

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 28th September 2026 at 7pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Abbiss (Vice-Chairman who chaired the meeting), C Adams, K Ransom, S Allen, A Sierakowski, S Crawford and S. Cllr Davies.

Public: One

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

00. Parishioners' time:

A resident attending to ask Councillors for their support regarding the appalling broadband service to parts of Chorley – numerous properties have been off since Thursday 24th September. Feedback from Openreach or their internet providers differ with information. This is causing major problems for businesses and those working from home.

Clerk was aware of the situation from the Chorley app and had been in contact with Ben Walker at Shropshire Council. Some residents suffered lengthy outages back in June. Ben was going to speak to his contact at Openreach, but no reply received yet. Some wires had been replaced but previously if they put a couple of residents back on others were cut off!

Clerk asked the resident to provide her with a list of properties who were off and their providers and agreed to take this up with Ben Walker and Stuart Anderson, MP.

Clerk also mentioned the numerous very annoying power outages recently, which is enough to put clocks out! She had taken this up with Western Power, who said they would get someone out to walk the lines. An engineer visited her property shortly after the report and asked residents to report when these occur so that they could build up a picture. It could be a branch touching lines/bird hitting lines, anything which could cause a brief outage, but they could not see a problem at the time.

Parishioner thanked the Cllrs for their support and left the meeting.

Parish Council meeting opened at 7.13pm

01. Apologies for absence:

Received and noted from Cllr Young, Cllr Pearce and Cllr Griffin who was attending the SALC Area committee meeting on behalf of the PC.

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 at this particular time.

03. Minutes of last meeting: meeting held on 24th August 2026:

These had been forwarded to Cllrs with the agenda and Cllr Ransom requested on item 9 – A simpler Way to review planning applications that it was noted/**discounted**.
RESOLVED to this addition and Chairman signed this accordingly.

04. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerks report:

PC Nolan email received 1/9/26

Me and Jackie were in Stottesdon yesterday and didn't notice the vehicles, possible they were at work, I'm in until 2200 Wednesday, I will have a look and if it's a road traffic offence I will deal with it.

Tipper lorries through village:

I received an email and text message from two parishioners complaining about the lorries going through the village from the new treatment plant in Cleobury Mortimer along through Riddings Lane.

They were coming through mainly three at a time, but we never saw any issues whatsoever. I spoke to David Talbot who made enquiries and rang me back saying that he had also received telephone calls/emails and that he would be ceasing operations with effect from 23/9/26. I did not ask for work to be stopped just was asking where they were going to (Highlands Farm) and I intended to ask how much longer it would last but I did not get chance to get that far. I think the complaints were enough as they had previously been delivering to the other end of the village going down Station Road, received complaints from down there (although I did not) and he decided to cease the operations. I have told the Police of the situation.

Again, this highlighted that **perceived speed is not the actual speed** and we never witnessed one speeding lorry. Not sure how they could speed up Bakers Bank, fully loaded with soil, and then turn at the junction to continue along by the school to the Highlands.

Pitt Cottage bridge: reply from Richard Knight – SC:

Apologies for not replying to your last e-mail about the bridge at Pitt Cottage. This bridge is the responsibility of Mr Edge (and possibly others) by a deed that was signed when the bridge was installed by BNDC many years ago. Essentially, they agreed to install a bridge over and above that needed for the bridleway (i.e. also for private vehicular access) as long as it was maintained by residents/vehicular users thereafter!! Exactly which residents this now rests with is still to be determined. Mr Edge also has other issues with the stability of his land here too, which he is working on. On my last visit, the bridge appeared safe for public use, although deteriorating.

Bakehouse Lane BW gates: from Richard Knight SCC: Untidy land by FP Access:

If you can identify the property, I can check to see if they are authorised structures across the Bridleway and act accordingly.

Your last issue is really a symptom of us losing the local Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Group a few years back, as this is exactly the type of issue that is best resolved by a few local volunteers with a pair of secateurs. It would be great to have a local group again. I wonder if the PC could canvass for a new band of volunteers?

New gate at Yew Tree Farm, Chorley:

I did email Robin to say that all her hard work in pushing for this gate has paid off! She was pleased that this had been installed and says she is taking each day as it comes and thanked me for letting her know.

Report of drain cover missing at Northwood Lane – now dealt with!

Thanks, received from Church for donation towards clock repairs from Vicar and Treasurer.

Thanks, received from Terry Montague for the money for his work in painting/repairing benches/noticeboards.

Litley Barns – further comments received and passed on to Enforcement.

Need bags of papers collected by Shred-It for shredding – all agreed? Will arrange asap, but still lots more to sort through.

Parking:

I did ask the school to put a reminder in their newsletter again regarding the parking in Glebe Drive as the Veolia lorry could not access our properties due to the way a couple of vehicles had been left. Bins had to be collected and wheeled up to the bus lay-by! They have put a reminder in the last two newsletters!

b) Issues raised by Cllrs:

- Hedge not entirely cut at Litley Barns.
- DEER signs queried – the PC might well have to provide these as SC has no money!
- Allotments – this was queried as there used to be some at Chorley, but these are no longer available.

05. Reports:

a) To received report from Local Policing Team:

Email from PC Nolan:

I have checked our command-and-control logs for calls to service to the parishes of Stottesdon and Sidbury over the last calendar month, we have only had 3 calls that were assessed and upgraded to incidents.

1 A concern regarding an online fraud attempt (carried out over a Mobile Phone)

2 A dropped 999 whereby after a check it was a pocket dial from a member of a public.

3 A medical incident in which police attended.

There were no crimes recorded in either parish.

Clerk asked if Cllr Adams' request to Police had been dealt with. All details handed to Police regarding an incident on the Homelands.

b) To receive report from Unitary Councillor:

Email sent out with nothing to report for Stottesdon. A list of new Directors at SC received today.

c) To receive SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss gave a brief report of the meeting with the Leader Heather Kidd and Vice Alex Wagner.

Communications with Clerks still not resolved.

35 more councils expressed an interest in the MOU – thoughts are that PC's clustering could take on street services, i.e. sign cleaning/replacing signs etc.

Planning 'call in' powers changed – gateway approach now.

3 Officers in Planning Enforcement – one officer absent.

06. Planning applications/refusals/approvals:

a) 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.

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 26/03473/DEM (validated: 17/09/2026)

Address: Knowle Farm, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NJ

Proposal: Application for prior notification under Schedule 2 Part 11 Class B of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the demolition of an Agricultural Building

Applicant: Mr Oliver Scott (The Farm Office, 3 Church Mews, Main Road, Ombersley, WR9 0EW)

This was for information only.

c) Any others received after issue of agenda – no new plans but the following permissions received:

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

Decision: **Grant Permission**

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 and construction of rural workers dwelling

Decision: **Grant Permission**

Cllr Abbiss declared an interest in this.

07. Parish matters/problems:

To receive reports from Councillors:

- Awful amount of litter regularly around the parish. Bags full picked up regularly around Harcourt by a resident out walking. A litter pick will have to be arranged.
- Litley Bridge still waiting repair – Clerk will chase again with Bridges department.
- Queried if reply received regarding the dumped chippings at the Litley junction – it had been commented at a previous meeting that FMS stated 'fixed', when they had just been spread out.
- Concern expressed regarding vehicles shooting straight out of Willowdene and Chorley Equestrian, an accident waiting to happen! Clerk will contact both.
- School cars – Police will attend when possible.

- Fibre connected this week in Sidbury!
- Cllrs received spam emails from Chairman – appear to be happening more since the changeover to .gov email address. Clerk had checked this with our website provider who said it was up to the Chairman to sort this. Different email address used this time.
- Potholes Highlands/Overton under the trees and a blocked drain between Overton and Highlands. Water is running down the adjoining fields. Clerk asked the Cllr reports this as they know the exact location.

08. Finance: Accounts to be paid:

Clerks' salary - £xx

HMRC – TBC

Plaques for Dr's surgery - £60 + VAT. Wording and account approved, Clerk will order these and happy that the account is paid on receipt of signs.

Lengthsman/Parish work invoice – not available.

Any others after issue of agenda:

Clerk's expenses - £97.47 for the last quarter.

All accounts were **RESOLVED TO PAY**.

09. Correspondence requiring action:

- SC - Fly tipping briefing note 26/8/26
- Walk the Wards Invitation for Parish and Town Chairs and Clerks – 9th October, Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer 2.30pm – Clerk, Cllrs Abbiss and Ransom will attend.
- SALC – Weekly Bulletins – a large amount of information/training sessions contained in these. Clerk asked if anyone was interested in the training sessions to contact her.
- National Emergency Briefing Screening – WI, Chorley Village Hall 1/10/26, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
- HR Essentials for Town and Parish Councils - Online 3-part training event
- Highley PC - Climate Emergency Briefing Screening – 23.9.26, 6.30-8.30pm Highley Severn Centre – Cllr Abbiss attended and urged others to attend the Chorley WI event.
- **SALC AGM** - 4pm - 7pm in the Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Stadium – see email 28/7/26. Cllr Abbiss and Clerk will attend.
- National Planning Framework – Cllr Sierakowski to report next month.
- September's news from your local hospital
- Chorley Village Hall AGM Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7.30pm
- Energize STW News: Three locations in Shropshire chosen to lead health improving work - 15/9/26 – North Shropshire, Highley, Market Drayton are set to benefit from investment from Sport England designed to help create healthier, more active and connected communities.
- BIST Hospitality Support Fund – 21/9/26
Any others received, requiring action, after issue of agenda.
- Defib checks:

These are required monthly. Clerk has now received details of how these should be checked but needs to add in that expiry dates of items and will send out how previous Cllr Gutteridge used to record details to Cllr Sierakowski, who had recently checked the Sidbury machine as the power had been off. Training on how to use the defibs was also requested and Cllr Sierakowski will speak to Joe Williams regarding this.

Chairman commented that over the years the Parish Council had done a lot in the area but have become dormant over the last few years and asked Cllrs to think what could be done in the parish with the help of parishioners.

Litter picking

Parish Plan

Newsletter – Clerk happy to do this.

Emergency Plan needs updating

Nature Recovery.

10. Date of next meeting: 26th October 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Payments approved:

Mrs F Morris - £xxx salary

HMRC - £573.77

Mrs F Morris - £97.47 – expenses

Signed: Chairman

Date: