

## **Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council**

**Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs D Young (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice-chairman), K Ransom, C Adams, S Crawford, R Gutteridge, A Sierakowski.

Cllr D Davies and Mrs P Davies (Driver)

Public: None

Clerk: MRS F Morris

**0) Public participation:**

None present.

**1) Apologies for absence:**

Received and noted from Cllrs Allen, Pearce, Griffin and PCSO Fletcher.

**2) 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.

**3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and except for one typo on page 4, item 7, they were proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept as a true record.**

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a. Clerk's report: including reply re: funding to Church:

**Clerk reported the following:**

Email received from St Mary's Church Treasurer:

Clare Tibbits has passed on your kind offer to help facilitate a grant from the Parish Council to the Parochial Church Council to support the toilet project.

However, as Clare and I discussed the details of this project, we realised that the scoping of the project is not yet sufficiently developed to apply for a PC grant as we are still working with the relevant diocesan planning committee (DAC) to get approval for the type of structure originally envisaged.

Thank you for thinking of us, and we may well come back to ask in the future, as this is a project which will benefit wider community use of the church, as well as helping with church services.

New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'Northwood Lane' – FIXED

Dip in road – Station Road – reported anonymously, so PC not notified of the problem.

Blocked Drain – The Kinsleys – reported anonymously, so PC not aware of the problem.

New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'Walton Bank potholes' – says FIXED but not, have emailed them

New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'Potholes by Stottesdon School' – yes these have been repaired.

Duddlewick Road repairs and confusion!!

I contacted SC to ask where the work started and ended as it was not clear on the small map they sent out with the letter. I also asked if Duddlewick Lane was being done at the same time but was told NO. I checked on one. networks and it only showed on the map the Duddlewick road NOT up to the farm.

I spoke to Kier to ask if the flooding problem was going to be sorted and where they were starting and finishing to be told they would be doing what SC asked them to do and if there was a problem they would speak to SC. I was told to look at the map or one. networks as it was clear what they were doing. There was no indication that the lane up to Duddlewick Farm was being done at the same time, but the Inspector Jason Davis sent an email with a map showing that the lane was being done – we had received no notification and this did not show on one.networks. Photos were received of the completed work showing that after the first storm water was lying across the main road and on the farm lane, so the problem had not been solved.

Photos were also sent of rubbish collected from the Loughton triangle where the workmen stored their stuff and also a pile of planings left at the entrance to the ROW through to Pickthorn which made this unpassable for horse riders, walkers, motor cyclists etc.

I checked with Mr Morris at Duddlewick Farm if he knew why the planings were there. He told me that he had asked if he could buy them, but nothing further was done about them.

On checking with SC, Cllr Davies emailed to say that he had been told by SC that the farmer had asked for them.

After discussion regarding this matter, it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk speaks to Mr Morris to ask him to remove these if they have been left for his use, otherwise the PC would ask SC to remove them as they were blocking a ROW.**

b. Any update on Fighting Cocks – no reply from either letters sent.

c. Issues raised by Cllrs:

Bagginswood/Six Ashes potholes marked again with white paint, but nothing repaired. All on Fix My Street.

Neen Savage - no work started yet.

Open letter received from Cllr Vasmer was not well received.

Bridge repair at Crumpsbrook has been extended, but it does not look as if any work had commenced – probably filling potholes instead!

## **5) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:**

a) Any received after issue of agenda – none received.

## **6) Finance:**

a) Accounts:

Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £tbc

SALC - £45 training session – Cllr Ranson

Information Solutions - £14.99 domain name alteration

b) Any others received after issue of agenda:

Clerk's expenses - £445.46

M Pearce - Lengthsman - £600

Chorley Village Hall - £260

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that Clerk transfers money from deposit to cover all the payments.**

**7) SALC report:**

Cllr Abbiss reported briefly on:

- Working on providing a single point of contact for Clerks
- New Place Director in post
- At the Area Committee concern expressed that the Lengthsman grant is being reduced.
- Devolution – the PC has not signed the Memorandum due to questions not being answered, but hopefully when Alex Wagner attends our Annual Parish meeting all will be explained.

Chairman thanked Cllr Abbiss for the report.

**8) Shropshire Cllr's report:**

S. Cllr Davies' report had been emailed out to Cllrs.

He confirmed that Andy Keyland had also visited neighbouring parishes. He also sent an email out and confirmed at the meeting that Multevo will be carrying out work from the top of Dayhouse Bank right through Hinton to fill all potholes in the next few weeks.

Cllr Davies asked what other issues he receives from other parishes other than potholes – speeding, drainage, fly tipping.

Clerk was still trying to sort out the FMS details being sent to all parishes.

Cllr Davies was thanked for attending and Clerk thanked him for help setting up the room and they left the meeting.

**9) Parish matters/problems:**

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

- The Asset Register on the website has not been updated since 2021. Clerk pointed out that this is updated every year for audit. Suggested new one put on or the old one deleted. Clerk will check if this has to be published.
- Policies on the website – some are out of date. We have previously agreed to work through and update these. Lots of PC websites are not up to date with these.
- Planning section has not been updated since 2021. Clerk pointed out that these used to be automatically updated but SC stopped doing it.
- Parish Plan on the website is also 2012 – that is the most recent.

Clerk will look into all these issues.

- The bridge in the Chorley woods is being pursued at residents own cost after the PC pointed him in the right direction regarding contact details.
- Notification received that Fibre Broadband should be available end of June at Sidbury.
- Potholes as you come out of Sidbury Church entrance towards the junction – Cllr Sierakowski will report on FMS.
- Potholes being filled at Pickthorn Lane Saturday 21/3/26.
- Blocked drain down Honeysuckle Lane where the pool is in the field, which causes the road to flood. Clerk will report on FMS.

b) gov.uk emails (assertion 10) AGAR - all Cllrs now signed up to this.

c) IT Policy adopted – Clerk had emailed out and put this on the website. This cannot be revisited for 6 months as per Standing Orders.

d) Bench in memory of Rev Bromley: This bench has been removed by the Lengthsman as it is rotten, it was provided by the SWAG Group but is not on the PC Asset Register. The cost to replace this is either £600 or £750 by the original person who made the original. Obviously the most expensive is the better wood.

Clerk pointed out that regular emails are received from Cyan and they previously supplied 2 at Chelmarsh.

Clerk was asked to forward details to Cllrs to look at and to ask Mark Pearce to retain the plaque from the original which has been in place for 16 years.

Clerk pointed out that a memorial to Madge Shingleton had not yet been agreed so it was **RESOLVED to deal with these items at the next PC meeting.**

**10) Community Priorities Survey;** – Cllr Gutteridge had sent this sent out to all Cllrs. This was discussed and Cllr Gutteridge was thanked for doing this, but it was felt that this should be left until after the Annual Parish meeting to hear what Alex Wagner has to say, then this could be updated as there are some changes required. As the PC intend to carry out a Housing Needs Survey perhaps these could be dealt with together. It was agreed to invite Craig Bethel to the July meeting.

Road Name signs – leave until next month.

Flyers will be sent out to advertise the Annual Parish meeting and will be advertised on the social media groups, notice boards. Clerk will put a flyer together for approval.

**11) Correspondence:** including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: *Noted as received unless comments made.*

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- SC - Signature requested on "Memorandum of Understanding [FOR SIGNATURE]"
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses
- Craig Bethel – Housing Survey – dealt with earlier.
- FixMyStreet message: Fix My Street reports – dealt with earlier.
- SALC - Weekly Briefing
- Road Closure - The Square to the Riddings, Stottesdon – 18th-29th May 9.30am-14.45pm
- Road closure - Station Road Stottesdon – 10th-12th June

Any others received after issue of agenda.

- 2026/27 Council Tax Precept Payments - Stottesdon, Sidbury Parish Council – 23/4/26 payment date.

**12) Personnel Committee feedback** – excluding public and press **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:**

No members of the public were present.

As Cllr Allen, Chair of the Personnel Committee was not at the meeting Clerk gave a verbal report from the information Cllr Allen had sent to Personnel Committee members summing up the meeting and suggestions to the PC. It was **RESOLVED to leave this until the next meeting when Cllr Allen can explain.**

**13) Date of next meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting

**Payments agreed:**

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £tbc

SALC - £45 training session – Cllr Ranson

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**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**