

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

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

Present: D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice-Chairman), S Allen, Z Griffin, C Adams, R Abbiss, R Kennett.

Shropshire Cllr G Butler

PCSO J Fletcher and PC Singh

Parishioners: one

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Parishioner came to listen to the meeting as she sees all the complaints on the Chorley App but no one seems to attend the meetings and raise their concerns.

The Chairman allowed the Police to speak at this point before the meeting opened.

Police reported that no crimes had been reported to them in the Parish since 31/8/21.

There had been oil thefts in Glazeley and Cleobury Mortimer and suggested people use secure devices to lock up their tanks.

CCTV at properties is also a deterrent.

Smartwater was mentioned as this had been offered free to residents at Homelands but there was little take up. The PC have discussed inviting a speaker to the Annual Parish Meeting but the Clerk pointed out that the take up has to be quite high to get the equipment at a good rate.

Police will drop off the 'Operation Snap' signs off to the Clerk to use in Chorley.

Police were thanked for attending and they left as they were on duty.

1) Apologies for absence:

Apologies received from Cllrs M Pearce, L Grey, S Crawford and Shropshire Cllr S Harris.

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 January 2023:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Reply re: Defibrillator:

Thanks for your email and apologies for the delay in responding to your email!

The side of the lock is illuminated at night and the entire door is illuminated, which really is the best product on the market available to us to date.

The access code is given by 999 when the initial call is made, they will advise the caller to go to the nearest defibrillator, giving the location and code.

The system is very robust and works very well after the introduction of The Circuit.

It is entirely up to you as a Parish as to whether you share the code, but I would let you know that we have had a number of thefts in the local area of defibrillators recently.

Regardless of whether you share the code or not, it is important to reiterate that the caller should call 999 immediately in an emergency and await further instructions from the operator. I hope this helps?.

Reply from SC re 30mph speed limit in Chorley: Clerk had chased SC again for a reply and this is the reply:

Many thanks for your email requesting the possibility of a 30mph speed limit being installed in Chorley Shropshire.

As the Traffic Engineer for the South this falls to me to investigate and this will be looked at as soon as resources allow

As you can imagine we receive many such requests for speed limits such as these and the waiting list is extremely long due to limited funding available. We are currently focused on dealing with locations where we have a history of Road Traffic Collisions. In instances such as this location it is unlikely to be enforced by the Police. The road width is such that drivers should be adhering to the location and environment to which they find themselves and although there is no current speed limit the physical constraints of the narrow carriageway should be self-enforcing.

We will however consider your request for a speed limit and we will add it to the list of possible schemes for the future where it will have to compete against other similar locations and therefore there is no guarantee that a speed limit will be introduced in the near future.

In order to introduce any speed limit it will need the support of the Police and Parish Council and would need to go through a consultation period in order to produce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to make any speed limit enforceable

Clerk pointed out that a speed survey had been carried out after The Meers were built but Chorley did not fulfil the criteria at the time.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to SC again and ask if speed counters could be put across the roads in Chorley to check the speed of vehicles.**

Reply from SC re: problems raised:

There is a pothole for repair outside Rays farm the job number is 1731708. I will check this road later this week. The landslide is something I inherited I believe it was investigated but have no idea when the outcome was or what action was taken if any, I mention this as anyone reading your email would think the landslide is a recent event when in reality the road has been in that condition for some time. I will ask Mr Oliver if he can shed any light.

Belle Vue Garage, Cleobury parking problems: Neen Savage PC Clerk:

I took your email with me to our Parish Council meeting on Wednesday evening and am just finishing the draft Minutes and follow-up work so thought I'd give you an update too.

We are also concerned about the number of vehicles being parked on the road and often at the Six Ashes Car Park too. It's not very good at all but the proprietor does not seem to have enough storage for all the business vehicles. We feel that Planning should have taken this into consideration when granting further residential development at the site but often this is just not deemed relevant at the time. We are aware that the police have visited and cannot do anything about it either.

Two of my councillors are going to visit the garage together and try and explain the concerns and try and discuss/see if there are some solutions to this. Whilst it is great that the business seems to be thriving and we want to encourage local businesses, the location is becoming an issue if they don't have a bit more space to keep all the vehicles off the road or at the very least reduce the number of vehicles and have them much further back from the junction.

The water problem seems to be a leak from a faulty fire hydrant. I had previously reported this to Severn Trent and on Fix My Street. I rang Severn Trent for an update on Friday and they said they hope to get the hydrant replaced this week. I don't know why it has taken them so long but it has been a long time hasn't it? I think the same team were dealing with another leaky hydrant near Mawley Oak Garage and had to replace that one too. I hope this helps a little.

b. Personnel meeting update: Clerk had checked with SALC and as the information was Confidential to the Clerk it was up to her if she shared it with others. Clerk confirmed that she is trying to monitor the hours worked.

b. Any others:

None.

5) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment: Clerk provided a schedule for Cllrs.

- Clerk's salary - £xx
- HMRC payments - £217.33
- Chorley Village Hall hire – invoice received/paid - £440 in 2 separate invoices of £220 (mistake with invoice)
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- SALC - training Cllr Adams, Code of Conduct 19/1/23 - £20

RESOLVED to pay these accounts via BACS.

Scribe Accounts - £414.72 due 30/4/23 – **RESOLVED to pay in new financial year.**

b) Income since last meeting: £5.73 interest February and £60 Chelmarsh PC – contribution towards SLCC membership.

c) Policies to be updated: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations need updating ready for approval at next meeting. Clerk asked for help as it was easier if 2 people went through them together. Cllr Abbiss offered and will get in touch with Clerk.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a. Reference: 22/05234/FUL (validated: 30/11/2022)

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

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the siting of 2No domestic garden storage outbuildings with associated groundworks, hardstanding, fencing and landscaping and the associated change of use of land to garden curtilage

Decision: **Refuse**

b) New Planning Applications published on 09/02/2023 relating to parish of: Stottesdon

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

Applicant: Mr Shaun Glover (Fir Trees House, The Bull Ring, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UD)

Wade Muggleton reported that Carrie (applicant) spoke to me about this absolutely agree it was a self-set Sycamore that pushes against their fence and is on Ray Livesey's land but both are in agreement to remove it, as was I.

Cllrs had looked at this and it was **RESOLVED to support the application.**

c) 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

Applicant: Ms Amber Sharpe (3 Rayns Way, Syston, Leicestershire, LE7 1PF)

Cllrs **RESOLVED to support this application as this was due to Ash die back.**

d) Any others received after issue of the agenda

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss and Griffin attended the last meeting and items discussed were:

- Joint Working Groups being set up regarding flooding through Area Committee's.
- 2nd boat provided for Melverley.
- Coronation – Windsor Castle
- If Councils have GDPC status they can contribute towards traffic signage for speeding/ traffic calming.
- Local Council Award Scheme

8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- ✓ Church Farm, Loughton up to Monument has dreadful potholes/road surface – not our parish but used by residents.
- ✓ Almshouse Bank – deep potholes
- ✓ Duddlewick road – potholes/surface breaking up
- ✓ Hinton Covet to Cottages – potholes.
- ✓ Work being carried out to a Grade II Listed Building at 1-2 Bagginswood causing concern to other residents. Enforcement notified.
- ✓ Potholes Chorley side of Litley Bridge.
- ✓ Bridleway from Hinton Covet out to Aston Botterell is being used by motorbikes and is dangerous for horse riders. Clerk asked to report this to Lord Boyne.
- ✓ Duddlewick Lane – road needs repairing (SC adopted road).
- ✓ Pickthorn Lane – deep potholes, Farmer offered to help SC with this work, but no contact has been received from SC.

Clerk confirmed that she has reported these problems numerous times but still nothing has been carried out.

It was suggested that Clerk contacts Laura Howells regarding the state of the roads and to ask for a specification for the roads.

- ✓ Grit bin at the top of Walton Bank still not replaced
- ✓ Grit Bin, Station Road is there but covered by a holly tree and is not accessible.

b) Tree planting – update from STAR Housing: Nothing further from STAR but probably a bit late now. No reply from Highways regarding the Bagginswood tree. It was felt that we might just have time to plant.

c) Warm Hubs – no update from Fighting Cocks but the hub at Chorley is well attended fortnightly. It was also felt that it should be referred to as 'Community hub'.

d) Speeding through Chorley/Speed limit request/email from resident/any update: Report under Matters Arising.

e) Stottesdon Footpath 57/5 (part) Diversion – **RESOLVED that Cllrs had no objections to this diversion.**

f) PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - BULL RING DY14 8UD – 2nd April 8-4pm Severn Trent. Clerk confirmed this is from Glebe Drive to The Bull Ring.

g) Road Name signs: Cllr Abbiss brought up that several years ago the PC purchased some new road signs, i.e. Station Road, High Street, Green Lane and Riddings Lane with intention of doing more. Suggestions are New Road, High Green at Chorley and Midwinters.

Cllr Griffin also questioned the roundel on the lamppost which used to say THE HAMLET – thoughts are that the sign was replaced with a new road sign and the roundel not replaced.

Clerk will make enquiries with SC.

h) Kings Coronation; Clerk had circulated details of mugs, bookmarks, coins etc and Clerk was asked to obtain prices for coins.

i) any others – none.

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

Cllr Butler reported the following:

- ✓ Boundary Review: The Boundary commission are currently insisting on single wards. To achieve this two options have been submitted, firstly splitting Cleobury town in half East and West with appropriate rural parishes, secondly Cleobury town as a whole taking in Milson, Nash and Boraston as one ward and all the other rural parishes as the other. Wheathill has been suggested to move to Brown Clee. The ward numbers need to be around 3600 or within 10% therein these options provide numbers of around 3250. Representation has been made to keep it as a twin ward also however it will be up to the commission to decide.
- ✓ Full Council meeting Thursday evening – 4.9% increase in Council Tax.
- ✓ £3m grant from Government for accommodation for evacuees – British Forces/Ukraine families in hotels. To save costs buying 16 houses (from main stream stock, if available). Need to get people out of temporary accommodation – some are working so housing benefit paid to SC.
- ✓ Roads – main street through Cleobury has been resurfaced with new yellow lines and people are warned to park correctly as parking tickets have been issued into the evening too.
- ✓ Topcoat on the road between Newbridge to boundary with Worcester will be carried out in next financial year.
- ✓ Next monthly report will be sent out Tuesday/Wednesday.
- ✓ Due to the amount of complaints SC are considering a 'Dog Poo Watch'. Clerk mentioned SC not providing specific dog waste bins anymore but using the litter bins and highlighted the smell by the notice board/bench in Stottesdon. Cllr Butler confirmed that the PC could buy the bins using CIL money and SC would empty.

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for his report and Cllr Butler left the meeting.

10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors – noted as received unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief
- Electoral Roll alterations
- SLCC – Clerk's Manual receipt/received.
- Sign up link for Community Wellbeing & Public Health updates from Shropshire Council and Partners
- Consultation on draft Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Nature in the Strettons event - 28th February, 6.30pm-8.30pm Church Stretton Library
- Warp It sign up for Town and Parish Councils
- Crime Commissioner newsletter Budget to boost community policing in West Mercia
- Police - Street Watch [#79258171]
- Crane Quality Counselling – donation request – *No support*
- NALC Legal Update – February 2023
- Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - Amendments supported by NALC and its President.
- **Brown Clee Medical Practice – Email from Bill Lewis:** I am writing to you on behalf of the Patients Participation Group for the Brown Clee Medical Practice. Many of the voters in the Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish are patients of this highly regarded practice. At a meeting of the PPG last week, it emerged that the practice is facing a crisis as all 3 doctors are planning to retire within the next 5 years and no replacements have been found. We believe that the practice is a critical local resource that we can ill afford to lose.

I am attaching a summary of the meeting for your information and would ask that you add this matter to the agenda for the next Council meeting so that the Council can give its support to both the PPG and the Steering Group that is being formed to help find a solution. Cllrs are extremely concerned regarding this situation and Clerk was asked to confirm that the PC request being kept up to date with information., especially if there was a proposal for a 'community buy out'. Cllrs Powell and Kennett (when available) offered to attend meetings on behalf of the PC.

There is a lack of GP's and very difficult to attract to rural areas.

A report will be put into the next newsletter.

- West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter: *3 priorities Speeding, use of mobile phones when driving, Rural Crime and a comment of litter being thrown out of vehicles.*
- It's Time To Get Royal Coronation Ready – Coronation flags? *Decided to use Union Jack flag.*
- Finance training delivered by Parkinson Partnership - January - June 2023
- SALC - Training Programme 2023 and March events
- LB9141201-000013193067 FERNY HALL TO YEW TREE FARM JUNCTION Road Closure 24/03/2023 – Severn Trent work outside Rosemary Cottage (opposite village hall)
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- SALC - FOR ACTION: The Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation - we need your support.
- SALC - JSNA Presentation
- Bridge by Pitt Cottage Chorley – forwarded to SC. Clerk did speak to SC who told her that this bridge did not belong to S, but landowners and that there was an alternative route (Harcourt Farm lane) which could be used but the Officer would investigate further and reply to Clerk.
- Climate Change advert -workshop – *Considered expensive!*
- SALC - Proposed Local Flood Partnership
- Police to crackdown on drivers using mobile phone [#85637657]
- Civility & Respect – sign up: *Clerk will add to next agenda.*

11) Date of next meeting – **27th March 2023**

Payments for approval – 27th February 2023

Clerk's salary - £927.66

HMRC PAYE - £217.33

SALC - training Cllr Adams, Code of Conduct 19/1/23 - £20

Scribe Accounts - £414.72 due 30/4/23

To confirm payments made January 23rd, 2023:

Clerk's salary - £927.46

HMRC PAYE - £217.53

Chorley Village Hall rent - £440 (2 years) – 2 payments of £220 made.

Clerk's expenses: £477.24 1/4/22-31/1/23

SLCC - £52.30 – Clerk's Manual

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: