

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), M Pearce, K Ransom, Z Griffin, C Adams, R Abbiss (Vice-Chairman).

Parishioner: One

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

00. Parishioners' time:

Parishioner attended to explain and answer any questions Cllrs might have regarding his planning application, which came in just after the agendas were issued. The farm now employs more staff than it did 10 years ago, and this application is to ensure that there is adequate on-site accommodation for the continuation of the farm, such as nighttime and emergencies. Applicant answered questions and he was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting and he then left.

01. Apologies for absence:

Noted as received from Cllrs Gutteridge, Allen, Crawford, Sierakowski, and S Cllr D Davies.

02. 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 6e planning application Pickthorn Farm as the applicant is her son. (Plans received after issue of agenda).

03. Minutes of last meeting: meeting held on 20th May 2026:

These had been circulated with the agenda, a couple of typos were corrected, and they were proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept as a true record.**

04. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerks report:

- External Auditor's contacted Clerk to say incorrect advertising dates had been displayed. It turned out they could not understand the Clerk's writing – All sorted!! SALC could read it correctly.
- Copy of the 'Countryside feedback: public rights of way' - ref: UM210526:163d2: Greens, Chorley:

Apologies for the delay in responding back to you but your email went into the junk folder rather than coming directly into the inbox so I've only just found it, but I just wanted to let you know that this issue has now been logged and the details forwarded to the area officers for their attention.

Clerk chased outstanding work with SC:

- Bagginswood/Six Ashes potholes – will try to expediate – nothing happened yet!
- Burnt Pitt Bank pothole - And as you already know Burnt Pit is in for resurfacing which is controlled by the Capital team.
- DEER signs at Bagginswood
- Road signs left lying around.
- Walton Bank potholes

- Bottom of Station Road potholes
- HORSE sign by Ginny Hole

Rays Farm barriers - The Rays farm issue is being monitored and at present we have no plans for works

The replies I received were to report them on Fix My Street (already on there), then the technician replied: As you know we cannot give a precise date, but they are all in the system.

b) Issues raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Cllr Abbiss confirmed that she had spoken to the SC Leader, Heather Kidd regarding the refuse collection at Stanley Farm and believes that bin was collected. Cllr Ransom confirmed that he had walked down Stanley Lane to the farm following Veolia refusing to go due to potholes, but he confirmed that the potholes are only on Northwood Lane not Stanley Farm. Clerk will check with Matt Home regarding the collection.
- ✓ Clerk asked if another Cllr could take over checking the defibrillators in Chorley, Sidbury and Stottesdon as Cllr Gutteridge is not available at present. Cllr Pearce says he is in Sidbury every 2 weeks at present and could do the one there and the Stottesdon one but would need instructions. Clerk pointed out that she had asked for the instructions from MedUk and will chase again. The blood kits are in the defibs and Chris (MedUk) suggested putting a sealed tag on this with the earliest date of the expiry of one of the contents, to save checking these each month. It was suggested having another training session in the use of the defibs – Clerk will contact Chris again.
- ✓ Regarding the Survey Cllr Gutteridge finalised, as the survey was co-created with Cllrs having input after discussions, we are confident the Copyright belongs to Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council.

05. Reports:

a) To received report from Local Policing Team:

No report given but Chairman confirmed that he and the Clerk had met with PC Nolan and PC Ives regarding concerns as we do not have visits at our meetings.

This is often due to operational duties/rotas etc, but they did confirm that we are a low-risk crime area and that they are having very good results in solving crimes in their area.

Any piece of information, however small, that people can give to the Police is appreciated as this could be very valuable in solving another crime.

School parking problem was discussed and options discussed. If regular cars are parked inappropriately then the registration number should be fed into the Police and they will investigate. They were going to visit the school after our meeting to discuss the problem with them and make some suggestions.

Parking on the bend in The Square was also mentioned, again if they can be given a registration number and times, they are parked there they will investigate.

If our meetings started at 7pm then they might be able to attend.

b) To receive report from Unitary Councillor:

This was sent out earlier in the month to Cllrs. Cllr Davies had been to look at Northwood Lane and has a meeting coming up with Andy Keyland and will take him to see this.

c) To receive SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss had a list drawn up of priorities relating to issues in rural area which requires Police attention and she confirmed that SALC would be sending this into the Police.

Cllr Abbiss had attended a meeting with SC Leader, Heather Kidd and had raised items with her, i.e road signs, road edges etc.

It is understood that SC are looking to enhance the Lengthsman Scheme and the grit bins may be filled in-house in future, but not those purchased by PCs.

Juan Hernandez, StreetScene will be happy to work with anyone.

Cllr Griffin reported on the Area Committee meeting which consisted of speakers Eddie West and Liam Cordon regarding the Local Plan.

Housing Need – government decide this and this subject has generated a lot of concern.

Cllr Griffin will send the power point presentation to the Clerk for distribution to all Cllrs.

06. Planning applications/refusals/approvals:

a) Reference: 26/01903/LBC (validated: 20/05/2026)

Address: Lower Northwood Farm, Northwood Lane, Northwood, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PT

Proposal: Replace roof and side window

Applicant: Mr R Hodgetts

Cllrs were aware of the need for this work and could see no reason for objection. All agreed to support this.

b) Reference: 26/01335/FUL (validated: 10/04/2026)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, 4 Midwinters, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PW

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural barn to store wine stock and equipment and machinery for vineyard operation (revised description)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

c) Reference: 26/01127/FUL (validated: 24/03/2026)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, 4 Midwinters, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PW

Proposal: Erection of a small domestic outbuilding to be used as a home office and gym

Decision: **Grant Permission**

d) Reference: 26/01795/FUL (validated: 26/05/2026)

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

Proposal: Extension and remodelling of residential property to create a level ground floor layout

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Thompson (Coxs Barn, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Shropshire, DY14 8LS)

Cllrs supported this application.

Received after issue of the agenda.

e) Reference: 26/02165/FUL (validated: 18/06/2026)

Address: Proposed Rural Workers Dwelling at Pickthorn Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Demolition of existing agricultural building, construction of rural workers dwelling in replacement, and ancillary works.

Applicant: Mr JRP Abbiss (Pickthorn Farm, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PU)

Cllr Abbiss left the meeting and took no part in this discussion.

Cllrs had listened to the applicant, looked at the plans or visited the site.

Cllr Sierakowski sent in a report saying that he knew the barn, the application was well put together and fully explained the need for the dwelling.

Cllrs agreed with Cllr Sierakowski's comments and could clearly see that a lot of work had gone into putting this application together and it was fully agreed to support this application.

Cllr Abbiss was called back into the meeting.

07. Parish matters/problems:

To receive reports from Councillors:

- Cllr Pearce had been down Pickthorn Lane tonight and reported what a terrible state it is in.
- Cars coming out of Ginny Hole turn will often drive straight out. This is a very difficult access. Clerk will speak to Steph Eddies-Davies.
- Concern expressed that 2 x carers were walking way in front of the students from the Compass Care Home, which was considered dangerous on the narrow roads.
- BMW parked on the bend in The Square.
- Parking of a van and car in the lay-by below the Dr's Surgery is not very good as often the two wheels are overhanging the kerbstones narrowing the road on a bend. This lay-by was installed for Drs parking before the PC purchased the old pub car park.
- The beech hedge running down the side of the Dr's surgery and the verge causes some interruption in seeing oncoming vehicles (particularly from Station Road end) and it was suggested that a couple need removing. Agreed to ask Dr Bassett
- The beech hedge round the car park (belongs to PC) either needs the bottom tree removing or 'shaving down' as visibility is not good exiting the car park.
- Bench replacement in memory of Rev Bromley. Clerk asked for clarity regarding the purchase of this. It was agreed to purchase the 5' Balmoral bench only at a cost of £360.00 and the Lengthsman will fit this to the existing pad, removing the anchoring already there and replacing with new. All agreed that Clerk orders this.
- Dr Bassett had agreed that the PC could put what they wanted at the surgery in memory of Madge Shineton. Lengthsman confirmed there is enough room at the top corner to put a post with a plaque on it – words to be confirmed next month.
- Cllr Ransom will report back on the AI training he attended next month.

08. Finance: Accounts to be paid:

Clerks' salary - £xx

HMRC - £477.54

MedUk - £42.00

Income: £1000.00 SC – EMG grant, VAT refund - £265.14

Any others after issue of agenda – none.

Cllrs all agreed that these accounts were paid and noted money received.

9. Review Standing Orders: To consider changing meeting time to 7pm:

Cllr Griffin said that she might struggle to get there for 7pm, due to work, and was concerned that the meetings might over-run anyway. As there were 4 Cllrs missing it was agreed that the Clerk emailed to seek their opinion and bring it back to next meeting for decision.

10 Correspondence requiring action:

Clerk pointed out that she had tried a different way in producing the agenda by putting the correspondence, all sent out to Cllrs, on a separate sheet and only that which needed a response on the agenda. This was welcomed.

SC - LOCAL Plan Consultation – Spatial Strategy - no hurry for this yet!

SC - Shropshire Council partnership working with Stottesdon Parish Council – The next steps – The MoU needed signing before we could go any further with the devolution of services, but by signing this we were not held to anything. Cllr Griffin expressed her concern that we might be too late in this cycle but suggested that the form was signed and sent in with a comment to the effect of While we better understanding of the process and possibilities we would like to be involved as soon as possible and hope the delay will not preclude us from the opportunity to be involved during the current phase / financial cycle.

All agreed and the Chairman signed the form.

SALC – Weekly Bulletins training sessions included.
Any others received, requiring action, after issue of agenda.
List of correspondence attached to the minutes.

11. Date of next meeting: 27th July 2026

There being no other business the Charman closed the meeting at 9.39pm.

Payments made:

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Signed: Chairman

Dated: