within the parish but it appears from the Police reports that it is stables being targeted with food/tack being stolen.

10) Correspondence:

Emails forwarded include: All noted as received unless matter discussed.

SALC Bulletins

RSN newsletters

SC – Precept request confirmation

SC – Road closure Chorley – 16-18th March 8.00am – 5.00pm

SC – Acknowledgement of letter from Keith Barrow re: CTSG

SC – Severe Weather/potholing schemes

SC – Electoral Roll updates

Update from Philip Dunne, MP

SALC – Karen Roper resignation

SC – Reply to email from resident – Clerk pointed out that a resident had sent into SC a list of highway problems in the parish – these have already been reported to SC on numerous occasions and Clerk responded to email with this information.

Any others received after issue of agenda

SC – letter re: CTSG

Complaint re: BW16 obstructions – It was confirmed that this is an ongoing problem and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to SC asking for their support in this matter.**

SC – cancellation of remedial works at Well Farm Farlow to Oretton and Overton to the Highlands

Mazars – change of contact details

SC – Bagginswood/Six Ashes road accident – Clerk had seen this accident soon after it had happened with a Landrover going through the hedge. Information had been sent into SC as this is close to where the road edges have become very deep.

Crucial Crew request for donation - £63 – dealt with earlier.

Shropshire Seniors – The Forum magazine

People2people – volunteering opportunities

Zurich Insurance

HMRC Real time penalties

Reminder of Forthcoming road closures:

Road to be closed: Walkerslow Bridge - Overton Junction to the Baytree junction, Burwarton, Shropshire

Date and duration: 02/03/2015 - 4 days (08.00 - 16.00)

Purpose: Bridge Maintenance Works

Applicant: Ringway

Road to be closed: Honeysuckle Junction to The Miners Junction, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Date and duration: 23/02/2015 for 4 days (09.30 - 16.00)

Purpose: Carriageway Resurfacing

Applicant: Ringway

Road to be closed: New Road, Highley
Date: 7th February 2015 for 16 days
(7th and 8th Feb closure 08.00 to 18.00, 14th – 22nd Feb closure 24 hours)
Applicant: Ringway on behalf of Shropshire Council

Road to be closed: Ferney Hall to Yew Tree junction, Chorley
Date: 16th March 2015 – 18th March 2015 9.8.00 to 17.00)
Purpose: Carriageway resurfacing
Applicant: Ringway on behalf of Shropshire Council

Any others received after issue of the agenda – none received,

11) Date of next meeting:

23rd March 2015

12) Update: Car parking/playing field ** - if anything to report.

****Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 13 the public and press shall be excluded under s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended**

Nothing further to report and Clerk asked if this item could be removed from the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** to **remove this item until further information received.**

CHEQUES WRITTEN:

Mrs F Morris – Clerk's fees - £xx

HMRC - £119.35

Parish Online - £33.60 (£28.00 + £5.60 VAT)

Willowdene Resources - £589.20

Bridgnorth Crime Prevention Panel (Crucial Crew) - £63

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.07 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

These minutes were approved at the parish Council meeting dated 23rd March 2015.