

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

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

Public: 1 (one)

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

S Cllr Davies and wife

00. Parishioners' time:

Parishioner attended to speak to Cllrs regarding his two planning applications being discussed. The details were explained, questions were asked and the parishioner left the meeting.

Meeting opened at 7.37pm

01. Apologies for absence:

These were received and noted from Cllrs Gutteridge, Allen, Crawford and Gutteridge resigned due to ill health. PC Nolan.

No apologies received from Cllr Griffin.

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 declared.

03. Minutes of last meeting: meeting held on 22nd June 2026;

It was **RESOLVED to approve these as a true record and Chairman signed accordingly.**

04. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerks report:

I have been contacted regarding the hedge around The Bull Ring which overhangs the pavement causing people having to walk onto the road.

I did speak to the resident previously and she said that they would be working their way round the property getting the jobs done.

It was agreed to leave this another couple of weeks to give the residents chance to deal with this, but if it is not cut back then Clerk will contact them again before school re-opens.

I have had an offer from a tradesman to repaint the noticeboard as it is getting rather 'tatty looking'. If the PC pays for the paint, he will give his time free.

The PC part of the board is not very good – bolt and other fastener do not shut properly (warped), and you cannot see through the Perspex very well. Would it be an idea for this to be removed altogether and the PC use the Stotty Strolls noticeboard, if Mark has the key?

The board at Chorley needs access too. Lengthsman will deal with this.

It was agreed to accept the offer for this to be re-painted and perhaps ask if the bench and Stotty Strolls noticeboard could be painted at the same time.

It was agreed to remove the section reserved for PC use and the Lengthsman will do this and make the Stotty Strolls noticeboard accessible for the Clerk to use for PC posters.

Potholes – there does not appear to be much, if any, headway in getting these filled and with Burwarton Show coming soon, we may be faced with problems. I have tried my best, but I do not appear to be getting anywhere with SC? Can S. Cllr Davies help?
S. Cllr Davies will try.

Edgewood, Bagginswood:

A mobile home was delivered there in two sections last week. I was sent photo and asked if I could raise this with planning as so much has happened on this site, without planning permission, which is totally unfair to those who abide by the rules! I have sent this in to Planning who have sent this to Enforcement – again!! Can S Cllr Davies help?

S. Cllr Davies asked for the details, and he will investigate it – Clerk will forward the details to him.

b) Issues raised by Cllrs:

- Refuse collection queried for Stanley Farm – Clerk will ask Matt Home.
- Bus Shelter at Chorley needs tidying round – Lengthsman will tidy round this and Clerk will notify the Village Hall.

c) Report from Cllr Ransom re: AI training:

Cllr Ransom found the training session very useful, and he gave a brief report. The PC will have to investigate adopting a policy for the use of this for Cllrs and Clerk.

Clerk has a training session coming up on this with Scribe.

Cllr Ransom was thanked for the report.

At this point the Chairman proposed bringing forward item 5b Unitary Cllr report – all agreed.

5b -Unitary Cllr report:

This had been sent out to Cllrs at the beginning of the month.

- Cllr Davies confirmed that he had attended a meeting at Shrewsbury to agree all the finances.
- Shirehall is to be sold off. This caused a little debate with Cllr Abbiss suggesting that they use a building on one of the business parks, where there is parking too, as the present arrangements are not too good to access and park.
- SC have no money.
- Walk the Wards – new Chief Executive, Tanya Miles intends to do this, and details will be sent through.

Chairman thanked Cllr Davies for attending and he left the meeting at 8.40pm.

05. Reports:

a) To received report from Local Policing Team:

No report received but they had carried out a Speed Survey which recorded an average speed of 19mph the day it was done. It was felt that they should have been lower down Station Road.

Clerk pointed out that wherever they stand they get criticised. On the Facebook Community Group comments after Clerk put it on there was, comments were made that there is no speeding or parking issues by the school in Stottesdon. This was disputed by Cllrs.

b) To receive report from Unitary Councillor:

Dealt with earlier.

c) To receive SALC report:

- Cllr Abbiss reported that there will be a meeting on Wednesday to discuss an Area Review of the Area Committees.
- Fees have not been raised for 15 years.
- Areas may be changed to include 2 towns in each Area.

06. Planning applications/refusals/approvals:

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

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

Proposal: Fell 1 no Silver Birch within Stottesdon Conservation Area

Applicant: Diocese of Hereford (The Palace, Palace Yard, Hereford, HR4 9BL)

No objections.

b) Reference: 26/02494/FUL (validated: 01/07/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to rear elevation to include some demolition.

Applicant: Mr D Walker

No objections to this, which will only be a small extension and bring the property up to present day standards.

c) Reference: 26/02641/FUL (validated: 20/07/2026)

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

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural steel portal frame barn

Applicant: Mr David Walker

No objections to this application.

d) Any others received after issue of agenda:

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

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

Proposal: Extension and remodelling of residential property to create a level ground floor layout & addition of a roof canopy over existing access stair

Decision: **Grant Permission**

No further plans received.

07. Parish matters/problems:

To receive reports from Councillors:

- Parking below Dr's surgery in lay-by is dangerous as the vehicles have two wheels overhanging into the road. It is a pinch point, and these vehicles are causing more problems. It is a van and a car believed to belong to Rosebank. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to The Occupier pointing out that the parking spaces were provided for the Dr's surgery and as there have been a few near misses ask them to park elsewhere. The surgery car park could be used in the evenings, but the vehicles must be moved by 8am.

Neighbourhood/Parish Watch:

- Clerk and Cllr Ransom had received a request from a Chorley resident regarding starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Clerk pointed out that she had written back confirming that we have a Parish Watch Scheme and the details are on our website. This does all need looking into again.
The Police have also sent information through.

- Following last month's meeting the Clerk was asked to write to Dr Bassett regarding a memorial plaque for Madge Shingleton and to request that 1/2 beech trees were removed to aid visibility.

Dr Bassett confirmed verbally that he had no problem with either request.

Clerk had spoken to James Griffiths regarding the removal of the trees as it was thought it was his hedge. James agreed with removing the trees and asked if the Lengthsman would speak to him when available. James also mentioned that there was a plaque buried under the shrubbery stating that the 'land for the surgery had been donated by Percy and Jane Dorrell', which James would like to locate.

Clerk suggested that perhaps the PC could take on the maintenance of the shrubbery in memory of Madge who planned and planted it when the surgery was built. **All agreed** to support this, but Clerk was asked to obtain permission in writing from Dr Bassett as he will retire soon, and we need to have a record of the permission being granted. The agreement will remain as long as this is a Dr's Surgery.

The Lengthsman has cut all the shrubbery back but did not find the plaque. James Griffiths would like the hedge cutting round the surgery but ownership needs identifying. Clerk will ask Martin Shingleton if they planted it when the surgery was built or Ben Griffiths might know who it belongs to.

Clerk suggested some words for the plaque, which could also include the land being donated or have two separate plaques. Lengthsman suggested putting the plaque/s on the side wall leading to the Surgery, which would not get lost in shrubs. Permission will be requested from Dr Bassett to do this.

- The Dr's surgery car park also needs some attention to the surface as some large stones have worked their way up to the top which could be a hazard for elderly people walking on it. The dip off the car park needs sorting to. Lengthsman was asked to obtain prices for the materials. Tree removed to help with vision on leaving the car park and all shrubs have been cut back.
- Report of numerous drivers using their mobiles whilst driving – tractors, cars vans etc.
- Potholes at The Baytree still not repaired – Clerk has reported them again and emailed SC.
- Willowtree fallen and has been pushed partly off the road by the bridge at the end passed Duddewick bridge. Clerk was asked to report this to Burwarton Estate. The problem with the bridge through the woods at Chorley has been queried again. PC understand that it is only a BW not vehicular access. Mr Edge had apparently been told by Richard Knight, SC, that the bridge was not fit for purpose! Not sure if he meant BW or vehicular. The bridge is only made from sleepers. Clerk will email Richard Knight for his comments.
- Potholes at Sidbury. Broadband cable is up but not all properties are or can be connected yet!
- Parking on the bend opposite The Old Shop. Clerk has raised this with the Police, but they need registration numbers and times when the vehicles are there.
- Potholes very deep outside Fairacres, bottom of Station Road. They have filled small ones but left the large dangerous ones. Clerk will report again.
- Clerk queried if the footpath at been cleared at Chorley and a path cut through the maize – didn't think so. Clerk will ring Johnson's again.
- Litter complaint – McDonald wrappers, cans etc. Suggestion of putting registration on McDonald bags, but these could easily be torn off!
- Police - Vehicle Seized – Cleobury Mortimer – no tax and causing an obstruction
- Chairs' Network Meeting - Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 6pm
- Reminder: Join Us for the Hospitals Update This Wednesday 11-12noon online

- Bench delivered waiting for Lengthsman to site it.

08. Finance: Accounts to be paid:

Clerks' salary - £xx

HMRC - £477.34

Web Orchard – website hosting and support contract - £258.55

Invoice for training – Cllr Ransom - £45 (AI training)

Any others after issue of agenda

Clerks' expenses for quarter - £102.27

M Pearce – Lengthsman work - £900

Bank statement initialled

RESOLVED to pay all these accounts.

To approve quarterly accounts April-June – Cllrs had looked at these, and it was

RESOLVED that these be signed by the Chairman.

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

Clerk had not received any definite 'no's to this suggestion. It was **RESOLVED to change the time to 7pm but meeting needs to finish by 9pm for a trial period.**

10. Correspondence requiring action:

SC - LOCAL Plan Consultation – Spatial Strategy – too late, we have missed the deadline.

SALC – Weekly Bulletins

Highley PC - Climate Emergency Briefing Screening – 23.9.26, 6.30-8.30pm Highley

Severn Centre – Cllr Sierakowski and Abbiss would like to attend – Clerk asked them to book in asap as spaces are limited.

INVITATION | Shropshire Local Transport Plan – Early Engagement Workshop – 28/7/26 – email forwarded 17/7/26. No interest or not able to attend.

Any others received, requiring action, after issue of agenda

11. Date of next meeting: 24th August 2026 at 7pm. Cllr Abbiss gave her apologies.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.57pm

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Signed: Chairman

Date: