

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th August, 2026 at 7.00pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chairman), M Pearce, S Allen, A Sierakowski, K Ransom, C Adams, S Crawford, Z Griffin.

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

00. Parishioners' time: None present.

01. Apologies for absence: Noted as received from Cllr Abbiss, S Cllr Davies, PCSO J Fletcher.

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.

None received.

03. Minutes of last meeting: meeting held on 27th July 2026:

These were circulated with the agenda and proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record. Chairman signed these accordingly.**

04. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerks report:

1. DEER signs at Bagginswood:

The parishioner who raised this request originally had been involved in an accident with a deer and asked if the request could be raised again through the PC.

Clerk had been in touch with Nick Newton, Traffic, provided all the information requested, but now must wait and this could take months!

2. Billingsley pinch point by the Old Blacksmiths Shop: This is not our parish, but we all use the road.

The resident from Chorley who was involved in the fatality accident 3 years ago asked me again if anything could be done to improve the road/signage as nothing has been done since her request and reminders following the accident.

I emailed Traffic and copied Billingsley PC and the Unitary Cllr Sharon Ritchie-Simmonds. No reply yet from Billingsley PC but Unitary Cllr says she will try to help.

I raised this with Nick Newton when I spoke to him, and he says this was assessed at the time of the accident and that the signage is adequate!

Looking at the signage coming from Bridgnorth, this is not so good as there is no 'road narrow' sign on top of the large sign – this may have rotted away and fallen off. Hedges are also covering some of the signs.

Will see how the Unitary Cllr gets on but I will report the missing road narrow sign.

3. HORSE signs:

I have been chasing the missing HORSE sign close to Ginny Hole for over 12 months. The Inspector was given all the details (FMS numbers) and was promised last week but still not provided.

The HORSE signs I have been requesting from Midwinters to beyond Litley turn was again queried. I was asked to provide a map with suggested locations, which I have done, now await response.

4. Mirror at Ginny Hole:

I requested this two meetings ago and even told them Ginny Hole were prepared to pay for this, but he has now requested a map of where it was required! I have provided this but on speaking to him he says as this is for a private lane an application form is required.

It was raised by Cllrs that the large sign approaching kennels bridge at Eardington has been hit and is not entirely visible from Billingsley direction and that the hedge needs cutting again to aid visibility.

It was also noted the amount of road signs that have been damaged, rotted away on the roadside are increasing weekly.

Cllr Griffin suggested that the Clerk sends in a monthly email of outstanding matters to save time.

5. Doctor's surgery, Stottesdon:

Clerk has received letter from Dr Bassett confirming his agreement for the PC to maintain the shrubbery in front of the Dr's Surgery at Stottesdon in memory of Madge Shinton. Funding for this will be taken from the repairs/maintenance funds.

The Griffiths family would like the plaque either found or replaced stating that the land for the surgery was donated by Percy and Jane Dorrell.

As this plaque cannot be found Clerk will obtain a quote for 2 separate signs one for the land donation and one in memory of Madge Shinton. Round blue signs to match the signs on the car park opposite were suggested and Clerk will contact the Company for a quote.

b) Issues raised by Cllrs:

Cllr Ransom reported that it appears that Litley Bridge may have been inspected last week.

S Cllr Davies reported this again last month.

05. Reports:

a) To received report from Local Policing Team – no report.

b) To receive report from Unitary Councillor – reported Litley Bridge damage and potholes along the Bagginswood Road.

Email received regarding Walking the Wards meeting at Cleobury on 9th October at 2.30pm. Chairman is away but Cllr Ransom offered to attend if it was of any use to our parish – Clerk will check.

c) To receive SALC report – not available. Area Committee looking for a secretary.

06. Planning applications/refusals/approvals:

a) Reference: 26/02423/TCA (validated: 25/06/2026)

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

Proposal: Fell 1no Silver Birch within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Decision: **No Objection**

b) Reference: 25/01999/FUL (validated: 30/05/2025)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling SW Of Blundell Farm, Stottesdon, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of affordable dwelling, detached garage and associated external works

Decision: **Grant Permission**

c) Reference: 26/02577/FUL (validated: 29/07/2026)

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

Proposal: Extension of livestock building to house cattle and erection of muck store

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

Cllrs had no objections.

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

07. Parish matters/problems:

To receive reports from Councillors:

- Bench in memory of Rev Bill Bromley not yet sited as an angle grinder s required and this cannot be used at present due to fire risk. Bench in Clerk's garden.
- Clerk queried if any reply regarding the caravan/lodge sited at Edgewood, Bagginswood. Nothing received yet, but it has ben sent through to Enforcement. Clerk will email SC tomorrow again.
- Wet bridleway opposite the Chapel, Chorley has been repaired by residents.
- Clerk asked to chase Richard Knight for a response regarding bridge to Pitt Cottage through the woods at Chorley.
- Gate across the bridleway at Bakehouse Lane, Chorley is causing problems s it needs a lever higher up to allow horse riders to open it. Clerk will query with Richard Knight regarding this and whether the gate should be there.

- Wicket gate now in place by Yew Tree Farm at Chorley.
- 2 containers have been sited at The Barns at Litley, and the permitted building appears to be much bigger than thought. Clerk was asked to inform Planning.
- Road damaged outside Rectory Farm, Sidbury – Cllr Sierakowski will report on FMS.
- Queried if Clerk wrote regarding the car and van parked in the lay-by below the Dr's Surgery as the vehicles are back again. Clerk had sent a letter, but no reply received. Clerk was asked to raise this with the Police.
- Rubbish being dumped on the site at the old Crown at Bagginswood, where permission is granted for a house. Clerk instructed to write to Planning.

Allotment request: Chairman had received a request for allotment in the parish as the resident and her friend has one already in Cleobury but due to mobility problems it is not very accessible. Chairman asked Clerk to ask other neighbouring parishes/landowners regarding this.

Highley is the only Parish that has these and they are for Highley residents first, but they already have a 2-year waiting list. No others available. Clerk will write to resident at 13 Glebe Drive – they already have tubs of potatoes on the front lawn and soil out of the used pots tipped on the lawn.

Deer signs on the Bagginswood road – dealt with earlier.

Escape to The Country Filming around Shropshire - Town and Parish Councils. Email received the day after they filmed here. They filmed at Churchill Downs and spots around the village. Clerk read out locations in the County they were filming. Hope to be notified when it is to be on TV,

08. Finance: Accounts to be paid:

Clerks' salary - £xx

HMRC - £477.34

PKF Littlejohn account (audit) - £252.00

Account – T Montague – painting/repairing noticeboards - £120.00. This did not include labour but as Mr Montague has had to make several visits to Chorley and Sidbury and carried out more than originally anticipated, Cllrs felt that as he had made a very good job enhancing the boards and surroundings that he should be rewarded towards his time, petrol, etc. This would have cost far more if a contractor had been employed. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that **£120 should be given for all his work from the repair/maintenance budget, which represented a very good rate for the work carried out.** Numerous residents had commented on how good they looked.

Stottesdon Church Clock Repair – funding request. Repairs to the Church clock had amounted to £1410.00 and the PC had been asked for a donation. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to donate £410.**

Lengthsman/Parish work invoice – not available.

Any others after issue of agenda:

Clerk's Pay Scale Award received today. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk's rate should be increased to the correct amount and backdated to April. Payroll will be notified.

09. Correspondence requiring action:

Audit report from PKF Littlejohn – forwarded out to everyone. Cllrs noted and accepted the report.

SALC – Weekly Bulletins – Cllr Ransom queried the letter included on the 3rd of August issue regarding mandatory training for Cllrs. Clerk will send out the details again, but Cllrs thought this was a good idea and will confirm with Clerk via email. NPF was also queried – Cllr Sierakowski offered to give a brief report on this at the October meeting. Highley PC - Climate Emergency Briefing Screening – 23.9.26, 6.30-8.30pm Highley Severn Centre. Not sure who has booked onto this, but Stottesdon WI has the same briefing at Chorley Village Hall on 1st October if anyone wants to attend.

SALC AGM - 4pm - 7pm in the Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Stadium – see email 28/7/26.

Police - Town and Parish Council Survey 2026 – to complete questionnaire. Emailed 29/7/26. Chairman and Clerk asked to complete this.

A simpler way to review planning applications – email 13/8/26. Noted!

SC - Broadband infrastructure in Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council – some issues already raised.

Any others received, requiring action, after issue of agenda.

No request for election received, so we can co-opt a new Cllr.

10. Date of next meeting: 28th September 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Payments approved to make:

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T Montague - £120 + £120 gift for work carried out

Stottesdon PCC - £471.00

Signed:

Date: