

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 24th November 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs H Barratt (Chairman), R Abbiss, B Hamilton-Russell, D Young, M Evans, A Millington.

Public: 3

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Nothing raised.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllr T Casswell (family illness), Unitary Cllr Butler (prior meeting). **RESOLVED to accept 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 declared.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on October 21st 2014:

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

4) Matters Arising from the minutes:

(a) Progress report from Clerk:

Accounts:

Thanks to Mark for amending the budget spreadsheet. Val (Internal Auditor) has offered to come and sit with Clerk to go through it for the end of December, if required.

Potholes:

Some potholes have been filled around the parish – please let Clerk know of any new ones or any other problems.

Stray cattle:

Report of a bullock on the road at The Hamlet. Clerk did manage to get a message through to the landowner regarding this as parents travelling to school considered this dangerous for both animal and motorists.

The jetter has been in the Parish jetting the drains.

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems:

All emails acknowledged by SC with a promise to add potholes/problems raised onto their list.

(c) Any other matters arising:

None.

5) a) Co-option of new Councillors:

Clerk explained that there are 3 vacancies (3 parishioners present) which could now be filled by co-option.

1 parishioner (Mr Hill) expressed a definite interest, Mrs Crawford (was interested but wanted to know more) and Mr Heawood (came to listen and find out more and would go away to consider joining at a later date).

Chairman invited Mr Hill to give Cllrs details of himself.

Mrs Crawford asked what was involved due to family/work commitments – Cllr Millington explained about her role as she herself works and has a young family.

After both Mr Hill and Mrs Crawford confirmed their interest in joining the PC it was **RESOLVED that they be co-opted onto the PC and invited to join other Cllrs. Clerk gave folders containing relevant information to both new members.**

b) Signing of declaration of Acceptance of Office by newly elected Councillors:

These were duly signed by Cllrs Hill and Crawford and countersigned by the Clerk.

6) Planning applications:

a) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

14/04847/AGR

Open span steel portal frame

Willowdene , Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

The above application has been submitted to this authority. Please note: this is not a formal consultation and is being sent to you FOR INFORMATION ONLY. This is not viewable online in Public Access.

It was accepted that this was for 'information only' but it was queried if any further had been received regarding the other applications at Stanley Farm – nothing further received.

b)) Any others received after issue of the agenda
No further plans received.

b) Planning permissions/refusals:

Permission granted:

Reference: 14/04480/OHL (validated: 03/10/2014)

Address: Land at Lower Chorley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Uprating of an existing 2 wire 11,000 volt overhead line to 3 wire 11,000 volt overhead line using existing poles

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that the SALC AGM had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and a decision will be made at the next Executive meeting on 8th December as to how to move forward with this.

It was thought that once the SamDev is back from the Inspectors then a meeting can be called.

Cllr Abbiss explained briefly to new Cllrs about SALC.

8) Unitary Councillor's report:

Unitary Cllr Shingleton reported on the following:

- SALC important to Shropshire Council as they are the conduit for information to be passed down to Parish/Town Councils.

- Information requested regarding which road repairs had been carried out in the parish.
- LJC meeting tomorrow night at Cleobury Mortimer where speakers will be in attendance regarding Future Fit, Broadband, Cleobury Mortimer Fire Station, Library & Youth Service. Anyone welcome to attend.
- Update on Health – Ambulance times still not reached in our area, but figures are being monitored. Clerk commented that she had been told that the Ambulance and Air Ambulance attended the Dr's Surgery on Thursday 20th November and response times from both were excellent.
- University in Shropshire – still lots of consultations to be held regarding this, especially where the final buildings/student accommodation will be.
- Planning – all types of applications going to SC at present and suggested that planning training should be held after the SamDev is finalised as training will be needed then.
- Solar panels – Cllr Shineton asked the Cllrs view on these. It was felt that these are not as efficient as they can be although the principal is very good. Cllr Shineton wished that the River Rea could be used more – the weir at Paper Mill, Cleobury Mortimer is going as it is damaged but felt that this could help power the housing estate and school which is sited above the weir and feels that we are not using what is already there to the best advantage.
Sites at Acton Scott and Whitton had been refused. Cllr Hamilton-Russell confirmed that his had been in use for 9 years and had paid for themselves several years ago. It was felt that as there are so many agricultural buildings around the rooves of these could be used for panels.
Chairman thanked Cllr Shineton for her report.

9) Financial matters:

a) Outstanding payments:

Clerks fees - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.55

SC - £327.92 – street name signs (made payable to Post Office)

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

b) Income since last meeting – 40p interest.

c) Bank statement – initialled by chairman

d) Email from Claire Ratcliff (Cleeview Bridleways Group) re: financial support for clearing bridleway in parish. After discussions it was **RESOLVED that in principle there was no objection to making a contribution, as requested, but would leave this until the next meeting to give Cllrs an opportunity to look at the work carried out. It would also be helpful if in future any work being carried out in the parish could be notified to the PC so this could be budgeted for.**

10) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish problems:

- Potholes Walkerslow
- Potholes bottom of Station Road
- Honeysuckle Road – lying water and road surface
- Pickthorn lane – potholes
- Moonhouse Bank down to unktion water continuously running down the road. Clerk pointed out that SC had looked into this many times but could never find the source.
- Verge very muddy between Willowdene and Blacksmiths where hedge has been removed for new houses. This will be monitored as there were conditions on the planning approval.

- Harcourt/Litley – drainage problem as water runs out of verge onto road (possible gully overgrown) – Clerk will ask Willowdene to look at this under the Lengthsman Scheme and also grit the bank, if necessary during frosts etc.
- Pothole on main road between Billingsley junction and Covert Lane junction.
- Finger post in The Square – arms always pointed the wrong way.
- Wribley Bank and road from Litley junction to Chorley junction breaking up badly.
- Road flooding by Random Castle.

b) Parish Watch:

Many of the problems have been outside our parish.

c) Complaint re: roads through Stottesdon and Rays Farm road (incomplete patch) – now completed

d) Complaint re: VAS, Station Road, Stottesdon – now repaired

11) Place Plan review:

Clerk read through the relevant section in the Place Plan document and the following points were raised;

Car parking at Dr's Surgery – If this could not be compulsory purchased could there not be some claim on this land regarding the usage over a number of years? Cllr Shingleton will look into this.

The drop off the edge of the road onto this is getting deeper and it was suggested and **RESOLVED that some scalplings are purchased and used to fill this through the Lengthsman Scheme.**

It was also **RESOLVED that comments in the Place Plan should remain the same with the request for a sports field being marked as 'urgent'.**

12) Standing Orders update:

Cllrs were happy with the amended document produced by the Clerk and it was **RESOLVED to accept this. Clerk will print a copy for each member.**

13) Road Safety policy – suggest additional areas to be included?

Clerk had been made aware following previous requests that the change of priority at the bridge near to Halfway House should be requested through this policy for consideration and also the request to construct a footpath in front of the Pound Patch houses should also be requested. It was **RESOLVED that Clerk asks for consideration is given to both these requests under the Road Safety policy.**

14) Correspondence:

Emails forwarded include: - **all noted as received/read unless comments made.**

SALC Bulletins

RSN newsletters

Rural Hub newsletter

SC - Single Affordable Plot Application Approval George and Charles Evans, Stottesdon

Community Health News - October 2014

Data Protection registration - receipt of payment ICO:00041385363.

Shropshire Community Space Conference – 11th November

SC – Severe weather/potholing scheme – ongoing programme of planned road closures

Reducing Flood Risk

Street lights at The Kinsleys, Stottesdon – timing requested to be altered – this was due to altering the clocks and would right itself within a couple of weeks.

Planning For Climate Change Conference Series 4th December 2014 LONDON and 12th March 2015 DUBLIN

Severn Centre Highley Newsletter

Street signs – SC arranging to install these a.s.a.p.

Parish Council Casual Vacancy – Mr D Rix confirmed that as he had just joined the Village Hall/Show Committee he felt that he would not join the PC this year but would consider further vacancies.

Invitation to CAS AGM 26 November 2014 at Oswestry

AUTUMN CLEAN UP @ Chorley Village Hall SAT 22nd NOV 2014 from 10am.

Correspondence received since issue of agenda:

The Clerk magazine

LJC meeting – 25th November Cleobury Country 6.30pm

CAB donation request – leave until March.

Shropshire Seniors – The Forum newsletter

Car rally – emails from Mrs Crook and SC. Clerk had forwarded some of these to Cllrs and read out others received.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED** to write to both Car Clubs, SC and Police confirming the complaints received and requesting that if as is understood from the emails that these are permitted then the PC and residents should be notified of the dates/times/locations and events should be properly organised.

Letter received from Mr and Mrs Swain, Bakehouse Lane, Chorley. After discussions it was **RESOLVED** that the letter is left with no further response and no future newsletters will be delivered.

15) Date of next meeting:

December 15th 2014.

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

**Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 16 the public and press shall be excluded under s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended

Nothing further to report.

Clerk notified Cllrs that she had been appointed Clerk to Chelmarsh PC with effect from 18th November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Cheques written:

Mrs F Morris – salary - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.55

SC (Signs) - £327.92 – cheque made payable to Post Office for payment purposes.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

These minutes were approved at the meeting dated 15th December 2014.