

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs H Barratt (Chairman), M Evans, R Abbiss, D Young, B Hamilton-Russell.  
Unitary Cllr M Shingleton  
Parish Clerk: Mrs F Morris  
Parishioners: 12

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained procedures.

One minute silence was held in respect of the late Councillor Sheila Steed who had recently passed away.

### **0) Public participation:**

Lengthsman Scheme - Matt Home informed Councillors that he had removed the sign from the finger post at Hall Orchard and also that Mr Harris had requested SC to re-paint the white lines on the bend as there had been a couple of accidents recently. Clerk confirmed that SC had talked to her about this today and hoped that when the road closure takes place at Detton they might be in a position to do this work.

It appeared that all parishioners present wanted to hear about the planning applications, particularly the ones at Stanley Farm.

Matt Home explained the background to Willowdene and the reasons behind the applications (all documents on file).

The following points were made by parishioners:

- Agent for Sidbury Estate commented on this application – see separate attached sheet.
- Services are at Stanley Farm so why make a new development in a secluded spot. The stream has been dammed stopping water going down which is a danger to wildlife.
- Mrs Home pointed out that the main road had been improved by SC and the track was an existing pathway. Seclusion is beneficial to those using the facility as this takes them away from everything else and provides stability and mental peace.
- It was queried why if seclusion is required are holiday lets proposed next door and also that no track has been shown on any maps and to local knowledge there has never been a track in this location.
- The mix of rehab/holiday lets was queried and the applicant pointed out that every project has to have a social enterprise and all safeguarding is in place and could not see an issue as it has worked before. 24 hour cover will be provided as at Willowdene.
- The isolated location and time for emergency services to access the development was queried
- Infrastructure was commented on.
- Site close to a water course and this needs investigating.

**Chairman thanked all parishioners present and opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.55pm.**

### **1) Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs T Casswell (work commitments) and A Millington (Work commitments), Unitary Cllr G Butler (prior arrangement), It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies**

### **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.*

No interests declared.

**3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on August 18th 2014:**

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

**4) Matters Arising from the minutes:**

(a) Progress report from Clerk:

Meeting with Jez Morris and Alice Dilly:

This was attended by Cllrs Barratt, Hamilton-Russell, Abbiss, Clerk and head teacher Katie Jones. After watching traffic coming and going it was suggested that Sandra at the Fighting Cocks be approached regarding parents using the car park mornings and evenings to try to eliminate some of the traffic outside the school.

Whilst Shropshire Council could see the problem there is nowhere for the vehicles to park other than in Glebe Drive.

Zigzag lines outside the small school gate and from the top of Glebe Drive junction back towards the Old Police House were suggested. Alice Dilly suggested contacting Sandra first and if she agrees tries for 1 month to see if the problem is eased and if not then look into the possibility of zigzag lines. Alice will also speak to the roads safety officer – Katie confirmed that he was due in school. Katie will let Clerk know the outcome of the request to Sandra and Clerk suggested putting an item in the newsletter.

Newsletters:

Clerk confirmed that she was still trying to get this finalised and will be done in the next couple of days and asked about delivering these. Cllr Abbiss pointed out that we had agreed to distribute these to several pick up points and that we should go back to doing this but Cllr Barratt felt that as an item was in it to try to recruit new members then as many as possible should be delivered.

Casual vacancies:

Clerk confirmed that she has advertised the 3 vacancies that we have on the website, notice boards and SC website.

(b) Reply from SC re: parish problems;

Clerk confirmed that all emails had been acknowledged by SC.

(c) Report re: meeting with Jez Morris and Alice Dilly:

See above.

(d) Any other matters arising:

No further matters raised.

**5) Planning applications:**

a) Reference: 14/03840/FUL (validated: 05/09/2014)

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

Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions

Applicant: Mr P Wood

Cllrs Barratt and Abbiss had visited the site and Cllr Hamilton-Russell had looked from the outside of the property.

Cllr Abbiss did not have any problems with the extension but felt that this was making another large property in the parish.

