

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), Z Griffen (Vice-Chairman), M Pearce, R. Abbiss, S Allen, A Sierakowski
Shropshire Cllrs G Butler and S Harris
Clerk: Mrs F Morris
Public: None

0) Public participation: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllrs Crawford, Kennett, Adams, Gutteridge.

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 27th January 2025:

These had been circulated with agenda, and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that these were signed as a true record.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

Bagginswood Road Potholes:

These are practically all out again. Less than 3 weeks they were being painted round again!

Clerk had today reported these again, together with the others by Bardley Court.

It was also commented that work had been carried out for 3 days at the bottom of Almshouse Bank, but not all potholes have been filled, and the surplus tarmac was just put at the edge of Fairacres driveway on the soil/dirt edge of the road. Further damage had been caused to another vehicle.

Cllr Pearce asked if bags of tarmac could be provided through the Lengthsman Scheme.

Blood kits:

If the PC purchase these, the school would be interested in having one. After discussions it was **RESOLVED that 3 kits would be purchased, school should have their own first aid kit and trained first aider, and they could use the kit from the defib at the Dr's surgery, if needed.**

Bridge through Chorley Woods to Pitt Cottage:

Mr Edge had contacted me expressing concern that this bridge might require work in the next couple of years and invited me to go and have a look. Can anyone have a look please? Possible erosion? Will ask Chorley Cllrs to have a look at the bridge.

Complaint regarding Glebe Drive:

The general untidiness of Glebe Drive with lorries/cars parked and overriding the grass and general untidiness of properties had been reported to STAR Housing. This had been raised with Clerk by 2 residents. This is the untidiest state the drive has been in for years. STAR sent workmen out to tidy up the shrubs and have said that they will send out flyers to residents – not yet received!

Cllrs suggested the Clerk notifies the Police regarding the SORN motorbike

At this point it was RESOLVED to allow the Shropshire Cllrs to make their reports:

Cllr Butler talked about the SC budget and the financial position of SC.

- He also pointed out that SC will probably devolve as much down to Parish and Town Councils as possible. We have put money in the precept in case of this.
- Household Waste Collection - The trial has finished resulting with cars no longer having to book but Vans and trailers will, both will have to provide in County ID. The trial has given the operator valuable data around usage especially stopping that from out of county.
- Childe Endowment Trust open 1st April for help to college students.
- Waste food collection to be implemented in April 2026
- 2weekly bin collection to remain.
- Local Plan has not yet passed.
- Still there is no technician for the area.
- Cllrs go into Purdah on 10th March.

Chairman thanked both Cllrs and they left the meeting.

a) Any others – none.

5) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 24/04810/FUL (validated: 23/12/2024)

Address: 4 High Street, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TZ

Proposal: Demolition of existing outhouse to create a parking space

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 23/05160/FUL (validated: 01/12/2023)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land To The East Of, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a functional needs agricultural dwelling with double garage within sight and sound of livestock, installation of package treatment plant (re-submission)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

c) Reference: 24/04136/FUL (validated: 12/11/2024)

Address: 5 Station Road, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TT

Proposal: Erection of 6No. external lights (retrospective)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

Cllrs will carefully monitor this.

d) Any others received after issue of the agenda – none.

6) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC - £383.77

Lengthsman account – not received.

Amazon – ink, paper - £97.26

Consider purchasing Blood Kits – **it was agreed to order three kits one for each defib cabinet.**

Clerk was asked to order these straight away from this year's precept.

Any others received after issue of agenda:

Chorley Village Hall hire - £260 (13 meetings)

RESOLVED that all payments authorised. Invoices initialled.

Scribe account renewal - £414.72 due 30/4/25 – this will be paid in new financial year.

b) Income since last meeting - £27.67 interest

c) Precept – acknowledged

d) Website .gov.uk costs – sent out previously 8/1/25. **It was RESOLVED to leave this until after the elections in May.**

7) SALC report:

No meeting held.

8) Shropshire Cllr's report: if available.

Received earlier, together with copy emailed out to Cllrs.

9) Parish matters/problems

a) Raised by Cllrs:

- Potholes!!
- Signs end of Harwicke/Station Road – Give Way sign broken.
- Almshouse Bank – some potholes filled but not all after being on site for 3 days.
- Signs lying in the verges.
- Noted that there are now new DUEXHILL signs.
- BEWARE OF DEER sign, reported, then disappeared but it is now back in situ.
- 15' hedge removed at Edgewood, Bagginswood. Steel framed building there with no planning permission. Clerk will notify enforcement.
- STOTTESDON arm still missing off the sign at The Highlands.
- Potholes halfway up Sidbury Bank
- Pickthorn Lane deteriorating.
- B/Way, Pitt Cottage – dealt with earlier.


b) Any others:

The planned resurfacing work of Burnt Pitt bank to Riddings Lane needs the water problem sorting before any work is carried out – Clerk will inform SC.

c) To consider PC Policies/review existing:

Clerk had started to go through the Financial Regs and Standing Orders and once completed will email these out.

10) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: *Taken as read unless comments made:*

- Alterations to the Electoral Register/New Register -Clerk urged everyone standing for election again to ensure their name is on the register.
- King Charles portrait – Now displayed in the school.
- Craig Bethel – Housing Survey – Housing Associations including Shropshire Rural are putting together to fund this post.
- **RESOLVED to leave until after the elections.**
- Bridgnorth and Shifnal Area Committee – minutes of last meeting forwarded – next meeting 19th March 7.00pm via Zoom.
- SALC Rules of Debate at Meetings - on-line training 19/3 or 4/6
-  Fire Marshall Course - Fire Marshall Course - Tuesday 28th March 2025, Cleobury Country
- Road closure at Hardwickforge Junction to Honeysuckle Junction, Prescott, Cleobury Mortimer - during the dates of Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March during the hours of 8am to 4pm.
- PCC newsletter - February 2025
- Recycling centres and waste collection news – dealt with earlier.
- Parish & Town Council Survey – Chairman read the questions, which Cllrs answered. Cllr Griffen will make some comments for Clerk.
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Elections Briefing - Tuesday 25th February 2025, 11.30am - 12.30pm – Clerk has booked onto this.
- Police - Theft from vehicle [#394644939] – Far Forest
- Planned Surface dressing work - S20 The Square to Riddings Lane, Stottesdon – dealt with earlier.

11) Date of next meeting: 24th March 2025.

Payments authorised:

Clerk's salary - £xx

HMRC PAYE - £383.77

Ink, paper - £97.26 purchased off Amazon and repaid to Clerk

Chorley Village Hall - £260.00 hire for 12 months (13 meetings)

Scribe accounts - £414.72 due 30/4/25