

## Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), D Powell (Vice Chairman), M Pearce, Z Griffen, S Allen, C Adams, S Crawford, R Abbiss.

**0) Public participation:** None present but apologies received from Alan Barnfield.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Noted from Cllrs R Kennett and L Grey and Shropshire Cllrs S Harris and G Butler.

**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 Adams declared an interest in item 6b (applicant is a friend) and Cllr Crawford in item 6b (neighbour to the applicant).

**3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and were proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

- a. Clerk's report:  
Boundary Review – This response had to be in by 10th July, so unless anyone sent in their own comment the PC did not submit one!
- Audit: Confirmation received to say papers have been logged for checking.
- All parish problems forwarded via Fix My Street, but I notice that the Bagginswood Road has had white lines painted around potholes again! I have emailed for response to the meeting in May with the Leader and Highways, but no response!
- STAR Housing are aware of the barking dogs and inappropriate parking at the property in Glebe Drive and are dealing with the issues!

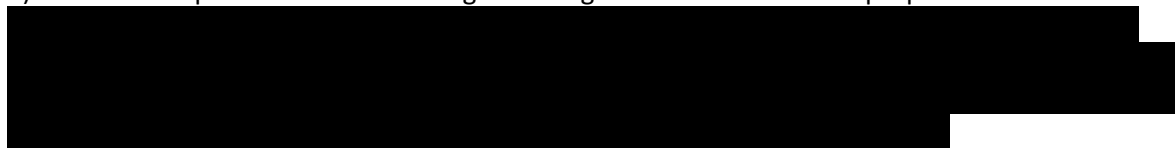
b. Any others:

Kings Coronation/Jubilee tree: Clerk had contacted Wade for suggestions previously. Cllrs decided that the triangle at the bottom of the Almshouse Bank/Loughton junction would be a suitable place and **RESOLVED that Cllr Pearce would look into obtaining a tree at the appropriate time.**

**5) Finance:**

a) Approval of accounts: Quarterly Bank reconciliation – Clerk had sent out copies of the accounts and Cllrs **RESOLVED to approve these.**

b) Personnel Report from June meeting and to agree recommendations proposed:



c) Payments for approval:

Clerk's salary/HMRC payments: New salary rate calculated [REDACTED]

- Exx. PAYE - £317.06

Lengthsman Account - £1025.00 + £50.00 PC work (agreed to pay last month)

SALC – training account - £190.00

Web Orchard Account - £228.00

Med UK = defib pads replacement, Dr's Surgery - £129.48

Any others received after issue of agenda:

New invoice from Parish Online #39UB046-0007 - £90 – this is the mapping system, which was free through the Insurance Company last year. After discussions it was agreed not to pay this at this time.

Viking – paper/ink ordered today - £102.53.

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

d) Income since last meeting: £7.18 interest on deposit account.

## 6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 23/02626/FUL (validated: 19/06/2023)

Address: 5 Station Road, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8TT

Proposal: Erection of stables and manage for private use (resubmission)

Applicant: S Ferguson (C/o Peter Richards And Co Limited, Crabtree Farm, Prees Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 3JY, United Kingdom)

Some Cllrs had visited the site and the plans were looked at by Cllrs at the meeting. After a lengthy discussion Cllrs OBJECTED to the application as they stand for the following reasons:

1. The building appears far too high for the intended purpose and is considered too close to the neighbouring property.
2. Could the building be either reduced in height or set lower into the ground?
3. No drainage is shown for the effluent from this building or from the menage and would draw your attention to the very close proximity of the brook, which could become contaminated with effluent from this site.
4. What will happen to water etc when the stables are cleaned out – no drainage shown.
5. Object on the grounds that the proposals are too large and too high for the size of the plot.

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

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

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension

Applicant: Thomas Cook

*Cllrs Adams and Crawford had declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision.*

Cllrs discussed this at length and objected with the following concerns being raised:

1. This house is part of an application for a pair of 'affordable homes' with a s106 on each property – 11/03985/FUL.
2. The original application was for a 3-bedroom house, but from the existing plans it clearly shows this as 4 bedrooms, and now requiring a 5<sup>th</sup> bedroom.
3. Whilst Cllrs were not against an extension, this is a large extension and is basically doubling the size of the original 'affordable' home.
4. A porch has already been granted planning permission on this property - 21/04022/FUL.
5. Cllrs are concerned that if this application is approved then this property is taken out of the 'affordability' range for the Parish.

