

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 18th August 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice), M Pearce, S Allen, Z Griffin, R Gutteridge, A Sierakowski, S Crawford.

S. Cllrs Davies

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation – none present.

1) Co-option of Councillors/signing of declaration of acceptance of office: Prospective person did not attend, and Clerk had received no correspondence from him to date.

2) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllr Adams and Police.

3) 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.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2025:

These had been circulated with agenda. And it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that these be signed as a true record.

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

- ✓ Accounts advice from SALC, the PC can transfer funds to deposit account – email sent to all Cllrs. It was agreed that 50% of the precept plus balances from last year be transferred to deposit account, using round figures, if it is easy for Clerk to transfer back when required. Clerk will seek advice from Scribe and report back to next meeting.
- ✓ Email received today from External Auditor queries, which Clerk is having to look back on last 2 years. Cllrs were not happy with this extra work, but Clerk will take more advice.

b) Any others: nothing raised.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 25/01756/FUL (validated: 23/05/2025)

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

Proposal: Erection of replacement farm storage and livestock shelter building (part retrospective)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Any others received after issue of the agenda – no further plans received.

It was RESOLVED to bring the Shropshire Cllr's report forward to this point:

Cllr Davies had sent out the report, which Clerk had forwarded to all Cllrs. Chairman queried that both Cllr Davies and his wife attend the meetings, when it is only David Davies is our Cllr.

Cllr Davies confirmed that he knows the area better, but does not use the computer, so they work together as both areas are connected. Chairman asked if SC are OK with this and Cllr Davies confirmed they were.

There was nothing in his report relating to Stottesdon only other local parishes.

Cllr Davies confirmed that the new Biochar facilities had gained approval from Cllrs and was asked what this would run on and what it would generate.

He said wood pellets would be used, and it would be turned into the black products which farmers can use on their fields to put nutrients back into the ground @ £500/ton. Cllrs thought that green waste would be recycled here but Cllr Davies was not too sure.

He also confirmed that they had managed to get some potholes filled in different parishes and commented on Litley/Bagginswood road and the large potholes etc.

Chairman thanked the Cllrs for attending and they left the meeting.

7) Finance:

a) Approval of accounts:

- I. Bank mandate – Chairman will go into Lloyds tomorrow to sort this out.
- II. Transfer of funds to deposit account – dealt with earlier.

b) Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £535.13

c) Any others received after issue of agenda – SALC subs - £488.13

It was **RESOLVED that all payments are made.**

8) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that the AGM is being held at Shrewsbury Town FC on 29th October at 4pm. SALC conference on 3rd October is the Local Nature Review?

9) Shropshire Cllr's report:

Dealt with earlier

10) Parish matters/problems:

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Not our parish but the hedge at Horsford brook and towards Deuxhill needs cutting back as vehicles are being forced into the middle of the road.
- ✓ Hedge/trees need cutting urgently at Kennels Bridge before there is a serious accident. Clerk has reported it once. Brick possibly dislodged on bridge.
- ✓ Long deep ditch now outside Dayhouse Cottages, causing residents problems.
- ✓ Fly tipping round Harcourt – 2 radiators and 2 motor wing mirrors.
- ✓ Road already showing defect at Bagginswood – photos will be sent to Clerk.
- ✓ Potholes, top of Walton Bank right on the bend. Clerk has emailed regarding these today and awaiting further response from SC.
- ✓ Potholes on bend by Prescott Farm.
- ✓ Footpath at Yew Tree Farm still padlocked.
- ✓ Smell from sewerage treatment lant at Chorley – Severn Trent there working.
- ✓ Defib packs expire September – Clerk will deal with this.
- ✓ Litley/Harcourt Road very bad with road edges severely damaged and potholes – reported numerous times.
- ✓ Potholes Sidbury between Sidbury Villas and Upper House plus the others previously reported.
- ✓ Pickthorn Lane – potholes

- ✓ Signposts still not repaired at The Highlands and The Square.
 - ✓ Hedge needs cutting back and flowers protruding onto footpath at The Bull Ring and Manor House need cutting back before school returns as the footpaths are regularly used.
 - ✓ Severn Trent road closure sign still left on verge near the top of Litley Bank.
 - ✓ Vegetation still not removed from Hardwickforge bridge – Clerk will contact Pete Gould.
 - ✓ Highways barriers left by waterworks at Bagginnswood since roadworks.
 - ✓ Hedge at entrance/exit of Drs car park needs trimming back for visibility.
 - ✓ Beech hedge by Drs surgery needs trimming back.
- b) Concerns raised by parishioners - none
- c) any others Memorial for Madge Shingleton still need considering.

11) Correspondence: *including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: All noted as received unless comments made.*

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- Youth Offer Questionnaire – Cllr Griffin will complete this
- Reply from Burwarton Estates "River Rea flooding" – Cllr Pearce will check to see if this work has been carried out.
- Road Closure: B4376, Bridgnorth Road junction to B4375 junction 28/10-4/11/25 9.30-14.45
- Road Closure: B4363, Billingsley to B4555 junction – 22/9-24/9 – 9.30-16.00 to repair vehicle crash barrier
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - From September 2025
- Breakthrough Communications - training events
- Online Declarations of Interest and Updates to Council Membership – Cllrs Crawford (posted today) and Pearce still to complete.
- Openreach signs/notices – reply. There are over 50 posts to be put in around the parish and Cllrs questioned the need as some of the cables are underground. Cllr Sierakowski has already met the person in charge and will send Clerk a copy of his letter to Openreach.
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
Information Solutions – registering a .gov.uk domain name – Cllr Griffin will speak to Information Solutions regarding this.
- Launch of Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation – sent out to Cllrs. Cllr Sierakowski hopes to attend.
- SALC Conference Friday 3rd October
- Public Procurement for Town and Parish Councils - online training - Thursday 6th November 2025, 6pm - 8pm training.

12) Date of next meeting: 22nd September 2025

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Payments approved:

Clerk's fees - £xx
HMRC - £535.13
SALC subs - £488.13

Signed: Chairman

Date: