

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Annual Parish Council meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman, who arrived a little late), S Allen, M Pearce, L Grey, Z Griffin,  
S Crawford.  
Clerk: Mrs F Morris  
Parishioners: 1

### **1) Election of Officers:**

a) Chairman: As the Vice-Chairman had not yet arrived Cllr Allen was nominated to take the chair for this item:

Cllr Young was proposed, seconded and with no further nominations it was **RESOLVED that he be duly elected as Chairman.**

b) Acceptance of Office by Chairman:

This was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.

### **4) Apologies for absence:**

Cllr J Rogers (illness), Cllr Abbiss (unavailable), Shropshire Cllrs Butler and Harris (other meetings). It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

### **5) 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.

### **2) a) Co-option of Councillor to fill vacancy:**

Dr Rob Kennett, MBE attended the meeting as he was interested in the vacancy.

Chairman asked Dr Kennett to give a little insight into his background. He confirmed that he was a countryman born and bred and his 2 main interests are Law & Order and Education which he has Doctorates in. He has also been a School Governor.

With his current employment he does all over the world so sometimes he may not be able to attend meetings but will always read minutes etc and send in any comments.

It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED that Dr Kennett be elected to the Parish Council.**

### **b) Signing of Acceptance of Office:**

Dr Kennett duly signed tis and was witnessed by the Clerk.

All Cllrs introduced themselves to Dr Kennett.

### **c) Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Dr Powell is the current Vice Chairman, and he was proposed, seconded and with no other nominations it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Powell be elected as Vice-Chairman**

### **d) Acceptance of Office by Vice Chairman:**

This was signed by Cllr Powell and duly witnessed by Clerk.

**e) Election of SALC reps and any others as deemed necessary:**

**SALC Area Committee reps:** Cllrs Griffin and Abbiss nominated to remain as the PC reps.

**Personnel Committee:** Elected Cllrs Crawford, Allen, and Powell.

Disciplinary & Grievance – Cllrs Griffin, Grey

Clerk will ask SALC for an updated Clerk's appraisal template as the appraisal is overdue.

**3) Public participation:** No public present.

**6) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2022:**

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

**7) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's report:

Road closures:

These have proved a nightmare with inaccurate signage. Clerk confirmed that she had reported all problems raised but could not get any responses.

- All roads into Bridgnorth were closed at the same time leaving people 'stranded.'
- Roads were being closed at the incorrect times.
- Carers were unable to get through, this was a danger to life!
- Some of the contractors were rude to motorists.
- People were being diverted onto closed roads.
- Large potholes had not been filled in prior to re-surfacing.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to **Lezley Picton (SC- Chief Executive)** copying in Portfolio holder **Dean Carroll** and all Officers to escalate this problem.

Crucial Crew receipt for donation:

We are still on paper statements at the moment, so apologies for the late acknowledgment. Duly received on 27th April.

b) Jubilee Celebrations update:

- Road closure approved and STAR Housing approved use of green at Glebe Drive.
- Coins will be given to all school children up to the age of 16.
- Cllr Griffin will send out flyers/posters reminding people of the picnic. Clerk will send Zoe a 'bunting template' for these.
- Bunting will be given to Mark to put up around the school, fence, bus shelter etc.

c) Any others – none.

**8) Delegation of power to Clerk for decisions between meetings.**

SALC confirmed that this is not needed now as covered under Financial Regs for finance – mainly during Covid this was needed.

**9) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:**

a) Reference: 22/00855/FUL (validated: 04/04/2022)

Address: Land to The North Of, Station Road, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of extension to agricultural building for stock handling

Decision: Grant Permission

b) Reference: 21/05698/FUL (validated: 21/12/2021)

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

Proposal: Erection of detached 2-bay garage incorporating electric roller shutter doors to front of property and formation of connecting driveway; to include the felling of trees

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Reference: 22/02128/FUL (validated: 05/05/2022)

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

Proposal: Demolition and reinstatement of agricultural barn

Applicant: Mr C Roberts

Cllr Abbiss sent in the following comments:

I've had a look on the web site! The application says the development cannot be seen from the road. I have seen it from the road and wondered what they were doing. I think it was being built in concrete blocks but couldn't say for definite. I question what was there before as I have not been aware of a building there.

I expect you will have to make a decision tomorrow night. I cannot be there, but I question the need. How many acres have they to need all that equipment? I did mean to make a few phone calls to see if there was a building there before

Cllr Allen felt that Cllr Abbiss had a valid point and that looking at his 1:2500 OS maps he could not see any buildings marked at where this work is taking place. He also has no recollection of there ever being a building in that location and dreaded to think how many times over the years that they must have walked or driven past the site. If there was anything there it must have been very insignificant. The work being undertaken is clearly visible from the road particularly when travelling down the road from Harcourt.

To me it would appear that the owners are attempting to further develop the site as this "barn" and the shipping containers, already in situ, could be converted for residential use at a later date  
Chairman proposed and it was seconded and **RESOLVED that a site visit should be arranged before a decision was made on this application. Cllr Grey offered to attend. Chairman will make an appointment and let Cllrs know the day/time.**

d) Reference: 22/02091/FUL (validated: 03/05/2022)

Address: Ferney Lodge, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PR

Proposal: Garage conversion and erection of rear extension, decking and associated works to form a self-contained annex ancillary to main dwelling

Applicant: Mr Stuart Taylor (Ferney Lodge, Chorley, Shropshire, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PR)

After discussions Cllrs raised no objections to this application.

**10) Shropshire Cllr's report:**

As per the Annual Parish meeting report.

**11) SALC report:**

No report.

**12) Finance:**

a) Accounts to be paid Clerk's salary - £xxx

HMRC - £194.97

Any others received after issue of agenda – none received

### **13) Parish problems:**

- Walton Bank – gateway appears to be being installed at the top of the bank in the pull in. Clerk has reported this to SC due to amounts of complaints received.
- Parking by the residents of Rosebank, Stottesdon in the lay-by at the triangle by the entrance to their property/Hall Farm – the vehicle sticks out into the road and is considered not safe as it is on a bend.
- The grass verge had been strimmed at the end of the footpath in Station Road, but no attempt had been made to clear the grass off the pavement.
- Potholes on the Bagginswood road, passed Litley.
- Loughton Road bridge and outside Hinton Farm still requiring repair.
- Road slipping between Duddlewick bridge and the next bridge along the straight – road has been marked!
- Potholes on the corner at the bottom of Almshouse Bank.
- Potholes on Duddlewick Road and up to farm.
- As oil/petrol prices are rising the PCSO's should be encouraged to be pro-active, and it was suggested that someone from Crime Prevention could attend a meeting to give advice.
- Potholes filled by Church Farm, Loughton.
- Tree overhanging road by Rays Farm. Clerk will contact Rays Farm again.

### **14) Correspondence:**

SC – Draft Housing Policy Consultation 9<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Clerk to send this out to Cllrs ready for comments at the next meeting.

SALC Area Committee meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June, Bridgnorth Fire Station or Zoom.

Unveiling of Covid-19 Commemorative sculpture – no interest shown.

SALC – Fundamentals for Cllrs training 16<sup>th</sup> June 6-8.30pm – now FULL.

SALC Bulletins

Any others received after issue of the agenda – nothing further.

### **15) Date of next meeting: 27th June 2022**

#### **Payments made:**

Clerks' fees - £xxx

HMRC - £194.97

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**