

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th June. 2024 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), Z Griffen (Vice-chairman), M Pearce, S Allen, C Adams, S Crawford, A Sierakowski, R Abbiss (who arrived later).

Parishioners: 12

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

The Chairman welcomed the parishioners to the meeting and explained this was their opportunity to speak as when the meeting opened it was for Cllrs only.

0) Public participation:

Parishioners in attendance attended to show their concern regarding the road closure and made the following comments:

- Speeding traffic through the whole village
- Overhanging trees, in particular opposite Rays Farm. Everyone is aware of the bird nesting season, but health and safety should come first.
- Verges becoming damaged
- Volume of traffic, which will increase when the harvesting season starts with large tractors/trailers/equipment etc.
- Horse riders are not being given the required space when vehicles passing, as per the new Highway Code.
- Children on bikes/pedestrians are in considerate danger
- Traffic particularly heavier/faster at school times – morning and evening
- Insufficient signage to slow people down.
- British Horse Society have been made aware of the problems and have been in touch with SC, but any additional signage requires planning permission.
- Brow of the hill through Chorley woods is dangerous but accept that there is limited space for signs.
- Clerk was thanked for all the help she had given to the residents in Chorley with this problem.
- Trees also need cutting back opposite Yew Tree Farm (Barretts)

Clerk explained all the actions she had taken trying to get more signage, temporary 20mph speed limit, permanent 30mph speed limit, grass verges cut etc., but felt that at times she was 'hitting her head against a brick wall'. The school had been asked to put a notice in the school newsletter asking people to slow down, but Clerk will ask again.

The 30mph requested several times – we are on 'the list'.

Hopefully work on the damaged road will commence end June, beginning July, but until this starts, they have no idea how long the work will take. Hopefully they will then move on to repairing the slippage close to Rays Farm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and that Cllrs had taken on board their concerns and Clerk will action these.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Kennett, Shropshire Cllr Butler and Harris, Police and Cllr Abbiss who will arrive later, due to attend the SALC Area Committee meeting first. These apologies were noted.

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 22nd May 2024:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

New updates on Grit bin broken – Baker's Bank – replaced

Road Closure: B4555 Highley to Chelmarsh

To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: B4555 Highley to Chelmarsh

Start Date: 12th August 2024

End Date: 16th August 2024

Purpose: Renewal of road markings.

Rolling night closures beginning at Highley and continuing in a northerly direction.

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214LW-867168

Enforcement pattern for B4555 Highley to Chelmarsh:

From Monday to Friday 20:00 - 06:00

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking

here: <https://one.network/?tm=138954342>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk.

New updates on Between Pickthorn Lane and The Highlands

Any others – Complaint from Chorley resident re: roads.

Emails received from a resident complaining about the dangers on the road, but this subject was covered earlier.

Report from Personnel Committee held earlier – deal with later.

At this point it was agreed to bring item 6c – planning at Swallows Rest forward, as the applicants were in attendance.

c) Reference: 24/01997/FUL (validated: 22/05/2024)

Address: Swallows Rest, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Conversion of existing ancillary domestic outbuilding to an annexe

Applicant: Mr & Mrs James (Swallows Rest, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ)

Whilst **no objections** were raised to this application, concern was expressed that a s52 was possibly put onto this building, having been changed from the now built house. This had not been picked up by Solicitors or Architects, but applicants and Clerk would check on this.

The applicants left the meeting:

5) Finance:

a) Approval of accounts:

- I. Sign off accounts as presented by Clerk – **resolved to APPROVE/signed.**
- II. To consider Internal Auditor’s report – **Accepted.**
- III. To complete Annual Audit form AGAR section 1- **completed/signed**
- IV. To complete Annual Audit form section 2 – accounting statements - **approved**
- V. To approve Asset Register - **approved**

b) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx and expenses – not claimed.

HMRC- £294.97

Shred-It - £127.98

V Turner – Internal Audit - £100.00

Clear Insurance - £633.06 (3-year deal)

All **RESOLVED to approve.**

Any others received after issue if agenda:

M Pearce – Lengthsman - £150.00 (strimming) – **RESOLVED to pay.**

c) Income since last meeting:

£315.45 (VAT reclaimed)

Deposit a/c interest – May- £12.16, June £12.99

Both noted and received.

Any others after issue of agenda: none.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 24/00568/FUL (validated: 04/04/2024)

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

Proposal: Installation of a horse walker for private use

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Ref: 24/02232/AGR

Development proposed: Alterations to Existing Track

Location: Land at Raggits Quarry, Stottesdon

Applicant: Mr C Rokos

This application has already been approved.

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Dealt with earlier

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

7) SALC report:

AGM will include a speaker on Nature Conservation.

Advertising for another Secretary to replace Di Dorrell.

Di attended the Garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Deputy Lord Lt attended the SALC area committee meeting and a garden party will once again be held by the Lord Lt.

Cllr Abbiss reported that she had attended the first part of the area committee meeting tonight, where Ben Walker was the speaker regarding Broadband.

99.1% have Superfast Broadband – this is now being managed centrally not by SC and Openreach have the contract.

Telephones will be going through broadband.

Alarm systems will be updated at present they have copper wire.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

8) Shropshire Cllr's report:

Not in attendance.

Simon and I have decided to withdraw our monthly reports whilst we are in the pre-election period. The next report will be issued in July post-election. We are of course still available for day-to-day business issues and will attend meetings where diary allows Kind regards
Gwilym

9) Parish matters/problems

a) Raised by Cllrs:

- Verges to Cleobury North and Loughton not yet cut.
- Hedge cutting sign outside Hillcrest encroaching onto the road causing vehicles to drive round it and unable to see oncoming traffic.
- Potholes on Bagginswood/Six Ashes Road still not repaired.
- Ivy encroaching onto the church driveway – Clerk was asked if she had Compass phone number? Will try to find it.
- Horse riders will be trialling an 'off road' course next month.
- Highlands/Overton Road has very bad potholes.
- Tree overhanging onto road at Chairman's property with tractors/equipment catching this – Chairman will look at this problem.
- Honeysuckle brook road – potholes.
- Camper van on ramps, partly on the pavement in Glebe Drive and has been for several weeks – report to STAR Housing.
- Potholes along the flat between Hawkswood and Sidbury.
- Lengthsman: Drains/ditches cleared and working well but need to be kept on top of. The drain towards Prescott Mill needs dealing with by SC as the sand gets washed down into it. Mr Whitehouse has removed sand from his field.
- Lengthsman asked to carry on with urgent work for safety issues, the grant has been cut by SC, but the PC does have some reserves, which could be used.

b) Brooksmeeing bridge repairs – dealt with under parishioner's time.

c) Any others – none.

4c. Personnel Committee update:

Cllr Allen reported that a constructive meeting had been held prior to the PC meeting.

A new Job Description had been typed out for the Clerk.

A salary increase up to SCP23 rate was suggested and backdated to April as per NALC guidelines and will take into consideration holidays (pro-rata) not taken.
This suggestion was **APPROVED by full Council. Clerk will action this from next month.**

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

- Electoral Roll updates
- SALC bulletins
- NALC Bulletins
- Shropshire Council Town and Parish Councils Post Interim Findings Consultation (presentation 22.5.24) - Presentation slides
- Police & Crime Commissioner - Special PCC newsletter - June 2024
- Chelmarsh B4555 traffic operation [#268501186] – speeding! *Someone caught speeding along the Bulls Head straight.*
- Crane Counselling – funding request – *Not approved.*
- SALC – Legal Topic Notes
- SALC Area Committee Meeting 24.6.24

- Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

11) Review of all policies and procedures – these all need looking at and reviewing.

12) Date of next meeting: 22nd July 2024

Payments approved/made:

Clerks' salary - £xxx

HMRC - £294.97

V Turner - £100 internal audit

Clear Insurance - £633.06 – 3-year contract

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: