

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman), Z Griffin, M Pearce, S Crawford, J Rogers, R Abbiss.

Parishioners: 0

Clerk Mrs F Morris

**0) Public participation:** None present.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllrs S Allan (hospital), L Grey (unavailable due to change of date), S Cllrs Butler and Harris (reports sent in due to this being precept meeting). **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.*

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in item 5e as her Grandson is the applicant. Clerk pointed out this is 'for information only).

**3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED that the Chairman signs these as a true record.**

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

**a) Clerk's report - From December and January:**

Burnt Pitt Bank roadworks: reply from Graham Downes:

I have made some enquiries about this matter.

My understanding of the situation is that Kier and their sub-contractors Multevo, have used this section of the carriageway, as a 'fill in' site between other programmed work.

In order to attend Burnt Pitt Bank, Kier had asked for an 'immediate and urgent' road Closure from our Street works team, who had given the go ahead, with the proviso that they or Multevo team contact local Parish and Shropshire Councillor to outline the extents of work and timescale of the road closure.

I also believe that there is approx. 400 sq.m of repairs required which will take 4 days to complete.

They have delivered 260 sq.m in 2 days so far. Kier's plan is to return to Burnt Pitt Bank to complete the outstanding patching when they are in the parish early in 2022.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if you had received a call from Kier or Multevo explaining their intentions prior to the road closure?

Hope this sheds some light on the situation.

**Proposed work date 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.**

Reply from C Tibbits re: Stotty Strolls noticeboards: Also see item 7.

The three boards were manufactured and installed by Chuck Downes at Ditton Sawmill for a total of £2,000+VAT in April/May 2006.

The cost of post repairs and the much-needed re-staining could certainly be met from the account. Clerk emailed again today regarding these boards, and they are happy for the PC take these over

Clerk concerned that they are not insured.

This matter was discussed, and Cllrs are happy to take these over and add to our Insurance/Asset Register

Glebe Drive – trees: Reply from Richard Wood STAR Housing

I'm trying to arrange a site meeting with our contractors, but they have been / are busy at present, especially after the recent storm. The process is that STAR H pays Shropshire Council for a tree assessment service. SC tree team surveys trees and recommends work, generally on a health and safety basis. We have very recently received a report from SC trees to include some trees on STAR H managed land in Stottesdon, hence the need to meet our contractor to assess. Our contractor is separate to SC.

The tree you refer to that was removed without permission was a small fir tree, that I doubt would fall under conservation guidance and regs. However, when I meet with our contractor, I will ask for this to be factored in.

Finally, we appreciate input and suggestions as to maintenance issues of our trees, but the final decision as to what we can do rests with STAR H, that is often budget dependent. I will let you know a date re the contractor, if available your input would be appreciated.

Further response from Richard Wood:

I'm meeting our tree contractor at Glebe Drive on Thursday 13 January, 3.15pm. You are welcome to attend as well.

Grass verge at Glebe Drive:

I sent the following email to the school, and they have put it in their newsletter. I have had a complaint from a resident regarding parents parking on the grass in Glebe Drive – opposite the 6 parking bays. If you have a look, they are churning this up. There is no need for them to park there – they actually park half on the grass and half on the drive making it difficult for people reversing out of the parking bays and residents/delivery vehicles to get through.

On at least 3 occasions I have witnessed some people parking in front of the school and on the grass when there are plenty of spaces available in Glebe Drive. Our tenancy agreements say. 'Do not park on pavements, footpaths or grassed areas, you can be recharged for damage caused to these areas. Why therefore should parents damage this?

Sorry to moan again about this but I have the complaints and is difficult for us sometimes to manoeuvre past these vehicles!

I know parking is very limited, but we are a farming community, which you will appreciate, and farmers have to get through too.

The STOTTESDON road sign on Burnt Pitt corner blew down in the first lot of storms. It is safely in my garden, but Mark says the wood is rotting away and needs replacing. **REPAIRED & REINSTATED.**

Roadworks were due to commence on Harcourt road today but I don't think they have. – I have sent an email asking when they will start. **NOW COMPLETED.**

Email to Graham Downes:

Been to Dr's at Ditton today so travelled this road. Whilst they might have patched some potholes the surface is so uneven and still faults. Hopefully, you could find time to come and have a look and see for yourself. Anyone with a bad back travelling that road would be well and truly shook up! Whilst writing I assume the Bagginswood/Six Ashes road has been completed as the signs have been removed. Why hasn't the defect in the road been repaired (where the road floods) between Cox's Barn and Hall Orchard? They have done the one pothole and left the other together with some back towards Random Castle.

I have mentioned to Cllrs Harris and Butler about Oreton Bank – what a good job they have made. This work ends just short of the junction towards the Village Hall – there are numerous potholes on this junction but did notice that there is quite a large area of new tarmac on the New Inn pub car park – is this just a coincidence?

Reply from Graham Downes re above:

Hi Freda – item no 1 - I intend to come over tomorrow at some point and will have a look.  
Item no 2 – then intention was for Kier to get as much patched in the timescale available. Anything left will have to be picked up by potholing crews until the road is rescheduled for patching.  
Item no 3 – can't comment about the pub car park – not involved with the road resurfacing. If I remember correctly Oreton Road is included, provisionally, in next year's capital works programme, budget permitting

Andy Oliver, SC:

I'm still working on it Freda, you only told us about it last Thursday, give me a chance! I brought it up again in our weekly meeting this morning so will chase up if its not done by the end of the week. Yes the gritting routes are still the same and all the info is on the Shropshire Council website. I don't think the secondaries have been treated this year but can't be totally sure as the technicians are no longer involved in the winter service or decision making.  
Took part in a training session this morning on GDPR through our Website provider. We must look at policies/Contract of Employment/Working from Home etc.

Reported Range Rover at Brooksmeeting to Police today – has been there since Sunday evening – no tax, no MOT but off the highway so they can't do anything so I have reported this to SC. Police will follow up with owner – not local!

Clerk has been receiving training sessions by Scribe for the accounts and have another booked for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

b) Any others

**5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals:**

a) FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Erection of an agricultural building for storage, Hawkeswood Manor, Billingsley.

Planning reference: 21/05553/AGR

This was 'For Information Only' but Clerk had been contacted by concerned resident Clerk emailed out for comments and sent in the following to SC:

*This building is to be sited on the horizon along this road which will be visible for miles around.*

*Whilst we have no objections to an agricultural building, we would ask that this is repositioned and careful consideration be given to the owners of Hawkeswood Manor and the adjoining barn conversations, which have been very tastefully converted.*

b) Reference: 21/04276/FUL (validated: 02/09/2021)

Address: Proposed Dwelling North Of Coombe Farm, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a single storey dwelling, detached garage and installation of package treatment plant

Decision: Grant Permission

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e) FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Proposed agricultural building and concrete yard area for use as a sprayer wash down area. Woodhouse Farm, Riddings Lane, Stottesdon. 21/05788/AGR

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in this application, but no discussion took place as it was 'for information only.'

f) Reference: 21/05698/FUL (validated: 21/12/2021)

Address: Coppice Barn, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Erection of detached 2-bay open fronted garage to front of property and formation of connecting driveway; to include the felling of trees

Applicant: Mr R Moore

Cllrs Young and Abbiss had visited the site. The applicant had marked the position out with tape and showed the 3 Beech trees which will be removed.

Whilst they could not see a problem with the garage, they did think that this could be re-positioned to avoid the removal of the trees.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to support this application but raised concern regarding the removal of 3 beech trees.**

**Cllrs felt that the plot is large enough to accommodate the garage differently on the garden to avoid having to remove the trees.**

g) Reference: 21/05699/LBC (validated: 21/12/2021)

Address: Coppice Barn, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PP

Proposal: Works to facilitate the erection of detached 2-bay open fronted garage with connecting driveway to existing driveway

Applicant: Mr R Moore

As above.

h) Reference: 21/05097/FUL (validated: 25/10/2021)

Address: Coxs Barn, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LS

Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations to existing holiday accommodation

Decision: Withdrawn

i) Reference: 21/04867/FUL (validated: 20/10/2021)

Address: Smallbrook, Farlow, Bridgnorth, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TA

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and alterations

Decision: Refuse

j) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Reference: 22/00242/FUL (validated: 17/01/2022)

Address: Smallbrook, Farlow, Bridgnorth, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TA

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension, first floor extension and alterations (revised scheme)

Applicant: Mr R Harper

Cllrs support this revised application as all of the points raised to the previous application appear to have been taken into consideration. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to support the application but to point out that again the application states no trees are to be removed, but Cllrs are aware that quite a few trees have already been removed, including some mature trees, and ask that NO further trees are removed from this site.**

#### 6) Finance:

Accounts for payment:

a. to approve Clerk's salary £xx (December and January) HMRC payments - £199.40 (Dec) and £199.80 (January). **RESOLVED to pay.**

b. SALC account - £60 (Code of Conduct training), £30 training (Cllr Griffin) Zoom renewal - £143.88 – Clerk was concerned that a reminder was sent for this then the payment was taken from her account as she had paid by debit card. Agreed that this was renewed but would cancel next payment. **RESOLVED to pay.**

c. Accounts/Budget/Precept – all emailed out with other documents handed out at meeting. All budget items were discussed individually, and the final figure came out as £24,000.00. It was **RESOLVED to request this from SC – breakdown attached.**

d. Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

#### 7) Parish matters/problems: (to include)

a) Stotty Strolls Noticeboard – transfer to PC.

This matter was fully discussed under matters arising. Mark was asked to repair and re-site the Sidbury board and stain all 3 boards. Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Tibbitts regarding taking over ownership.

Mark suggested something being put on the verge (large stone) at the side of the board in Stottesdon as despite him setting this further back large delivery vehicles are getting very close to hitting this again.

b) Complaints re: dog mess:

Clerk has received complaints about the amount of dog mess not being picked up, particularly in the Churchyard and across the footpath from the Church to Glebe Drive.

Clerk had tried to find some 'poo bag holders' to put around the parish but as yet has not been successful. Mark was asked if he could make some – yes, he will do.

c) Update from STAR Housing re: trees, Glebe Drive:

Clerk and Cllr Abbiss met with Richard Wood (STAR Housing) and Ed Lewis (Lewis Arbicore) to look at the trees. They were in possession of the report from SC tree survey.

Suggestions were:

- Nut tree by garages – remove completely and poison the roots to stop regrowth.
- Almond tree at the bottom of the garage drive – not in good health and is leaning – remove and replant with similar further back on the grassed area.
- Millennium Oak on the green – lovely shaped tree, no work needed.
- Red oak tree behind parking spaces – needs some trimming as branches very close to cables.
- Cherry tree by bus shelter – needs dead branches taking out and branches cut back which are overhanging the bus shelter.

- Sycamore trees – need some dead branches removing.
- Remaining fir tree stump – asked for removal.
- Yew tree on bend - suggested taking more off the top of this and on the roadside as you can see where it has been hit again. Clerk suggested removal of some of the lower branches to aid visibility.

STAR Housing will send details of work to be carried out once they have costings and if approved by Housing as their budget is very small. Clerk asked if the PC would fund the replacement Almond tree – **RESOLVED that they would.**

**Other problems raised:**

- Blocked drain outside The Highlands, Sidbury.
- Large pothole on Riddings Lane between Woodhouse and Northwood Lane. Clerk has reported these recently.
- Potholes Northwood Lane right through to Chorley.
- Hawkeswood-Sidbury road in a bad state with numerous potholes.
- Honeysuckle Lane to ford – deep potholes. This is a heavily used road.
- Dayhouse Bank potholes – reported last week.
- Pickthorn Lane starting to break up again.
- The Fighting Cocks pub and car park should be listed with SC as a Community Asset – Clerk will look into this. The pub is important to the village.
- Harcourt Road – new tarmac drops in some gateways by 8” and bank on opposite side of Mr Morris’ field entrance is being badly damaged by tractors.
- Litley Bridge looks as if it has been hit again.
- Litley Barns looks as if there is some building work being carried out – gabions, breeze blocks, fence being constructed – will ask Enforcement.
- Churnpike Cottage, Chorley (David Cook) – cars/rubbish all around the property which looks unsightly – will report to Enforcement.
- Potholes bottom of Dayhouse Cottages Bank – reported to SC and photos sent in.
- New grit bin requested for half way down Dayhouse Cottage bank and for the bin at the top to be refilled. Although the men were given a map and instructions where the new bin was to be installed, they replaced the PC green bin at the top with a new one and took away the green one. Clerk has been in touch with SC asking for our green bin back and new bin in agreed position.
- 4x4’s driving top of Walton and along old railway line, Hinton – this will be reported to Lord Boyne.
- Large amounts of mistletoe growing on the trees at Litley could bring trees down as some are starting to lean with the weight of it. Clerk will ring Mrs Barratt.
- Defib checks – Cllr Powell has been unable to do this recently and asked if someone else could take on the job for the next couple of months. Cllr Grey offered to help previously but Clerk said they are all registered with The Circuit and Chris Phillips usually contacts her if items need replacing.
- Wildflower seeds for the verges – Chairman had details of seeds suggested by Wade Muggleton and after discussions it was **agreed that the Clerk sets up an account and orders a kilo @ £68 asap.**
- Not our parish but long line of cars parked regularly outside Bell Vue Garage, Six Ashes is dangerous as this is close to the junction. They often park vehicles in the parking area opposite. Clerk will ask Police to investigate.

**8) Model Code of Conduct for adoption: Cllrs RESOLVED to adopt this – Clerk will copy for each Cllr.**



**9) SALC report:**

Cllr Abbiss gave a brief report of the latest meeting.  
A working group is to be set up to look at the affiliation fees.  
Village 'gateways' had been discussed – made from recycled plastic.

**10) Shropshire Cllr's report** – emailed to Cllrs, including Cllr Butler's Consultation on one year settlement Both noted, as received.

**11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee** (if any update) – Cllr Griffin

This was discussed again, and Chorley will be holding their own celebrations.  
Cllr Griffin will put an article to go in the next newsletter which Clerk will get ready for the middle of February.  
Volunteers will be needed to help organise and also food/chairs etc.

**12) Correspondence:** Taken 'as read' unless comments made.

- SALC News in Brief
- Confirmation of Local Connection letter – N Sherwood
- SALC Reply re: DEFRA Consultation
- STOTTESDON road sign – repaired/replaced.
- Local Policing Charter
- Register of Electors/Updates
- Chorley Village Hall Updated Covid documents
- Shropshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- SALC Training programme 2022
- SALC – Code of Conduct – Other Registerable Interests
- Email Highley PC re: First Responders/Ambulance Service Concern expressed as the area is not covered by First Responders at present and Ambulances can sometimes take hours to reach the rural areas. Highley PC are trying to arrange a meeting with the Ambulance Service to discuss the issues and asked if we would like to be included. Cllr Abbiss said her Grandson had just completed his further training and now has a car to use. Agreed to join with Highley.
- SALC – New wheelie bins for recycling glass, plastic. Request via SC website.
- SALC – Welcome Back Fund update

Any others after issue of the agenda

- SaTH NHS Trust – Public participation – email sent out today where Cllrs can join in (links included)

**13) Date of next meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

**Payments:**

Clerk's salary – December and January  
HMRC – December £199.40 and January £199.80  
Zoom renewal - £143.88.  
SALC accounts - £60 + £30 training sessions.

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**