Whilst we are fully aware that our comments relate only to this application, Cllrs are concerned that the garages have not yet been built to house the Biomass GHP unit and fuel storage, and possibly conditions of the original planning application have not been met. The house next door, forming part of the original application has not been completed, but is lived in, yet this application was granted 12 years ago. The whole site is in a prominent part of the village.

c) Reference: 23/02199/FUL (validated: 22/05/2023)

Address: Bardley Court House, Bardley Court, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of extension to existing detached garage to include first floor accommodation over existing and new build with external staircase and landing and rooflights, rear single storey extension to garage as implement store, installation of double doors to west elevation of main house (revised scheme)

Decision: **Grant permission**

d) Reference: 23/02137/FUL (validated: 02/06/2023)

Address: Old Rectory Farm, Sidbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PY

Proposal: Use of land for the siting of mobile home as temporary accommodation whilst refurbishing house on site

Decision: **Grant permission**

a) Address: Rays Farm, The Bungalow, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PF

Proposal: Removal of condition 4 attached to Application Reference Number: application number 97/0427 Date of Decision: 03/12/1997

Applicant: Mrs J Nicholls (Rays Farm, Billingsley, Bridgnorth, WV16 6Pf, United Kingdom)

View online at: **Refused**

f) Any others received after issue of the agenda:

Reference: 23/03187/TCA (validated: 18/07/2023)

Address: Land Adj. 16 Glebe Drive, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UF

Proposal: Fell 1no Yew within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Applicant: STAR (The Spruce Building, Sitka Drive, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6LG)

Clerk explained that this tree had been hit by 2 coaches now with the latest one causing 3 windows to be smashed whilst the bus was full of children being taken from Stottesdon School swimming – photos had been sent to Cllrs and STAR Housing as this tree is often getting hit by lorries, tractors etc. The tree had dead branches removed a couple of years ago, but the problem persists.

**This was discussed and whilst Cllrs do not like to see trees (especially yew trees) being removed agreed to this application on safety grounds.**

## **7) SALC report:**

Cllr Abbiss reported the following:

A face to face Executive meeting was held in June at the Shrewsbury Town Football Club. The first one since the pandemic!

2 more clerks have achieved their CILCA qualification since the last meeting.

Neenton Parish Meeting have joined SALC and brought the problem of road closed and diversions to the Bridgnorth meeting. This was then discussed at the Exec meeting and will be brought before Shropshire Council at the next Joint Working Group meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive is September 11<sup>th</sup>. The AGM was discussed and it was decided to hold a live meeting. Details will follow later. There has been good attendance on Zoom, but we have been unable to have any special awards etc. The meeting is usually early November, but a venue has to be found.

Solar farms were discussed and a guidance for Parish Councils has been written and accepted. I think it was said that a Section 106 usually goes with the land.

We have interviewed Wem Rural Parish Council for their re application for accreditation of Quality Gold. It is very interesting to see what other councils are doing and achieving so much. "I will share their presentation to us as part of their application".

The clerk gets lots of support in helping achieve the accreditation and councillors speak about the

different projects that they are involved in. They are actively making links with surrounding parishes – the chairman visits the neighbouring council meeting to introduce their council so that they are able to respond as a larger group in certain instances. They have the “long barrow” in their area as well as a business park. They have a climate action group. They have their own web site that is linked with a Facebook page. It is proposed for councillors to have Facebook pages linked to the Parish Council one. Their action plan is updated at each meeting. They have training on how to engage with the public online!

That is just a flavour of what it entails to climb the accreditation ladder. Freda cannot be expected to achieve any grade alone as there is a lot of work but when you have gained any level it shows to the public that you are working legally and for the good of your parishioners.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for her report.

## 8) Parish matters/problems:

a) Parish issues raised by Councillors including:

- Road damaged over the bridge at Hinton and potholes.
- Moor Brook bridge has been hit again on the B4363.
- 2 footpaths in need of attention, one from Bakehouse Lane (opposite The Granary) and the other over Johnson’s field. Clerk will report.
- Trees overhanging in The Desserts – Clerk will contact landowner.
- No road markings by the triangle at the bottom of Almshouse Bank/Loughton junction.
- Grass has been cut along the footpath in Station Road, but the footpath surface is not very good. Clerk has reported this but will report again.
- Car parked outside Whitesides causing a road hazard.
- Hedge needs cutting opposite Station Road houses and behind where the recycling bins used to be – this could then expose the hidden grit bin. Chairman will speak to Mr Griffiths.
- Severn Trent connection in front of Whitesides has sunk leaving 2 sharp edges.
- Yew tree, Burnt Pitt corner – dealt with earlier.
- Footpath from Dr's Surgery down Station Road – now cut back, but path needs resurfacing.
- Dog mess at Chorley – reported to SC again.
- Fly tipping – Harcourt Road and Rays Bridge/brook – both reported.

b) Kings Coronation coins – Clerk still has several. **RESOLVED to advertise again that these need collecting.**

c) Brown Clee Medical Practice – Cllr Powell reported that there were lots of people at the recent meeting. Dr Bassett will not be retiring for 5 years, Dr Jones 3 years and Dr Railton next Easter.

Advertising continues to recruit new Drs and looking to acquire more land for car parking. 2 portacabins are now on site and the Committee are currently looking into the legality of selling the Surgeries to the Community.

d) any others

## 9) Shropshire Cllr’s report - emailed to Cllrs

Report attached.

## 10) Correspondence: All emailed out to Councillors and noted as received unless comments made:

- SALC News in Brief and Bulletins – including Local Council Clerks Week 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Electoral Roll alterations
- SALC - DHSC Letter: Defibrillator campaign
- Road Closure at, HILLCREST GREEN LANE STOTTESDON KIDDERMINSTER DY14 8UL - on 25/08/2023 for 1 day between 0930-1530. Work Details - To provide a safe working area for engineers to access telegraph poles in order to provide fibre overhead cabling.
- PCC newsletter - June 2023

- Shropshire Healthier Weight Strategy 2023-2028
- SALC - Raising Awareness D&V Toolkit for Activity Centres
- SC - Place Plan Engagement
- SC - Neighbourhood Plan consultation for Bishop's Castle Neighbourhood Plan – available to look at online.
- SH0160: Receipt of Documents – AGAR Form 3, 2023 – Audit forms logged with PKF Littlejohn
- Funding Request – CAP Bridgnorth – advice from SALC was:  
'I have looked this up on the internet, It does not appear to be a registered charity, there is a Crowdfunding page, with 7 supporters and have raised just over £1,700 to date. I would advise caution. It may help the people trying to raise money for this cause if they were to set up a registered charity, it would open a number of funding opportunities for them. NALC Legal Topic Note attached giving advice on spending power of the General Power of Competence or s.137.'

Any others received after issue of agenda:

- New updates on [New boxed fans plus black bags, Rays Bridge, Billingsley](#)  
These items have been cleared by the landowner, 2pm 19/07/2023.  
State changed to: Fixed.
- ST Classification: OFFICIAL PERSONAL  
**Road Closure:** CHORLEY JUNCTION TO THE MINERS JUNCTION, 89M SOUTH OF JTN WITH UPPER HARCOURT JUNCTION TO BURNPIT FARM  
**Start Date:** 09 October 2023  
**End Date:** 10 October 2023  
**Purpose:** Road Closure – Boundary Box and Meter Install  
**Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water
- New Police Officer and Police Newsletter – received today.
- SOS (Save Our Shropshire) Birthday celebration advertisement – Alan Wilson
- Newsletter from MP P Dunne
- Commemorate Remembrance 2023 with an Unknown Tommy Statue- order now to beat the rush! £210 + £10 personalised

It was agreed that the Clerk produces a Summer Newsletter.

**11) Date of next meeting** – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

**Payments agreed:**

M Pearce – Lengthsman £1025 & £50 Parish work – paid, as per approval last month.

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Med UK - £129.48 – pads replaced at Dr's surgery.

Clerk's salary - £xxx

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**Signed: Chairman:**

**Date:**