

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman), M Pearce, Z Griffen, R Kennett, R Abbiss, A Sierakowski (co-opted at meeting)
Shropshire Cllr G Butler
Parishioners: Three
Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Chairman welcomed the parishioners to the meeting and explained procedures.

Resident from Homelands attended as she had emailed the Clerk with an ongoing but intermittent smell coming from the sewage treatment plant at Chorley. She had emailed the Clerk regarding this (unfortunately the Clerk missed adding this to the agenda) and apologised to resident.

Despite numerous efforts by the resident in contacting Severn Treatment, they are saying that they cannot trace a problem. Other residents on Homelands have also noticed the smell which is since the new tank was replaced and the resident asked if the Parish Council could contract Severn Trent to solve this problem, which is not very pleasant.

It was suggested that Clerk contacts Severn Trent and also Environmental Protection at Shropshire Council.

Mr Gorman, Agent for Mr Ian Morris, Duddlewick Farm. came to highlight the planning application and answer any questions.

He explained that this site was a satellite to the main farm at Duddlewick and the property would allow on site accommodation for workman. The dwelling is 104sqm which includes a 'clean room', and a hi-tech sewage plant will be used.

Highways have commented regarding access visibility. He had worked with Shropshire Council regarding this application and this building complies with all advisories. There are newts in one pond within 250m.

Concern was expressed regarding the visual impact from the Wribley road, the Parish Council having asked several times for these buildings to be screened, but this has not yet happened.

The Agent said there will be plenty of landscaping.

Clerk pointed out that using the address Burnt Pitt Farm is very confusing as this address is already used, this is land adjacent to Burnt Pitt Farm. The Agent confirmed this will be rectified.

The third parishioner was Mr Andrew Sierakowski who was present as he was interested in filling the PC Vacancy for the Sidbury Ward. He gave brief information about himself and that he lived at Sidbury. Chairman thanked Andrew.

The meeting was opened at 7.50pm.

1) Apologies for absence: Noted from Cllrs S Allen, S Crawford, C Adams, and Shropshire Cllr S Harris.

2) a) Co-option of new Councillor:

After listening to Andrew Sierakowski earlier it was **Proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED to co-opt Andrew onto the Parish Council.**

b) **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office** - this was signed by Cllr Sierakowski and witnessed by the Clerk.

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.

Cllrs M Pearce and R Kennett declared interests in item 7c.

It was agreed to bring forward Item 7c in order for the Agent to listen to the comments made by Councillors.

Cllrs Pearce and Kennett left the room and took no part in the discussion/decision.

c) Reference: 23/03767/FUL (validated: 11/09/2023)

Address: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Land To The East Of, Stottesdon, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a functional needs agricultural dwelling with double garage within sight and sound of livestock, installation of package treatment plant

Applicant: Mr Ian Morris (Upper Duddlewick Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, DY14 8TH)

It is understood that Bay 4 is to be used for suckling cattle and the other 3 for machinery. The PC opposed to Bay 4 as there was no ventilation for the cattle and this was resubmitted and approved but still the requested screening has not been dealt with.

Pool Meadow applicants, in the adjacent field, were requested to move their building further down the field with screening – this was carried out and is not visible from the Wribley road. Whilst this is separate to this application and has a different use, it was mentioned for comparison to this site.

After discussions it was agreed to **RESOLVED to support this application but request that the entrance visibility splay is wide enough/sufficient to allow large tractors with trailers and other farm implements to be able to ingress/egress without having to damage the grass verge opposite.** Cllrs also ask once again that the barns are screened with trees/hedging to lessen the impact from the Stottesdon/Chorley road as these are highly visible.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2023 – these had been circulated with agenda and were proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that the Chairman signs these as a true record.**

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

Reply from Highways Inspector:

I inspected Duddlewick Lane recently. Roadmaster repairs were carried out on 15/5/23 to make the lane safe. The surface is undulating and patchy but there are no serious safety defects at this time and no capital works schemes planned to my knowledge. The road will be monitored during inspections. On the lane that adjoins Duddlewick, I have created a number of defects for repair.

I haven't been to Pickthorn lane yet, however it was inspected in June.

The dip in the carriageway on station road near the new build, has been sent back to Severn Trent to return and repair.

The hedges at Wheelwrights have been cut back now, and I'm also looking into the damaged bollard situation from verge cutting around Stottesdon.

Land to North of Walton Cottages, Stottesdon - 22/03089/CPL

On our record there is an enforcement case in relation to the access (22/08826/ENF) which was determined as 'no further action'. This decision will have been made considering the potential harm of the access and road safety and there is no further action we will take.

Unfortunately, we cannot control blockage of the highway when opening and closing the gate, where that should only occur for brief periods.

New updates on [Duddlewick road from Stottesdon-Cleobury North](#)

We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.

State changed to: Fixed.

New updates on [Road sinking outside Fieldhouse, Chorley](#)

We have looked into the matter you reported and our investigation shows that no further action is required at this time.

State changed to: No further action.

New updates on [Extensive dangerous potholes and uneven poor road surface](#)

We have looked into this issue and can advise that the work required will be completed in our programme of upcoming maintenance.

State changed to: Closed

New updates on [Road to Duddlewick Farm](#)

We have looked into this issue and can advise that the work required will be completed in our programme of upcoming maintenance.

State changed to: Closed

New updates on [Blocked drains between Prescott Farm and Prescott Mill](#)

We have looked into the matter you reported and our investigation shows that no further action is required at this time.

State changed to: No further action.

New updates on [Potholes Bottom of Almshouse Bank](#)

We're pleased to advise you that this work has now been completed.

State changed to: Fixed.

b. Any others: Cllr Abbiss reported that the Nightingale Nurses money which was proposed to be split with Co-Co (Compassionate Communities) receiving a third is delayed at present as they must be a Registered Charity, so have until 14th January 2024 otherwise the money will be given to Severn Hospice.

6) Finance:

a) Payments for approval:

Clerk's salary - £xx (including agreed overtime), HMRC payments - £295.80.

Expenses – not calculated, will leave until next month.

Lengthsman Account – will leave until next month.

Defib account for replacement batteries (if received) – Clerk authorised to pay when received.

Any others received after issue of agenda.

PKF Littlejohn (audit fee) - £252.00. The audit had been received back today with a comment regarding being mindful of reserves when setting next precept. **Accepted by Cllrs.**

It was **RESOLVED** that Clerk pays all these accounts by bank transfer.

d) Income since last meeting: £10.55 interest

7) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 23/03147/FUL (validated: 20/07/2023)

Address: Coulraine Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UQ

Proposal: Erection of extensions to the dwelling as well as internal alterations (Revised Scheme)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 23/02763/FUL (validated: 27/06/2023)

Address: Dycombe Cottage, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension

Decision: **Refuse**

d) Reference: 23/03829/TCA (validated: 21/08/2023)

Address: The Rectory, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE

Proposal: Crown lift and remove epicormic growth by approx. 2.6m and reduce branch tips by 1-2m of 1no Lime & reduce branch ends on west side by approx. 1-2m of 1no Silver Birch (See Schedule) within Stottesdon Conservation Area

As comments were required before the meeting Clerk had emailed Cllrs and asked for Wade Muggleton's opinion. There were no objections to the proposed work.

e) Any others received after issue of the agenda: None received.

8) SALC report:

Cllr Griffen gave a brief report of the last meeting when Eddie West, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager, Shropshire Council spoke about Place Plans and Parish Plans.

9) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors:

- Hinton Bridge/road has had some repairs carried out.
- Police – not in attendance again, yet Crime Commissioner says they should attend quarterly. Clerk pointed out that at present we only have 1 PCSO covering the area as the newly appointed Officer has moved on.
- Fingerpost arm still missing in The Square. Clerk will ask again about this.
- Could SLOW be painted on the road where the road narrows on the crest of Almshouse Bank.
- Severn Trent still not repaired drain cover in Station Road
- VAS signs for the village – PCC funding available for this. There was a VAS sign in Station Road, but we were asked to have it removed.
- Car parked outside property in Station Road does cause problems for traffic along this road.
- Sidbury road by the Church is deteriorating rapidly.
- The issues with the telephone line for broadband, were all finally resolved a couple of weeks ago.

b) Brown Clee Medical Practice – Roadshows in Diddlebury Village Hall 27/9, Ditton Priors Village Hall 30/9, and Chorley Village Hall on 10/10 6pm-8.30pm – patients of the practice urged to go along to see what is happening, talk to the Committee members and ask questions.

c) Yew tree removal, Burnt Pitt bend. This tree has been removed and work carried out as per the request of STAR Housing. The workers were very patient with people who kept jumping the red lights and always kept the area clean and tidy. Although Wade Muggleton expressed his deep regret that the PC had not contacted him regarding this and allowed this to happen, this tree was removed on 'safety grounds. There were 3 parts to this tree, some of which were rotten and needed removing. Positive comments have been received and despite concerns that vehicles would drive faster round the bend it seems to be the opposite. A reflective triangle was suggested to be put on the tree stump, but Clerk pointed out that this is not protruding onto the highway at all. Clerk will write to STAR Housing asking if this is possible.

d) Speeding vehicles – Station Road. This had been reported to a Cllr by a resident. It is a 30mph, VAS to be investigated.

e) any others – none.

10) Shropshire Cllr's report - emailed to Cllrs, which is attached:

Cllr Butler attended and reported on the following:

- ✓ Contact Highways and PCC regarding where VAS signs could be put if the PC wanted to go down that route or Community Speedwatch could be considered.
- ✓ Shropshire in talks with Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Powys (backing of Welsh Senedd) to work jointly to attract funding etc for all sorts including 6th form public transport – Cross Border to link it all up.
- ✓ New Pyrolysis being investigated for green waste - burns without oxygen, creates heat and produces bichalm (charcoal) which can be sold to farmers. Veolia signed into green waste and a site is at present being investigated with funding from Veolia.

Chairman thanked Cllr Butler for attending the meeting.

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

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins SALC Latest 18.9.23
- Electoral Roll alterations
- SALC's 74th AGM – 3rd November. Please book through Clerk if you would like to attend. Cllr Griffen would like to attend, and Cllr Abbiss had booked herself in for this but suggested that the PC should pay for Clerk to attend. Clerk will check if she is available.
- INVITATION to a Conference Specially arranged for Local town and Parish Councils (Hedges, verges, and watercourses – Montford Village Hall 13/10/23 10am-4pm
- next meeting of the Oswestry Area Committee 27th September - Kinnerley Parish Hall
- NALC Newsletter
- SC – New funding from UK Shared Prosperity Fund to extend digital skills programme for 3 years.
- SC - Streetscene, grass cutting- briefing note.
- Introducing RBLI's 2023 Remembrance Range - Honouring Our Heroes Together – as we have a Silent Soldier in Stottesdon, Chorley and Sidbury Cllrs did not feel the need for more.
- Any others received after issue of agenda:
- Raising Unpaid Carer Awareness – poster for notice boards
- NALC NEWSLETTER
- SLCC Climate Literacy Course 9th October
- Join us for the Tommy 10K 2023! 🏃
- Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme 2023/24

- SH0160 2022/23 AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report – discussed under finance earlier.

12) **Date of next meeting** – 23rd October 2023

Payments:

Mrs F Morris - £xx salary

HMRC - £259.80

PKF Littlejohn - £252.00

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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