

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss, R Kennett, C Adams, M Pearce, S Crawford, L Grey.
Shropshire Cllr S Harris

Parishioners: two

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Mr Perry, applicant for 1 Bagginswood attended and gave a brief outline of his plans, which the Chairman thanked him for.

Mr Arrowsmith, applicant for Coulraine, Stottesdon attended in order to answer any queries. Clerk also pointed out that she had followed up a request for information whether a garden shed (approx. 12'x12') needed planning permission or not.

Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Planning Officer involved and the information had been passed to the applicant. This was discussed and Cllrs felt that as the information was not very clear asked the Clerk to seek further information.

The applicant thanked Cllrs for their help.

Chairman explained to the parishioners that once the meeting opened they would not be able to speak.

Meeting opened at 7.43pm.

1) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllrs S Allen, Z Griffen and S Cllr G Butler. Clerk had not heard from Cllr Powell.

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.

Non declared.

At this point the Chairman asked if Councillors were in agreement to bring Item 6, Planning forward so that the applicants didn't have to sit through the meeting. **RESOLVED to accept.**

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: Reference: 23/00544/TCA (validated: 06/02/2023)

Address: Old Vicarage Centre, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UH

Proposal: Fell 2no. Ash (T10 & T11) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: **No Objection**

b) Reference: 23/00815/FUL(validated: 24/02/2023)

Address: Coulraine Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Erection of extensions to dwelling and internal alterations

Applicant: Mr And Mrs M Arrowsmith

A site visit had been made, but the applicants were not in. Most Cllrs knew this property.

Cllr Abbiss reported that it is a small cottage, in need of renovation to bring it up to the 21st Century with the proposed work not excessive.

A resident had offered his support of the application during the site visit.

Cllrs looked at the plans and raised no objections.

c) Reference: 23/00543/TCA (validated: 02/02/2023)

Address: Land To The Rear Of Fir Trees House, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UD

Proposal: Remove 1no. Sycamore within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: **No Objection**

d) Reference: 23/01023/FUL (validated: 08/03/2023)

Address: The Hawthorns, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Removal of first floor window and creation of new doorway in its place and erection of an oak framed balcony accessed from the new doors on first floor

Applicant: Mrs Vincent

Cllrs looked at these plans and raised no objections as the proposed work was private and would not overlook anyone.

e) **INFORMATION ONLY:** 23/01043/CPL | The provision of twin unit mobile home (not operational development) within the garden of the lawful dwelling house for use as additional accommodation by a family member as part of one household (not a material change of use) | Orchard House Prescott Cleobury Mortimer Kidderminster Shropshire DY14 8RR.

Clerk pointed out that this was for Information Only and no comments required.

f) Planning applications since issue of agenda:

New Planning Applications published on 23/03/2023 relating to parish of: Stottesdon.

Reference: 23/01172/FUL (validated: 17/03/2023)

Address: 1 Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LU

Proposal: Erection of Single Storey rear extension, replacement windows to main house and erection of a detached garage

Applicant: Mr D Perry

A site visit had been made and it was felt that the proposed garage did not impinge on the house.

Although the house was originally 2 cottages it is still quite small and the work will bring the property up into the 21st Century.

The only concern was the flat roof on a Listed building but the applicant confirmed that the roof would be covered in Sedum, although it does not say this on the application form.

Cllrs raised no objections.

Reference: 23/01173/LBC (validated: 17/03/2023)

Address: 1 Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LU

Proposal: Erection of Single Storey rear extension, replacement windows to main house and erection of a detached garage

Applicant: Mr D Perry

Comments as above.

Reference: 23/00078/TCA (validated: 12/02/2023)

Address: 5 & 7 Station Road, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TT

Proposal: Crown reduce by approx. 3m 1no Holm Oak (T1) & fell 1no Willow (T2) and 1no dead Ash (T3) which is situated in neighbour's garden within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

Reference: 22/05417/LBC (validated: 10/01/2023)

Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion West Of Blundell Farm, Holly Lane, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of a redundant traditional agricultural building to form a dwelling affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 22/05416/FUL (validated: 10/01/2023)

Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion West Of Blundell Farm, Holly Lane, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of a redundant traditional agricultural building to form a dwelling

Decision: Grant Permission

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2023:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes are accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

B/Way – Burwarton Estate:

Thank you for your email received on Tuesday 28th February regarding the Bridleway along the old railway line. I confirm that your email has duly been passed on to the relevant departments who will investigate this matter further. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Cllr Pearce confirmed that he had raised the issue with Lord Boyne previously.

Belle Vue Garage, Cleobury:

I hope both issues at Belle Vue/Six Ashes are fixed soon. They have gone on for far too long.

Interestingly, there is a planning application for a COU to permit a garage/MOTs at one of the units on the Tenbury Road Ind Est, Cleobury.

I don't know who is going to be running that though.

Reply from SC re: parish problems: Heathcote Bartlett

Thank you for your emails, I visited the lane leading to Pickthorn farm and lane leading to Duddlewick farm yesterday with one of our in house drainage engineers, the road surface problem is not helped by the water that is running off the fields onto the carriageway, there is no point attempting any permanent repairs until the water that is being discharged onto the carriageway from the fields is addressed.

I will arrange a meeting with the farmers from both farms and our drainage engineer as soon as I can with a view to a satisfactory resolution for all parties involved.

I have also visited the barriers opposite Rays farm they have all been raised and sandbags put in place to hold the barriers in place, this is an ongoing issue that I inherited it appears the land as slipped away, I will need to ascertain ownership of the land in order to progress this ongoing problem.

The Almshouse bank area again there are issues with water discharging onto the carriageway, , there is no point attempting any permanent repairs until the water that is being discharged onto the carriageway from the fields is addressed.

I believe I have addressed your immediate concerns, if I have missed anything please feel free to come back to me.

The older issues you have brought up were before my time, I will have a look though in due course and help if I can .

Clerk reported that the issues raised have all been reported via FixMyStreet numerous times.

Cllrs Kennett and Abbiss both disagreed that the state of the lanes were not helped by water running off the fields onto Duddlewick Lane and Pickthorn Lane

There are businesses operating up Duddlewick Lane which the state of the lane is deterring people from supporting due to possible damage to their vehicles.

Cllr Kennett expressed his serious concern, and wished his comments recorded in the minutes, that if something is not done with the main road and the lanes, that there is going to be a serious accident, possibly a fatality, and that Shropshire Council may possibly be held responsible.

Almshouse Bank had some repairs but not all.

S. Cllr Harris commented that he has difficulties with FixMyStreet and their reports back and has taken the matter up with Andy Wilde asking that when a job has been fixed it should say 'DONE' and not saying completed when it hasn't been. Clerk confirmed that she had had the same conversation on the Clerks Forum through SALC and highways – 'completed' means it has been passed to the relevant department for action!

Operation Snap signs – Chorley: from Heathcote Bartlett:

I have spoken with Mr Keyland this morning, please accept this email as consent for your snap signs to be erected on SC posts.

Hopefully, this might slow traffic down.

Chorley Woods - bridge towards Pitt Cottage from Richard Knight, SCC:

Yes, rather up to my neck in things at the moment. Anyway, I will have a look at the bridge, but we are only responsible for foot, cycle and horse traffic over the bridge, not cars! I therefore think the best thing is to make contact with the owners of Pitt Cottage who have the most to gain from a bridge able to take vehicles. Do you know, or can you find out, who lives there now? I do remember speaking to them many years ago, but have lost their contact details and it may have changed.

I did give SC Mr and Mrs Edge's details and for Mr and Mrs Home's who use this bridge and also mentioned Bush Cottage being used as holiday lets.

b. Any others: none.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerk's salary - £xx. HMRC payments - £170.40. Clerk's expenses- £70.08
- SALC - £30 training invoice.
- Information Solutions – Domain name renewal - £28.76
- Farlow Farm Nurseries - £27.30 (tree/guards etc for Sidbury)
- To confirm appointment of Internal Auditor -**RESOLVED** to appoint Vicky Turner again.
- Gifts2Impress - £858.00 (Coronation coins)
- Any others received after issue of agenda:

- Mark Pearce - £1025.00 (Lengthsman) and £190.00 (parish work). Mark pointed out that he had cleared 6metres of roots out of the drain at the top of Litley Bank to prevent road flooding. Clerk pointed out that SC had been informed of this before they resurfaced the road but did nothing about it the same as Walton Bank drain blocked/broken, but they resurfaced the road hence the flooding.

RESOLVED that the Clerk makes all these payments via BACS.

- b) Income since last meeting: £5.30 interest on deposit account

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that Welshampton and Lyneal had received Gold Quality Status for the second time and highlighted what they did in their parish.

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- Hinton bridge and Hinton Farm bend – not repaired and getting worse.
- Almshouse Bank – Duddlewick - potholes.
- Brooksmeeing – road slipping.
- Rail broken at Brooksmeeing bridge – reported by Clerk.
- Bagginswood road round the corner from Jimmy Harris’ tarmaced over the drains.
- Sidbury potholes etc
- Bagginswood road – single track in places with base stone showing through.
- Application for caravans at Bardley Court dismissed as unlawful.
- Coronation – question asked if the PC were doing anything? Nothing arranged. It appears that The Duck Inn are holding events but not sure if the Fighting Cocks are holding any events. Coins will be given to the children but it was felt that parents should make an effort to collect these not expect them to be delivered.
- Dr’s Surgery – Cllr Kennett could not attend last meeting but did send apologies and Clerk pointed out that Cllr Powell had resigned from the group as the meeting went on too long. The next meeting is 4th April, 6.30pm at Ditton Priors Village Hall.
- Broken bridge/overgrown on BW/FP – 0146168/1 – Chorley Hall to Harcourt.
- Barns at Litley – more blocks, building appears to be growing!
- Pickthorn Lane – offered to work with SC to fix this lane.
- Grit bins at Walton Bank (Clerk pointed out that this has been removed from the maps she has seen), the bin just round the bend is barely visible and needs replacing with a new yellow bin and Station Road covered in hedge (holly tree)

b) Tree planting – planted at Sidbury. Clerk has not received permission from SC to plant at Bagginswood and possible too late for Glebe Drive now.

c) Community Hubs – Chorley still operating

d) Speeding through Chorley: Operation Snap signs received from Police to put up in Chorley, but no further information received from Traffic Engineering Dept.

e) Stottesdon Footpath 57/5 (part) Diversion – dealt with last month.

f) PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - BULL RING DY14 8UD – 2nd April 8-4pm Severn Trent – road closed from top of Glebe Drive to The Bull Ring.

g) Road Name signs – request sent in by Clerk added to FixMyStreet by SC.

h) Kings Coronation – coins ordered, dealt with earlier.

i) The update to your defibrillator record is now overdue – The Circuit. MedUK do not do this so it was suggested to ask Cllr Allen if he could do it to save Cllr Powell as we are aware that he is not always well. Cllr Abbiss said she would ask Joe Williams if he would check Sidbury.

j) any others – none.

9) **Shropshire Cllr's report** - emailed to Cllrs.

- Cllr Harris suggested that the PC invite Lezley Picton and Andy Wilde to the Annual Parish meeting on 17th April at Chorley Village Hall to talk about the highway issues. It was **RESOLVED that Cllr Harris would ask if they would be available and Clerk will follow this up.**
- SC Consultation regarding opening hours
- Rough sleepers/homelessness – 125 people in Shropshire. Warning that some could be 'organised begging'.
- Clerk mentioned the problem raised on Facebook where a man had tried to tempt a child to go with him for sweets – luckily her friend turned up and he ran off. Cllr Harris was not aware of this, and Cllr Butler had not mentioned it to him earlier.

10) **Policies to update** – Clerk and Cllr Abbiss had gone through the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, but Clerk had a couple of queries, so asked that these be left until the next meeting.

11) **Correspondence:** All emailed out to Councillors (*taken as read unless comments made*)

- SALC News in Brief
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Brown Clee Medical Practice – Cllr Abbiss queried if the PC could legally put money into the purchase of the buildings if a Consortium were formed? Clerk will make enquiries.
- Customer Service Centre Opening Times Consultation
- Finance training delivered by Parkinson Partnership - January - June 2023
- SALC - Training Programme 2023 and March events
- PKF Littlejohn – Audit Information
- SALC - Coronation Champions Awards
- PCC newsletter - March 2023
- Any others received after issue of agenda.
- Stottesdon Open Gardens- from Wade Muggleton:
So, a date for the Diary is **Sunday 16th July** for this Years Stottesdon Open Gardens. Following last year's success and having not opened for the previous three years we decided to go again this year. Timing will be 12 til 4pm
It would be good to get the date on people's calendars and to get an indication of who is opening their garden and who is happy to volunteer in some way be it tickets, stewarding or teas.
For those who open their gardens I have copies of this year's yellow book along with an openers pass which gives free admission to any other NGS gardens you may wish to visit this year.
Please let myself or Clare know so we can begin to formulate a list of Gardens and a list of volunteers. July will no doubt be here sooner than we imagine.
Here is to a good growing season. Wade 718 753 Clare 718 007
- Reminder: Local Flood Meeting on Monday – Did anyone join this meeting? No.
- The Secret to Mastering Year End for Town & Parish Councils Confirmation – Clerk attended this training session through Scribe.
- James Griffiths, Build Your Own Affordable Home - Please find attached letter and confirmation of approval to build your own affordable home under the single plot exception site policy.

- SALC - Please share with you contacts - new child neglect posters to be put on notice boards.

12) Date of next meeting: 17th April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting and 24th April Parish Council meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Payments agreed:

Clerk's salary - £xxx

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Signed: Chairman

Date:

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