

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Annual Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2026 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice Chair), M Pearce, K Ransom, R Gutteridge, S Crawford, A Sierakowski, S Allen.

Shropshire Cllr D Davies

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: Two plus a guest

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Lord Boyne, Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire, attended and presented the Clerk with a letter from the Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and gifts from the Parish Councillors in recognition of her 40 years' service as Clerk.

The Clerk was completely speechless, and Lord Boyne offered to read out the letter from the Lord-Lieutenant, which the Clerk gladly accepted.

Lord Boyne also presented a Crystal engraved vase and flowers to the Clerk from the Cllrs. The Clerk expressed her thanks to Lord Boyne and to the Councillors.

Clerk was so speechless that she had to ask for help to open the gift.

Lord Boyne expressed his own congratulations to the Clerk, especially on helping to get the roads repaired in the area. Clerk vowed to continue with this work until all roads are repaired!

Lord Boyne was thanked for carrying out the presentation and he left the meeting.

Meeting opened at 7.41pm

1) Election of Officers:

a) Chairman: Vice-Chairman took nominations for this. Cllr Young was asked if he was happy to carry on, which he was, and with no other nominations it was proposed, seconded and all **agreed that Cllr Young was elected back as Chairman.**

b) Acceptance of Office by Chairman – declaration of acceptance was duly signed and witnessed by Clerk.

c) Election of Vice-Chairman: Current Vice-Chairman, Cllr Abbiss was asked if she would stand again, but although trying to cut her workload down, she did agree to carry on. Proposed, seconded and all **agreed that Cllr Abbiss was re-elected.**

d) Acceptance of Office by Vice Chairman – declaration of office signed by Cllr Abbiss and witnessed by Clerk.

e) Election of SALC reps: Currently Cllrs Abbiss and Griffin. Although Cllr Griffin was not in attendance, she was nominated again and this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

f) Personnel Committee officers elected: Currently Cllrs Allen, Crawford, Adams and Griffin. As Cllr Adams had sent apologies Clerk had asked if she was prepared to stand again, which she confirmed that she was. All agreed to elect committee en-bloc.

g) Any other committees deemed necessary – not at present.

2) Public participation – *meeting to be suspended for this item.*

Parishioner attended to answer any questions regarding his planning applications. Although these had been sent to the Clerk it did not mention that comments were not required as it usually does.

Parishioner also asked if the PC could help as Veolia have refused to drive down Stanley Farm Lane due to the potholes. Part of the lane is owned by Shropshire Council and where the lane ends has been marked. It is essential that collections are started again asap as there is a

clinical waste collection and other properties not being collected. Clerk asked S Cllr Davies if he could help, and he agreed to go and have a look later at the lane and send a report in. Cllr Abbiss pointed out that she will be at a meeting on the 29th of May with the SC Leader, Heather Kidd, and she will bring it up with her.

Meeting reconvened:

Chairman pointed out that from now on he was introducing new rule for the meetings:
Number 1 – if a Cllr wishes to speak then they are to raise their hand and wait for the Chairman to invite them to speak.

Number 2 – No talking over each other. As there are several Cllrs and Clerk wear hearing aids, people can't hear what is being said and it is difficult for the Clerk to create correct minutes.

3) Apologies for absence: Police due to shifts/leave etc, and Cllr Adams (unavailable). These were noted as received but no apologies received from Cllr Griffin.

4) 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 queried if she should declare an interest in the 2 planning applications as the applicant's daughter is working at their farm at present. Cllrs did not think she need to declare an interest.

5) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2026 –

These had been circulated with the agenda.

Cllr Gutteridge asked for an alteration to item4b, bulletin point 7 by adding the word 'devolution' and bulletin point 9 by deleting the words 'had not exactly sat on their backsides'. Clerk pointed out that was what she has said but Cllr Gutteridge felt this should be changed to 'has been very active'. Cllrs agreed to the alterations and Chairman initialled these changes the Clerk had made.

6) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Clerk has noticed that the grape vines appear to have been planted at Walnut Cottage, Chorley.

Devolution/Survey -email from Juan Hernandez and comment from internal auditor.

Internal auditor suggested that the Clerk email Juan and asked what items could be devolved down to the PC and the times – litter bins, dog mess bins and grass cutting the area in front of Glebe Drive.

Annual Review for Parish Council – document:

SALC confirmed that there is no document in place, but they have drawn a simple one up via Copilot to consider, if required.

b. Issues from minutes raised by Cllrs:

Defib at Sidbury appears to have the battery fully charged but the lights are not showing in the normal places. Cllr Gutteridge had reported this to the Clerk who had been in touch with Chris

and Cllr Sierakowski had checked again for Cllr Gutteridge and there still appears to be a problem despite it being fully charged. They will both continue to monitor this but in the meantime, Phillips Clerk is having trouble to get in touch with The Circuit who keep the records of these up to date.

Lengthsman Scheme:

Clerk had put together the claim for the work carried out so that this could be sent into SC. Cllrs agreed that this should be sent in as the work has been carried out and the PC have paid the shortfall and have precepted for more money for this year to carry on with the scheme.

7) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 26/01710/AG1 (validated: 07/05/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of a steel portal frame extension to south side of existinMag cattle shed

Applicant: Dr Matthew Home (Willowdene Farm, Chorley, BRIDGNORTH, WV16 6PP, GB)

Cllrs raised no objections to these plans.

b) Reference: 26/01712/AG1 (validated: 07/05/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of a steel portal frame building

Applicant: Dr Matthew Home (Willowdene Farm, Chorley, BRIDGNORTH, WV16 6PP, GB)

No objections raised to these plans.

c) Any others received after issue of agenda – none received.

10) – Shropshire Cllr's report:

It was agreed to bring this item forward then Cllr Davies could go and look at Stanley Farm.

The report had been emailed out to all Cllrs. He had also been doing lots of pushing to get the potholes filled. The scheme to allow our Lengthsman to fill potholes is being trialled at Church Preen now. Milson and Neen Sollars have had all the training and have been waiting 3-5 years but hope they will get the chance soon to begin this. Clerk pointed out that we asked to join with Milson and Neen Sollars several years ago.

Clerk pointed out that the road works from The Square to Riddings Lane did not commence until 3pm today (signs of ROAD CLOSED noticed then) but was supposed to finish at 2.45pm ready for schools.

Cllr Gutteridge was also told that she could not go round Harcourt – diversion route used by locals instead of going all the way round via Kinlet and Bagginswood.

Clerk had watched one of the lorry drivers get out of his lorry on Burnt Pitt corner and kick the closure sign out of the way so that he could get through!

8) Finance:

a) Annual Accounts:

- I. Sign off accounts as presented by Clerk – **all agreed.**
- II. To consider Internal Auditor's report – read out **and accepted by Cllrs with no matters of concern raised.**

- III. To complete Annual Audit Form (AGAR) – Section 1 – Chairman read out the questions, which all Cllrs answered.
- IV. To complete Annual Audit Form (AGAR) – Section 2 – Accounting statement. **Approved** by Cllrs.
- V. To approve Asset Register – this had been approved at the previous meeting.

Accounts for payment/approval:

- ✓ Clerks Salary - £1386.26 which includes holiday pay for April and May.
 - ✓ HMRC- £543.06
 - ✓ Insurance - £694.24
 - ✓ Miss V Turner - £100 for internal audit.
- RESOLVED to accept to pay these accounts.**
- ✓ PWLB – payment £2426.43 (surgery car park) Clerk confirmed only 3 payments left.
 - ✓ Memorial bench Rev Bromley plus memorial to Madge Shingleton:

Rev Bromley bench:

Clerk provided sizes of the bench and will send the email to Cllr Pearce to check if the 5ft Balmoral bench would fit on the base which is already there. 5' bench is £365 plus VAT and delivery plus any bolts required

Memorial to Madge Shingleton:

Clerk had discussed this with Madge's son Martin, and he says definitely no bench at the top of Walton Bank and his preferred option would be a red oak tree planted at the Dr's Surgery or a plaque in her memory there as nursing was a big part of her life. He would not like to see the shrubs removed from in front of the surgery as Madge designed and planted it.

Clerk then text Adrian Robinson, who was not in favour of a red oak tree but did suggest a flowering cherry.

Cllrs agreed that their preferred option would be a plaque mounted on wood perhaps in the middle of the shrubbery in front of the surgery and Clerk will write to Dr's for their permission.

c) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Mark Pearce - Lengthsman work - £475.00

Mark Pearce – parish council work - £117.00

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to make these payments.**

Cllr Ransom queried how the figures were arrived at for the asset register, and this was explained. It was agreed that a new valuation for the surgery car park will be obtained later in the year. Nock Deighton or Halls were suggested.

Cllr Gutteridge suggested that upgrading the present laptop should be investigated.

Clerk confirmed that the present one had been wiped clean and will not accept Windows 11.

It was suggested that a large screen laptop, additional monitor and keyboard should be investigated to help the Clerk.

9) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss reported that she will be attending a meeting with the Leader of SC, Heather Kidd on the 29th May.

Training session for Martyn's Law - £75 each on 2/6/26. It was felt that this was more important for bigger councils as we do not hold large events, but we can always review in future

Teams meeting 18/6 Local Nature Recovery

Executive meeting 9/6/26

15/6 Area Committee at Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Cllr Abbiss offered to take Clerk.

10) Shropshire Cllr's report: emailed out to Cllrs. Dealt with earlier.

11) Parish matters/problems

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Riddings Lane right through to Wrickton potholes getting worse.
- ✓ Hawkswood Lane – very bad.
- ✓ Winterdyne – Smallbrook road – deep potholes.
- ✓ Baytree Road towards Cleobury North – 9” deep potholes – they are dangerous.
- ✓ Walkerslow, especially outside Wrickton Mill deep potholes.
- ✓ Walton Bank potholes still not fixed.
- ✓ Hinton Bridge – where the tarmac lifted last year, a temporary job was carried out but not yet fixed permanently.
- ✓ Milk tanker caused damage to Sidbury Bank – Cllr Sierakowski will report this on FMS.
- ✓ Deuxhill/Glazeley traffic lights not working correctly very often. Either stuck on red both ends, out altogether or turned facing the hedge. This needs the work doing or the lights being taken away altogether, with barriers just put around the problem.
- ✓ Potholes at the end of Station Road from junction for Hardwick and round the bend towards Almshouse. The paint round these has either faded or worn away altogether and these holes are getting worse.
- ✓ Self set sycamore tree at The Bull Ring requires cutting/removing.
- ✓ FP still not accessible at Yew Tree Farm, Chorley and it appears that people using the lane are using an electric fob to open the gates. Any contact with the owner has proved fruitless. Clerk was asked to report this to ROW.
- ✓ b) Any others received. None.

c) Parish Survey – Cllr Gutteridge.

Another version of this was sent out and Cllr Gutteridge pointed out that as she owned the copyright to this questionnaire then this needed signing over to the PC. Cllrs did not agree with this as Cllrs and Clerk had contributed to this survey and needs investigating further.

12) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs:

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- SC - Signature requested on "Memorandum of Understanding [FOR SIGNATURE]" – not ready to sign.
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses
- FixMyStreet message: Fix My Street reports
- FixMyStreet for Parish and Town Councils is now live! (for BETA testers)?
- SALC - Weekly Briefing bulletins – forwarded to Cllrs
- Martyn's Law – Tuesday 2nd June 9.30-4pm – Shrewsbury Town FC - £75
- Review of Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy 2027-2031
- Training session – A Clerk & Councillor's Introduction to AI – Cllr Ransom and Clerk interested in this. it would have to be 8th June at 10am as the 22^d June at 6pm clashes with our PC meeting
- engagement van: Sun 17 May 11:00 [#662929373] Police – Ditton Priors
- ~~Crime prevention advice & meet the police: Sat 16 May 09:30 [#662771952] – Cleobury Mortimer***~~
- VE Day is approaching and veterans still need us

- Any others received after issue of agenda.

13) Clerk's salary update from Payroll Administrator – **Public and Press to be excluded for this item.**

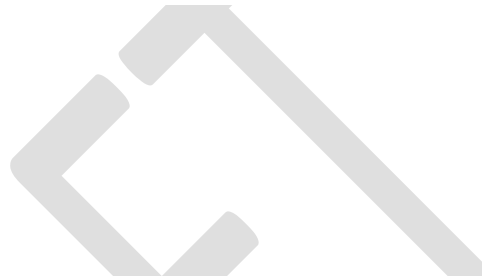
As there were no public present Clerk explained this to Cllrs present.

14) Date of next meeting: 22nd June 2026

*** These events have been cancelled after the agenda was issued. New date: Station Road, Stottesdon 26th May – 14.00-15.30. Not sure where this will be but will clarify asap.

Payments approved:

Clerk's fees - £xxx
MMRC PAYE - £543.06
Miss V Turner - £100
Clear Insurance renewal - £694.24
PWLB – Loan - £2426.43
M Pearce - Lengthsman work - £475.00
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There being no other business the meeting closed t 10.20pm.

Signed: Chairman

Dated:

