

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr D Young, (Chairman), R Abbiss (Vice Chairman), M Pearce, K Ransom, C Adams, S Crawford, R Gutteridge, A Sierakowski, Z Griffin, S Allen.

Shropshire Cllr D Davies and his wife

Parishioners: Two

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Public participation:

Two parishioners attended to speak about their two planning applications they have lodged for Walnut Cottage, Chorley and explained these in detail. Grape vines will be planted in the next couple weeks and they hope to be producing red and white wine in 3-4 years. Questions from Cllrs which were answered by the applicants.

At this point the Chairman asked Cllrs to approve bringing the applications for discussion forward to enable the applicants to leave the meeting. He also explained to the applicants that they could not speak at the meeting unless something needed clarification.

This was agreed at the meeting was opened at 7.40pm.

a) Reference: 26/01127/FUL (validated: 24/03/2026)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, 4 Midwinters, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PW

Proposal: Erection of a small domestic outbuilding to be used as a home office and gym

Applicant: Mr Rick Jolley

Three Cllrs had visited the site and could see no reason not to support this.

It was proposed, second and **RESOLVED to support this application.**

c) Reference: 26/01335/FUL (validated: 10/04/2026)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, 4 Midwinters, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PW

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural barn to support the management and operation of the land as a vineyard.

Applicant: Mr Rick Jolley

This application had once again been explained on the site visit to Cllrs and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to support this application.**

The applicants were asked if the sheep which keep getting out belonged to them, but they did not, but they had noticed them jump the fence.

1) Apologies for absence: Police (noted).

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.

Cllr Adams declared an interest in item 5b, but the consultation period had now passed.

3) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026 - these had been circulated with the agenda, and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's report:

Craig Bethell – Housing Survey

I am sorry, I could have sworn I responded to your invite. Unfortunately, I have an event coming up at the end of July which I will need to attend but exact dates have yet to be confirmed... It means I am unable to confirm attendance of this meeting currently and I am purposely not booking in any meetings around that time.

Reply re: Planings at Duddlewick:

I did speak to Mr Morris who was very rude and swore at me regarding the parked cars outside the school. He said he would move the planings (he has done some) but something needed doing about the parking outside the school as they are busy harvesting and can't easily get through.

I emailed the school and they once again put it in their newsletter.

It was agreed by all that the Clerk should not be subject to bad language or abuse of any sort, and it was suggested that a Zero tolerance to this should be put on the website.

b) Issues raised by Cllrs:

- Cllr Abbiss reported that work was carried out on Almshouse Bank NOT Dayhouse Bank.
- Cllr Abbiss also reminded Cllrs that the Memorandum of Understanding had not yet been signed by the PC. The previous Shropshire Cllr Gwilym Butler had told the PC to set their precept slightly higher as they would likely to be asked to take on extra work.
- Cllr Gutteridge asked about the Community Survey, or should she deal with it under item 10 – Chairman said yes under item 10.
- It was asked if the PC had any guidelines regarding what the PC have done/have not under a kind of like an 'annual review'. Clerk was not aware of this and was asked to check this with SALC.
- Cllr Griffin expressed concern regarding the money spent on the EMG (lengthsman scheme) have we overspent and worked within our constraints, i.e. getting 3 quotes for work over a certain amount. Clerk pointed out that once the forms are completed and sent to SC, they might or the auditor's pick this up.
- Cllr Allan suggested asking SALC as to what level we can get to before needing 3 quotes. Clerk pointed out that it is difficult to get other quotes as you do not really know the extent of the works to be done initially.
- Clerk will also ask regarding if there is any guidance for a small PC and an annual review and perhaps sensible to think about a small activity for next year.
- Letter due out in May regarding Expression of Interest.
- Clerk pointed out that the PC had not exactly sat on their backsides over the years but had successfully purchased the car park for the Dr's surgery, provided school parking in Glebe Drive, and had 2 sets of housing built - 1 in Stottesdon and 1 in Chorley plus other things. Some things had not been plain sailing either!

5) Planning applications/approvals/refusals:

a) Reference: 26/01127/FUL (validated: 24/03/2026)

Address: Walnut Tree Cottage, 4 Midwinters, Chorley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PW

Dealt with earlier.

b) 26/07019/NEWSTN Shropshire Council Street Naming & Numbering; Homelands, Chorley.
Consultation period had passed but process is difficult and could not have original name suggested.

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Dealt with earlier.

c) Any others received after issue of agenda
No further plans received.

6) Finance:

a) Accounts:

Accounts for payment/approval:

Clerks Salary - £xx

HMRC- £411.63

SALC – subs - £506.04

D Malley – account PAYE - £158.40

Newtonnewton Flags – Union Jack for Chorley Village Hall - £42.00

PWLB – Annual statement – initialled.

2026/27 Council Tax Precept Payments -Remittance Advice 20260423 - £43,500.00 paid into bank. Clerk suggested transferring half of this to the deposit account, but it was pointed out that it had been previously agreed to leave a running balance of £5000.00 in the current. Clerk felt that this was too low as the accounts to be paid now then the PWLB loan in May would take up that amount. After discussions it was suggested perhaps £10,000, but the decision was left to the Clerk.

Lengthsman Scheme – no account

Street Name signs – appears from the Annual Parish meeting that the Chorley residents in attendance were not in favour of these.

Memorial bench Rev Bromley plus memorial to Madge Shingleton – after discussion Clerk would find out dimensions from Cyan regarding the replacement bench in memory of Rev Bromley and Clerk would speak to Adrian Robinson and Martin Shingleton regarding something in Madge's memory.

It was **RESOLVED to pay all accounts submitted.**

c) Any others received after issue of agenda.
None.

7) SALC report:

Cllr Abbiss pointed out that no meetings had been held since her last report, but the office looks as if they have made a small profit this last year The Office has been very busy.

8) Shropshire Cllr's report: *emailed out to Cllrs.*

- Report regarding the EMG Road Ranger scheme had been forwarded to Cllrs, but no further information is available.
- The next Cllr report is in progress and will be sent out in May.
- SC will not be taking on the food waste as they cannot afford it but planned for 2039.

- Had been to Air Ambulance and suggested that if you had the chance to go and look around then to do so. It costs £3000 each time the helicopter flies and relies on donations.

9) Parish matters/problems:

a) Concerns raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Litley bridge hit again. Clerk will email FMS and Pete Gould (Bridges).
- ✓ Cllr Ransom commented that he provided the Clerk with the WI report for the Annual Parish Meeting but expressed concern that his wife had not been asked for this. Clerk pointed out that she had sent the request to Clare Tibbitts for the Church and WI reports with a request to pass this onto the necessary person if it was not her. This had not been passed on.
- ✓ Cllr Gutteridge commented on the new system going to be used from 1st May regarding making appointments to see Dr. This has caused concern with those who are not tech savvy or have no computers/phone The PPG had not been consulted. Receptionists will help fill the forms in.
- ✓ Royal Visit to Willowdene on 30th April so parking might be an issue.
- ✓ Residents from Homelands could not hear the speakers at the Annual meeting only Alex Wagner. Portable microphones should be investigated for next year.
- ✓ Road closure due shortly by Openreach is hopefully for the broadband into Sidbury.
- ✓ Surgery sign on car park. Mark says it needs two new godfather posts and dip off car park needs sorting. Clerk pointed out that the hedge between the car park needs looking at due to visibility issues. Chairman asked if this could be dealt with under the Lengthsmam scheme.
- ✓ Clerk asked Cllr Griffin if it was her hedge between her and Sedgemoor. As it needs cutting back, whether this is classed as hedge or trees is an issue, but she will deal with it. Cllrs assumed hedge.

b) Feedback from Annual Parish meeting – hearing speakers only problem.

c) Any others received – Cllr Gutteridge brought up regarding the survey to be sent out. She will forward this to all Cllrs to read and report back for next meeting.

10) Correspondence: including all emails forwarded to Cllrs: *Taken as read unless comments made:*

- Alterations to the Electoral Register
- Reply from Craig Bethel – Housing Survey – dealt with earlier.
- West Mercia Police reports – theft of heating oil, Eardington and vehicle from Highley
- Police Force Mergers – Consultation sent out to Cllrs 18/3/26
- SC - Signature requested on "Memorandum of Understanding [FOR SIGNATURE]"
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses
- FixMyStreet message: Fix My Street reports
- SALC - Weekly Briefing bulletins – forwarded to Cllrs
- Any others received after issue of agenda.
- Scribe – Data Processing Agreement – Clerk gave each Cllr a copy and Chairman initialed a copy.
- Request for forwarding - Draft Tasley Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 consultation
- email to forward to Clerks – Re; Declaration of Interest forms to be completed – Clerk thought it might only be Cllrs Crawford and Pearce who had not done this.

11) Clerk's salary update from Personnel Committee – Public and Press to be excluded for this item. See separate sheet.

12) Date of next meeting: 18th May 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Finance – payments made:

Clerks Salary - £1086.60

HMRC- £411.63

SALC – subs - £506.04

D Malley – account PAYE - £158.40

Newtonnewton Flags – Union Jack for Chorley Village Hall - £42.00

PWLB – Annual statement

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Scribe - £532.80 – already been approved.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: