

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 15th December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs H Barratt (Chairman), R Abbiss, M Evans, B Hamilton-Russell, J Hill, D Young, S Crawford, T Casswell. Unitary Cllr G Butler.

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 1

0) Public participation:

The parishioner present was a prospective applicant for the Councillor vacancy and was in attendance to observe.

1) Apologies for absence:

Unitary Cllr M Shineton (meeting but Cllr Butler attended in her absence).

*At this point the Chairman suggested that perhaps the item number 5 Co-options be brought forward as a candidate was present. It was **RESOLVED to bring this forward.***

5) Co-option of Cllr:

Chairman asked Mr Allen to introduce himself to Cllrs. Mr Allen has lived in Bagginswood for approximately 18 years and is local to the area and is interested in joining the PC but feared that he may not be able to attend some meetings as they fall on the same night as another commitment that he has.

After discussions Mr Allen agreed to contact the Clerk with dates and the Clerk will also send out dates of meetings for the next year and then Mr Allen could decide whether to take up the position at the next meeting.

Chairman thanked Mr Allen for attending the meeting.

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 November 24th 2014:

It was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed the minutes.

4) Matters Arising from the minutes:

(a) Progress report from Clerk:

Car rally:

This appears to have caused some upset in Sidbury due to cars not travelling 'quiet' as promised. Police were called by at least 2 parishioners but were left disappointed by their response. Clerk suggests that the PC write to Bill Longmore regarding this matter.

After discussions and listening to comments received it was **RESOLVED to invite the organisers to a future meeting to discuss the problems encountered.**

Roads:

Pothole filling will be taking place this week and 2 days next week to try and fill as many holes as possible before the Christmas holidays.

Apparently Ringway signed off the work at Duddlewick bends but this has not been done so SC is investigating this.

Bridleway clearance:

2 Cllrs have walked/ridden this route and confirmed that the work has been carried out which has made a big improvement.

Gritting:

Complaint received as the road from Stottesdon to Cleobury North was not gritted. SC confirmed that this had not been done but will look into getting this gritted during prolonged freezing.

Clerk confirmed that after speaking to Cllr Shingleton she emailed SC and suggested Clerk asked Willowdene to go out. Willowdene did go out and gritted the pavements and the top of Glebe Drive where the new surface is very slippery and Clerk assumed the road from The Bull Ring down to the bottom of Almshouse Bank.

SC did grit the secondary route on Saturday morning and will be considering adding this route on for next year.

Cllrs expressed their concern that the main Bridgnorth road did not appear to have been gritted on Saturday morning and also the road through Stottesdon was still very slippery.

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems

Clerk reported that problems raised had been acknowledged and will deal with these a.s.ap.

(c) Reply re: car rallies:

Dealt with earlier.

(d) Any other matters arising:

None.

5) a) Co-option of new Councillor – 1 vacancy

b) Signing of declaration of Acceptance of Office by newly elected Councillor

Dealt with earlier.

6) Planning applications:

a) Reference: 14/05315/TCA (validated: 25/11/2014)

Address: Stottesdon C E Primary School, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE

Proposal: To remove all major deadwood more than 80mm in diameter and stubbs from throughout the crown of 1 No Poplar Lombardy (21) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Applicant: Mrs Katie Jones

Clerk confirmed that as comments were required before tonight's meeting she had emailed out to Cllr's who had no objections. It was

RESOLVED that this was OK.

b) Reference: 14/05375/TCA (validated: 28/11/2014)

Address: Aranby, The Square, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UB

Proposal: To fell one Leylandii tree and reduce the height of one Maple tree by approx. 2m and remove some lower branches to maintain shape

within Stottesdon Conservation Area
Applicant: Mrs Christine Haydon
It was **RESOLVED to support this application.**

c) Reference: 14/05022/FUL (validated: 28/11/2014)
Address: The Malthouse , Station Road, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14
8TT
Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear and side extension following
demolition of existing
Applicant: Mr John Kingston
Some Cllrs had attended a site visit and after discussions it was
RESOLVED that these plans be accepted.

d) Any others received after issue of the agenda:
None

e) Planning permissions/refusals:
None.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss confirmed that she had been elected in as Chairman of SALC Executive again and reported the following:

- AGM cancelled due to lack of numbers.
- Executive meetings are held bi-monthly which appear adequate.
- Office very busy
- Meetings held with SC Officers usually held before Executive meeting.
- Training sessions have been well attended.
- Urge membership to SALC to remain solid.
- Office been dealing with the cut back in Libraries and the CSTG

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

8) Unitary Councillor's report:

Cllr Butler gave a brief report on the following:

- Budget
- Non payment of CTSG
- Services being handled by parish and Town Councils
- Libraries – Bridgnorth is staying but some Council Officers work from the Library. Cleobury Mortimer library is staying but up for consultation (volunteering).
- Youth/LJC
- Place Plan returns required.
- Affordable housing being built in Kinlet

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for attending the meeting.

9) Financial matters:

a) Outstanding payments:

Mrs F Morris – salary - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.35

SLCC – subs - £131

Mrs F Morris - £61.48 expenses. Clerk pointed out that in future she would not claim for telephone/broadband expenses as she will find it difficult to separate this use with Chelmarsh PC Councillors **RESOLVED that this matter should be dealt with at the next Personnel meeting.**

Mrs F Morris - £20 (coins for heating)

Cleobury Youth partnership – request for donation – it was **RESOLVED to leave this until March when donations are usually dealt with.**

Hope House – Christmas appeal for donation. It was **RESOLVED to send £50 now instead of in March.**

Willowdene Resources - £1492.80

It was **RESOLVED to pay all these accounts and signatories authorised to sign cheques.**

b) Income since last meeting – no bank statement received for deposit account.

c) Bank statement – Chairman initialled this current account statement.

d) Email from Claire Ratcliff (Cleeview Bridleways Group) re: financial support for clearing bridleway in parish.

As a couple of Cllrs had walked/ridden this BW and felt that a good job had been carried out it was **RESOLVED to send a donation of £250 with a request that if other work is to be carried out in the parish then the PC be notified in order for them to precept for this and also offers of help might be forthcoming.**

e) To consider precept requirement for next meeting:

Clerk handed to each Councillor a copy of the budget to date and the last precept request and suggested that they look at this ready for the next meeting.

A debate took place regarding how much is spent by SC in our area, i.e. services etc and what services can the PC expect to be cut/handed down to PC as the precept will need to be raised to cover this.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Cllr Shineton if she could find out this information.**

10) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish problems:

Huge pothole near to the Old Miners Arms, Bagginswood.

Cllr Hamilton-Russell expressed his concern regarding the proposed diversion for traffic whilst the Walton/Prescott road is closed for repairs. The proposal is to divert traffic through Stottesdon via Hardwick up to Farlow and he fears that damage will be caused to the bridge as the road is so narrow. He suggested that the diversion should be along the Bagginswood/Six Ashes road, turn off at Hall orchard to Detton and through to Farlow that way which is a much better road. Clerk queried whether this would be possible as the diversion had already been agreed but it was **RESOLVED to write to SC with this suggestion.**

More road name signs suggested as the Chairman regularly have deliver men calling and asking for directions. This will be dealt with in the next financial year as previously suggested.

Overton road – water running over the top of drains where the road has been re-surfaced.

b) Parish Watch:

Nothing local to report.

11) Place Plan review:

It was **RESOLVED that the comments made last year remain the same with the provision of sports field/alternative play area should be marked as urgent.** Chairman signed the form and Clerk will arrange for Cllr Shineton to do this also.

CIL money was queried – how much have we have 'in the pot' and what attracts it. Clerk will write to SC to find out.

12) Correspondence:

Marked with any comments made.

Emails forwarded include:

SALC Bulletins

RSN newsletters

Rural Hub newsletter

SC – Electoral Roll distribution – Clerk will ask for this electronically and a Councillor requested a copy.

SC – Highways severe weather/potholing schemes - ongoing programme of planned road closures.

SC - Outdoor Partnerships Winter Newsletter

Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Emails received re: rally – dealt with earlier

SC – 2 road closures planned for February – Miners Arms junction to Prescott and the road through Chorley. Road closures will be in place. This has been included in the newsletter so that parishioners have advance warning of both closures.

SC – Xmas recycling change of dates

SC – jetter cleared drains in The Square

SALC – Council Tax Support Grant – write to express concern that this will not be paid

SALC – Walk in Centre information

SALC Bulletin

The Pensions Regulator – Clerk to deal with.

Hope House – donation request – dealt with earlier.

Cleobury Youth partnership funding request – dealt with earlier.

LCR magazine

13) Date of next meeting:

January 26th 2015

Cllr Abbiss gave her apologies for this meeting in advance as she will be away.

14) Update: Car parking/playing field ** - if anything to report.

****Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 14 the public and press shall be excluded under s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended**

Nothing further to report.

Cheques written:

Mrs F Morris – salary - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.35

SLCC – subs - £131

Mrs F Morris - £61.48 expenses

Mrs F Morris - £20 (coins for heating)

Willowdene Resources - £1492.80

Clee View Bridleway Group - £250 (s137)

Hope House - £50 (s137)

There being no other business the Chairman Closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

These minutes were approved at the meeting dated 26th January 2015.