

Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council

Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Young (Chair), R Abbiss (Vice Chair), M Pearce, Z Griffin, R Gutteridge, A Sierakowski, S Allen, K Ransom (co-opted).
Shropshire Cllr D Davies and Cllr P Davies (chauffeur)
Public: One
Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and it was opened at 7.31pm.

0) Public participation: Nothing raised.

1) Co-option of Councillors/signing of declaration of acceptance of office:

Keith Ransom attended the meeting expressing a wish to join the Parish Council. He had shown his interest at the last meeting and was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that he be elected to the Council.**

Chair asked all Cllrs to introduce themselves to Cllr Ransom was introduced himself to all Cllrs and Shropshire Cllrs and gave his career background.

2) Apologies for absence: These were received and accepted from Cllrs Crawford, Adams, and the Police.

3) 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.

4) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2025 – These had been circulated with the agenda, and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to sign these as a true record.**

5) Matters arising from minutes:

a. Clerk's report:

Fighting Cocks – acknowledgement email received from Roger Cook Re: ACV. If this is not going to re-open as a pub, does the sign at the top of Walton Bank need removing?

New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'STOTTESDON arm missing' – reported 29/7/2025 according to this notification which they are investigating! This is at The Highlands, village one still missing! Clerk mentioned the FMS reports which are coming though still as Stottesdon, Kinlet and Hopton Wafers, which takes ages to go through to find which is relevant to our parish! Clerk had contacted FMS who said it may be how the accounts have been set up and suggested reporting in a different way but there is a cost to do this. S. Cllr Davies says he gets the same emails.

b. Any update on Fighting Cocks – nothing further, only rumours!

c. Issues raised by Cllrs:

Cllr Gutteridge asked about the Community meeting to discuss small community projects.

Clerk confirmed that this was for the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Cllr Gutteridge also mentioned the free trees mentioned in the SALC Bulletin received today.

6) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 25/04148/FUL (validated: 04/11/2025)

Address: Bardley Court Cottage, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8NE

Proposal: Conversion of an existing outbuilding to create a detached residential annexe to provide ancillary accommodation for an existing dwelling

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 25/04697/VAR (validated: 17/12/2025)

Address: Stottesdon C E Primary School, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE

Proposal: Variation of Condition No.1 attached to planning permission 15/04713/VAR to allow for retention of the demountable classroom for a further period of 10 years.

Applicant: Mrs Viv Hulme

No objections.

c) Reference: 25/04698/VAR (validated: 17/12/2025)

Address: Stottesdon C E Primary School, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8UE

Proposal: Variation of Condition No.1 attached to planning permission 15/04712/VAR to allow for retention of the demountable classroom for a further period of 10 years.

Applicant: Mrs Viv Hulme

No objections.

d) Reference: 25/04831/VAR (validated: 12/01/2026)

Address: Coombe Farm Cottage, Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8LS

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 23/01387/FUL dated 29 March 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Banbery

This was to change the oak cladding to cedar. No objections raised.

e) Any others received after issue of the agenda – no further applications received.

At this point Clerk suggested that the S. Cllrs report be brought forward as the precept may take some time. All agreed.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report:

S Cllr Davies reported that he was aware that a complaint regarding his nonattendance, although apologies given, and lack of information in his reports from Shropshire Council.

Reasons were he had been on a training sessions and had been poorly and in hospital.

He asked for copies of the old Cllrs reports so they knew what we were wanting, but as he is not on any committees at SC he will have to find out from other Cllrs.

Clerk pointed out that the proposal to knock down the Shirehall could have been reported instead of having to read most of SC information in the Shropshire Star. He explained regarding this as they were only given a couple of days notice regarding this proposal.

FMS reports he gets the same as Clerk plus more from all over the County. Clerk is still investigating.

Road Closure notices he sends on to us, but Clerk pointed out that she receives notification so no need for duplication.

It was queried if he had heard anything about bags of tarmac being given to the Lengthsman to try to prevent some of the potholes getting worse, but he said they needed training in how to fill them.

Our Lengthsman reported that he had met with the new technician and drove him round the whole of our parish showing him what he does and what is needed. Bags of tarmac were discussed and the technician thought it was a good idea and the top could perhaps be marked with 'T' to indicate that it was a temporary repair. He needed to speak to his Manager Andy Keyland regarding this.

Cllr Davies was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts:

Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £467.94

Information Solutions - £36.00 (Domain name registration) Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to pay these accounts.**

b) Second quarter accounts for approval – figures are the same as the precept figures, will sign off next month as time was getting on.

c) Precept – all papers handed out at last meeting/emailed again Clerk provided up to date paperwork and asked Cllrs to be mindful of the Cost of Living increase for everyone, but we do not know as yet what services SC might want to push down to local councils. Entries on the Scribe accounts were looked at, with a suggestion of merging Clerk's salary and PAYE into one, deleting the Bunting (comes under s137 and after going through item very carefully came up with a precept of £43,500.00, whereas last years was £39,950.00 an increase of £4,000.00.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to request a precept of £43,500.00.

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

8) SALC report:

Cllr Griffin gave a brief report of the Area meeting she attended last month regarding the Design Supplementary Planning Documents Consultation (slideshow documents attached).

Memorandum of Understanding is still very unclear regarding what support is needed, how long will this be for. Will money come from SC then reduced over time. Lots of parish councils not signed up to this, including ours.

Cllr Abbiss reported that there were five pilots with Town Councils with 43 Parish Council's signed up.

This could include replacing road signs, grass cutting etc.

9) Shropshire Cllr's report: emailed out – dealt with earlier.

10) Parish matters/problems

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

Please send any new problems to the Clerk

b) Concerns raised by parishioners: Burnt Pitt Bank pothole, Chorley potholes, Bagginswood/Six Ashes potholes, Harcourt potholes. All reported.

c) gov.uk emails (assertion 10) AGAR – reply from Information Solutions (emailed out). It was agreed that it should be, i.e. david.young@stottesdon-pc.gov.uk (Cllrs full name). Clerk was also asked to query:

- Who sets this up on their computer? Do you send a link or something?
- Some do not have 365, will they still be able to have the email address?
- Are all new email addresses free?

d) IT Policy for adoption: This will be dealt with next month. Clerk pointed out that this needs to be done ready for the Audit.

e) Any others received

11) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs:

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- A New Way of Working Together – email sent 29/8/25 – response required.
- SC - Signature requested on "Memorandum of Understanding [FOR SIGNATURE]"
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses
- Breakthrough Communications - training events
- Buckingham Palace Garden Party - 12th May 2026. Clerk was suggested, but she refused!
- FixMyStreet message: Fix My Street reports. Clerk had previously talked about this.
- Any others received after issue of agenda.
- Chairs' Network Meeting - Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 6pm
- Public Access Online Register – Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2026
- FixMyStreet message: Fix My Street reports.
- Devolution of Services and Fix my Street Reports
- Fundamentals for Councillors - online training - Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 6.30pm - 9pm
- Shropshire Council Invoice / Credit Note 7364342 - £250 elections.
- Theft of Motor Vehicle [#599390040] – Highley 19/1/26
- Resurfacing works, U8243 - South of Duddlewick – to be carried out 9th March for 5 days. Clerk has notified Rob Kennett who has told neighbours.

12) **Date of next meeting:** 23rd February 2026

Payments for payment:

Clerk's fees - £xxx

HMRC - £467.94

Information Solutions - £36.00

Lengthsman account and account for Hi-Viz vests to be given to Clerk. Clerk will also look into cost for a 'Road Works' sign to be used by Lengthsman.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: