

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Ferguson, R Abbiss, C. Smith.

Unitary Cllr G Butler

Clerk Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

0) Public participation:

No parishioners present.

1) Apologies for absence:

Cllrs S Crawford, S Allen and B Montague (unavailable), H Barratt (dispensation). Unitary Cllr Shineton. 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 declared.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2018:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

4) Matters Arising from the minutes

(a) Progress report from Clerk (distributed at meeting):

Reply from SC Highways re: problems raised:

- 3 large potholes on the Harcourt road just beyond Harcourt Farm junction towards Litley – **Orders have been issued to Kier for repair following routine inspections**
- Bottom of Walton Bank road getting rougher. – **Due to be inspected in the next few days during monthly inspections, orders will be issued for any safety defects present**
- Jetter still required at Moon House Bank – I have been told asked that as BT have dug the road up there so many times have they caused any damage? Risk of flooding when it rains. – **Jetter requested and details passed to Kier**
- Finger post needed on the Loughton junction – Andy says this is on order. – **Order issued to Kier for replacement of damaged post**
- Potholes along road from Loughton junction to Duddlewick farm lane. - **Order issued to Kier for several safety defects following routine inspections**
- Pickthorn Farm lane potholes – **Orders have been Issued to Kier for repairs.** Cllr Abbiss confirmed that only half of a large pothole had been filled.
- Duddlewick Farm lane potholes – **Orders have been issued to Kier for repairs.** Clerk had received a call from Mr Morris saying that not all of the potholes had been filled and on checking with SC this was probably because it was not all highways but ROW.

Not our parish:

Hedge needs cutting back on bridge near to halfway House – dangerous as you can't see cars and there has been a few near misses! Also the road markings are not very visible here. – **Order has been issued to Kier for the hedge to be cut and lining being scoped in order to refresh.**

Pothole outside The Bold Farm – **Order issued to Kier for repair following routine inspections.**

Reply from STAR Housing re: empty bungalow at Glee Drive:

The property at Glebe Drive Stottesdon was advertised on Shropshire Homepoint on July 18th up to the 25th July 2018.

The criteria for the property was 60+ with applicants being assessed as needing ground floor accommodation.

Shropshire HomePoint operates an open Housing Register. The choice-based letting scheme aims to provide opportunities for anyone to obtain housing within Shropshire, whilst providing a degree of preference to people who have a local connection with the County. Residents living within the Parish of Stottesdon who are registered on Shropshire Homepoint who met the criteria 60+ assessed requiring ground floor accommodation on medical needs would have been able to place a bid on the property for consideration.

Historically the bungalows have been hard to let and on a couple of occasions after failed bidding cycles Star have had to source tenants from outside the housing register who met the above criteria.

It is highly recommended that applicants have access to their own transport due to lack of facilities and public transport.

More often than not applicants who move to semi-rural areas without access to public transport and local facilities often find themselves isolated and cut off which in return has an impact on their wellbeing and often seek to move closer to local amenities.

On this occasion there were 7 bids on the property at Glebe Drive but none with any connection to Stottesdon or the Parish.

Clerk also confirmed that Jez Morris from STAR Housing had sent the following reply:

Good afternoon Freda, we had 8 bids (2 of these were withdrawn). None of the bids, that I can see were from the Stottesdon Parish. Do you have anyone in mind that you think is bidding that may not be?

After discussions it was agreed to write to STAR Housing asking for these bungalows to be advertised to people who live within 10km of the parish or registered disabled of any age.

Silent Soldier – has now been re-located which appears to be more visible.

(b) any other matters arising:

Nothing further raised.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

a) Planning Notification Only

18/03773/AGR - Oakfield

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building

Applicant: Mr Michael Fletcher

No comments required.

b) Reference: 18/03008/HRM

(validated: 28/06/2018)

Address: Land Near Lower Northwood Farm, Northwood Lane, Northwood, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PT

Proposal: To remove three consecutive sections of hedgerow totalling 88m to improve workability of fields on land east of Lower Northwood Farm.

Decision: No Objection

Clerk confirmed that no further information had been received from SC re: 'important hedge'.

c) Planning Notification Only

18/03571/AGR - Land At Manor Fields

Proposal: Steel framed portal building

Applicant: Mr Michael Evans

No comments required.

d) Any others received after issue of agenda:

d i) Reference: 18/03683/FUL (validated: 08/08/2018)

Address: New House Farm, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LU

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the town and country planning act 1990 for the change of use of former agricultural building to a commercial joinery workshop

Applicant: Mr Kelvin Davis (New House Farm, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14 8LU).

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to support this application as this was for a small local business.**

dii) Reference: 18/03642/FUL (validated: 17/08/2018)

Address: Firien Barn, Lower Bardley Court, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension

Applicant: Mr Geoffrey Grey

After discussions Cllrs **RESOLVED to refuse this application as per the previous comments as it appears that this is a larger extension for the plans last year:**

Comments: We would refer you to our comments for the previous application 17/03102/FUL and our comments remain the same for this application as follows:

- "1. Large extension - out of scale with building
2. Concern re: septic tank - is this adequate?
3. Parking - where will vehicles park? Since this application chalets have been erected near to this site which has increased traffic flow. Any off-street parking would be on a bend.
4. Highways should seriously look at this due to the possibility of scaffolding being needed if/when building commences as this is on a bend which no doubt will require traffic lights due to the width of the road. We understand that the proposed building will follow the line of the road more than is shown on the plans.
5. Is the pool still on the site - if so should be investigated for newts.
6. The roadside hedge between the entrance and Firien Barn needs proper regular maintenance.

Please also note that there was a Court case regarding the conifers on this site and a height restriction was put on these (possibly 8') but these are far in excess of this and require cutting. We would be obliged if you could look into this matter at your earliest opportunity."

It appears that this extension is larger than the previous application.

We would also ask that Officers at Bridgnorth Highways are consulted as they are fully aware of the roads in this area.

6) SALC report:

Nothing to report.

7) Unitary Councillor's report:

Cllr Butler spoke regarding the following:

- Enablement Team – moving forward with looking at how to use the team – their roles were explained.
- Green Belt Review – not directly affecting our area.
- Ironbridge Power Station future of site being looked into - £1.6m business rates lost from this site.
- Informal Task and Finish Group looking at Planning Enforcement and how to stop sites going to enforcement – more pre-application advice etc. 96% of plans are dealt with under delegated powers within 13 weeks.
- No planning meetings held in the South since May as nothing controversial had been applied for.
- Cleobury Site Allocation for housing discussed
- New Care Home in Cleobury progressing well and Doddington Lodge undergoing work to enable this to re-open.
- Cleobury 'Menshed' coming on in leaps and bounds – this was explained. A grant request might be sent to the PC and it was suggested that a Grant Application template is put onto the website.
- First Responders for the area required.

Clerk mentioned the problems being encountered at the School Playing Field and the email which had been sent out from Lacon Childe as Stottesdon is part of the academy. Clerk explained that there is already some unrest in case use of this field is stopped. Cllr Butler will make enquiries regarding this.

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for attending and he then left the meeting

8) Financial matters:

a) To confirm bank transfer payments from last month – initialled by Cllrs.

b) Outstanding payments:

Clerk's salary (bank transfer), HMRC PAYE (bank transfer) - £86.71, Zen (broadband in village hall) - £36, Lengthsman Scheme account – not received. Any other accounts received after issue of the agenda – none. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk pays these accounts via bank transfer.**

c) Income since last meeting - interest

d) Bank statement/reconciliation – statement initialled by Cllrs.

9) Parish matters/problems

a) Parish problems:

- Batch Bank – potholes and chippings
- Dayhouse Farm Bank – 1 pothole marked but needs filling
- Northwood Lane – pothole just after the turn off from Chorley.
- Bottom of Moonhouse Bank tractor gone over a drain grid which has caused this to be standing vertical. The drains all need clearing of silt and they are filled to the tops of the drains.
- Road Closure was to repair a water leak outside the cottage at the top of Dayhouse Cottage Bank – SC knew nothing about this work.
- STOTTESDON sign needs cleaning.

b) Parish Watch:

Nothing to report/

c) Lengthsman Scheme update:

Nothing to report.

10) Correspondence:

Emails forwarded include:

SALC:

- Bulletins
 - Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning - Wednesday 12th September 2018, 10am - 4pm at The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
 - Fundamentals for Councillors training - Wednesday 26th September 2018, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
 - Cleobury Country - CIEH Foundation Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety - 17th October 2018
 - Town and Parish Council Forum – 3rd September, Shirehall, 10am.
 - Shropshire Highways - risk based approach consultation. – Cllr Montague had sent in a response to this document and **Cllrs agreed for Clerk to use this as a response.**
 - Invitation to the Stakeholder Engagement Day for LTP4 - Local Transport Plan for Shropshire on Wednesday 19 September 2018
 - [Police.uk] New data published for June 2018
 - Playing field – Stottesdon school – dealt with earlier
 - Community Enablement Team Review – dealt with earlier
- Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda
- SALC - SC Rural Youth Activity Fund: 2nd round press release
 - Jez Morris – STAR Housing re; 13 Glebe Drive:

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11) Policy updates:

- Standing Orders – Cllr Abbiss and Clerk had altered these and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk will forward these to Cllrs to look at for adoption at next meeting.**

12) Personnel Committee:

A meeting is required but Clerk will contact Cllr Crawford to check when she is available. Clerk was also asked to request a 'template appraisal' from SALC.

13) Old Fox and Hounds car park update/review***

See confidential report.

14) Date of next meeting: Monday 24th September 2018

***** Item 13:**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Payments:

Mrs F Morris (Salary) £xxx

HMRC PAYE – £86.71

Zen Internet - £36

Signed: Chairman

Date:

Approved 24th September 2018