It was **RESOLVED to support the plans and to make the comment raised by Cllr Abbiss.**

b) Reference: 14/03842/FUL (validated: 09/09/2014)

Address: Stanley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PS

Proposal: Erection of 6 log cabins for a mix of holiday lets and accommodation for rehabilitation centre clients

Applicant: Dr Matthew Home (Willowdene Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP).

After discussions it was agreed that Willowdene carry out an excellent service but **RESOLVED to object to the plans for the following reasons**

- Concern that this development is in the wrong place – this is sporadic development in the open countryside.
- Too far away from Stanley Farm and all necessary services.
- A mix of holiday lets with the units to be used by Willowdene Farm seems most inappropriate.
- Councillors query whether the lane to be used which has been classed as 'existing track' was there before this proposal. As the track has commenced then this is considered to be a retrospective application in respect of this.
- Query the need for 3 bedroom accommodation for holiday lets?
- This development is accessed from a narrow road.
- Sewerage should also be checked carefully as this development is close to a water course.

Councillors have always been keen to endeavour to protect the landscape within our Parish. Concern was expressed as to what will happen to these units if there is a default in the event of any funding being withdrawn – will they all become 'holiday lets'?

Whilst making their comments Councillors have been very mindful of Sustainability, Environment/Economic and Local opinion.

Councillors request that these applications go to committee due to the wide ranging implications and the interest of other agencies i.e. Ministry of Justice.

c) Reference: 14/04127/HRM (validated: 12/09/2014)

Address: Field to West Of Scots House, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PR

Proposal: Removal of 75m of hedgerow to facilitate modern arable farming

Applicant: Mr Sam Jones (Lowe Farm, Farlow, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY14 0RT)

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to accept these plans.**

d) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PLANNING REFERENCE: 14/04041/AGR

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Steel portal frame general purpose building with fibre cement roof and box profile/concrete panel clad

LOCATION: Land To The East Of Stottesdon, Shropshire

OS REFERENCE: 367964 - 282711

APPLICANT: Mr Ian Morris

After discussions and whilst it was appreciated that this was a 'for information only' application Councillors felt that the following comments should be made due to a previous application on the adjoining field.

- Application number: 13/00450/FUL for an agricultural building in the adjoining field to this new application came before the Parish Council which the PC objected to the siting of the building.
- Where this building is proposed parishioners and walkers enjoy beautiful uninterrupted panoramic views and in application reference 13/00450/FUL requested that the building was moved further down the field and not on the ridge of the field. This was agreed and the building is now in place.
- At the time of the previous application Councillors were concerned that as fields along this part of our parish have been sold to different landowners that we could have a row of buildings along this ridge.
- Concern expressed that these large vehicles are damaging the road and road edges along this section and query the need for the building on this one field.

Councillors also asked that this application is looked at carefully bearing in mind that this is a similar application to 13/00450/FUL and comments regarding this application remain as per this new one. Councillors felt that all applications should be treated fairly as the applicant for 13/00450/FUL agreed to re-position his building which obviously had cost implications and Councillors felt that this is a very similar application on an adjoining field.

e) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Reference: 14/03937/COU (validated: 19/09/2014)

Address: Stanley Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6PS

Proposal: Use of land for the stationing of one accommodation unit for on-site key worker; works to existing vehicular access track; installation of package sewage treatment plant

Applicant: Willowdene Farm Ltd (Willowdene Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP)

Councillors felt that that was a retrospective application regarding the track as this work had already been carried out.

It was **RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application with the same comments as the previous application as this is on the same site.**

f) Planning permissions/refusals:

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## 7) **SALC report:**

Cllr Abbiss, Chairman of SALC gave the following report:

- Training session at Kinlet went very well
- Training session arranged at Bitterley on Roles and Responsibilities – details in Bulletin
- Audit
- Police Commissioner Bill Longmore attended the recent Executive meeting to give a presentation on the future Policing in the area.

An unfortunate remark was made by a member which subsequently required a letter of apology which has been accepted.

Cllr Barratt pointed out that the training session at Kinlet was excellent and felt that Karen and Di from SALC were excellent speakers.

## 8) **Unitary Councillor's report:**

Unitary Cllr Shineton reported on the following issues:

- Health. All sections of the health, Social Care, Primary Care areas are being reviewed.
- The Acute Hospitals are in pre public consultation discussions with the public called Future Fit. There is a meeting in the Ludlow Assembly Rooms tomorrow.
- There is hope that the Community Hospitals at Bridgnorth and Ludlow may be "up skilled" in the future to take on more simple injuries nearer to home.
- The new Women and Children's Unit at Princess Royal, Telford will officially open at the end of the month.
- Ambulance response times seem to be improving since the appointment of a 'Manager' to cover Shropshire. The Health Scrutiny Committee will be having an update from them on October 24th
- The Severn Hospice has issued information which states that 90p in every pound is spent on patient care.
- Shropshire Council's housing land supply problem seems to have been resolved, but Cllr Shineton has concerns about some of the applications which have been passed but at least they were only outline and we still have a chance with layout and design.
- Sam Dev will start the public hearings in November.

- Shropshire County Ip&e trading Company will be debated and an update at Full Council on Thursday.

Chairman thanked Unitary Cllr Shineton for her report.

**9) Financial matters:**

a) Outstanding payments:

Clerks fees - £xxx

HMRC PAYE - £119.55

Clerk's expenses - £46.57

Audit fee - £120

SALC training – 2 invoices x £20 = £40

It was **RESOLVED** that these accounts be paid and signatories instructed to sign cheques.

b) Income since last meeting – 36p interest

c) Bank statement –initialled by Chairman

d) Bank Signatories – confirmation received that Cllr Barratt had been added to the account and Cllrs Shineton and Walsh deleted. Cllrs Millington and Evans will be given the forms to complete.

e) Reply from External Audit:

Comment made regarding the Asset Register values/depreciation of assets and also explanation of variances. Clerk confirmed that this information had been given to the Auditors but no problems were raised with the accounts.

f) PWLB payment notification – payment due from bank in October.

**10) Parish matters/problems:**

a) Parish problems:

Problems raised:

- Uncut hedges
- Roads
- Dead trees along road edge need taking down and should be checked yearly. Clerk will add this to the newsletter.

b) Parish Watch:

Fire at Derricutt's at Farlow – 8 fire engines attended very quickly.

Break in at The Highlands – chain saws stolen.

c) Road name signs:

Clerk showed Cllrs the planned signs – Bakehouse Lane, Green Lane, High Street, Station Road, Riddings Lane. The cost is £655.86 inc VAT and SC asked that the PC pay half of the costs and they will install them. It was **RESOLVED to accept this and agreed to pay when invoiced.**

**11) Co-option – new Councillors:**

Chairman had written a paragraph to insert in the newsletter to try to encourage new members – this was circulated to Cllrs. It was **RESOLVED to insert this into the newsletter.**

**12) Standing Orders/Financial Regulations update:**

Clerk had circulated the Financial Regulations to Cllrs with the amendments highlighted as per the request at the previous meeting by Cllr Abbiss. It was **RESOLVED that these be adopted, Clerk will print ready for next meeting.**

13) Correspondence:

Emails forwarded include: All noted as received unless comments made.

SALC Bulletins

RSN newsletters

SALC – Submission of SC SAMDev Plan to the Secretary of State

SALC – Community Health Review 2014 Shropshire Housing Alliance – AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 3-5pm at Shirehall  
SALC – Shropshire Urgent Care  
SC – Electoral Roll alterations  
Came and Co newsletter  
SALC – Place Plan Review – *we have until January to deal with this matter.*  
SALC - Future Fit Shortlisting  
SALC - £20,000 available for Community projects  
SALC – Shropshire Schools Sustainability  
SALC – Stoptober campaign  
Any others received after issue of the agenda  
SALC – Bill Longmore Police Commissioner newsletter/survey – *anyone can complete this.*  
SALC Bulletin – *SALC AGM 1<sup>st</sup> November if anyone would like to attend.*  
SALC invoices – *dealt with earlier*

**14) Date of next meeting:**

October 27th 2014.

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

**\*\*Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 15 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:**

SALC - £40 – training  
Mazars LLP - £120 – audit fee  
Mrs F Morris - £xx salary  
HMRC PAYE - £119.55  
Mrs F Morris - £46.57 expenses

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**

**These minutes were approved at the Parish Council meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.**