

**SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Present:

|                      |                            |
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| Cllr Chris Clews     | Chairman                   |
| Cllr David Shaw      |                            |
| Cllr Phil Jones      |                            |
| Cllr Roy Davies      |                            |
| Cllr Justin Kerridge | Stratford District Council |
| Teresa Murphy        | Clerk                      |

There were 10 parishioners present.

1. **Apologies**: Cllr Pete Joynes, Cllr Clive Rickhards

2. **Disclosure of Interest**: None.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were agreed and signed.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

***Emergency Plan:*** This has now been completed and is being circulated. It will be signed off at the next meeting.

**Action:** Chairman

***Moles on the Recreation Ground:*** Willis Ward will speak to Geoff Smith to see what progress has been made.

**Action:** Willis Ward

***Strip of pavement at the top of Middletown Lane:*** Carried forward

***Sustainability Communities Act:*** It was confirmed that the Clerk had forwarded the response paper to Studley PC. The outcome of the consultation is awaited.

**Carried forward**

***Floodlight at the Laurels:*** Concerns have been expressed about the floodlights at the Laurels shining on oncoming traffic. This matter is still ongoing and the Clerk was asked to e-mail Cllr Pete Joynes and ask him to have a word with the house owners.

**Action:** Clerk, Cllr Joynes

**Junction with Whitemoor Lane and the A4090:** Carried forward

**Superfast Broadband in Sambourne:** The following has taken place since the last meeting:

- A summary of our Survey (135 points) has been sent to CSW
- Meeting attended with Cllr Rickhards and CSW on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- Sambourne had 'Amber status' as at end of January
- A survey undertaken by BT/Open Reach
- If deemed suitable work will probably start mid 2015
- Chairman has contacted Sajid David – Minister of Culture, Media and Sport
- A reply has been received from Ed Vaisey – Minister for Culture and Digital Economy
- It has been confirmed that there are two exchanges
- Studley has been upgraded and Astwood Bank will be upgraded between January – June 2015
- Chairman has attended an Event at Ragley Hall where he met CSW and Ian Binks (BT Regional Partnership Director)

**Dog Fouling on the Recreation Ground:** Cllr Jones reported that he has received a reply from the Dog Warden and a supply of flyers and 'Clean it Up' sticky signs. It was agreed that:

- The flyer would be inserted in the next copy of The Link – Cllr Jones to request 300 copies.
- The sticky signs to be put up at the start of the main footpaths and on the gate to the recreation ground - the Chairman will obtain some aluminium, backplates.
- The flyer would also be put on the website.

**Action:** Cllr Jones, Chairman

**SDC Planning Workshop:** 3 Councillors attended the Workshop, which was very informative. There is a facility to register with 'SDC Plan Alert ' - this means that every time a planning application is received in the Sambourne area details will be sent to you. Please see Sambourne Parish website for full details.

## **5. Public Participation**

Cllr Kerridge had been asked by a resident in Kiln Close if a dog bin could be sited at the beginning of the Greenway to Redditch. Cllr Kerridge was asked to confirm that SDC would empty this bin – if so the request would be considered.

**Action:** Cllr Kerridge

Cllr Kerridge had received a complaint that the lorry that fills the grit bin on Kiln Close has been going on the kerb, causing damage. The Chairman agreed to e-mail Cllr Rickhards and ask him to make enquiries.

**Action:** Chairman

**Parking on Sambourne Lane:** Sambourne Village Association suggests that the Parish Council produces flyers to be put on windscreen of cars that park on the kerb in Sambourne Lane. The flyers could read:

*‘Sambourne Parish Council has worked hard to get a new path, which has taken about 25 years! The Parish Council respectfully requests that you use the road to park your car and let pedestrians use the footpath’.*

**Action:** Clerk, Village Association

**Speeding down Middletown Lane:**

- 1) Although the overall speed has decreased, Wayne commented that there were still vehicles speeding at 60 and 70 mph along Middletown Lane. It was suggested that, if possible, the registration numbers of speeding vehicles be noted and passed on to PCSO Gary (contact details on website).
- 2) Wayne also suggested that 30 mph stickers be obtained from WCC to stick on refuse bins.
- 3) Cllr Davies again sent his “call to arms” emails seeking support votes for the Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team - Community Forum Priorities, requesting Sambourne had police presence with the radar gun in Middletown Lane. We were successful in getting this request on the ballot paper but at that stage not aware of the outcome.

**Jubilee Crossroads:** There is an on-line petition about the Jubilee crossroad. The Chairman agreed to put the petition on the website.

**Action:** Chairman

**6. Quadrennial Elections for the Parish of Sambourne – both Wards**

Elections for the Parish Council/District Council and Parliament will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015. For the first time the Parish will be divided into two wards – Sambourne North (2 candidates) and Sambourne South (3 candidates). The existing Parish Councillors intend to stand for a further term. An election will be prompted on 7<sup>th</sup> May if further candidates come forward.

**7. Tree Maintenance**

There is a cycle of inspection, carried out by WCC Forestry, on the trees in the village. There are 6 trees that are due for re-inspection – 4 in the recreation ground and 2 on the Village Green. It was agreed that this inspection should take place.

**Action:** Cllr Jones

**8. Renovation of verges by the new footpath**

Cllr Kerridge commented that the earth that was removed to form the footpath is rubbly and weedy and needs some attention. Willis Ward offered to buy some grass seed and put it on the affected areas.

**Action:** Willis Ward

## 9. **Appeal for funds by CPRE**

It was agreed that CPRE is a very worthwhile organisation and it was agreed to make a one-off donation of £50.

**Action:** Clerk

## 10. **Subscription to The Link**

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Link.

## 11. **Accounts:**

The Clerk reported that the date set by Grant Thornton for the external audit for 2014-15 is 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

***The following cheques were signed:***

|                                |                               |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Clerk                          | Salary and expenses           | £391.32 |
| HMRC                           | Clerk's Tax                   | £84.80  |
| Coughton PCC                   | Upkeep of cemetery            | £200    |
| C Clews                        | Website and CPRE subscription | £54.05  |
| CPRE                           | Donation                      | £50     |
| Coughton with<br>Sambourne PCC | Donation to The Link          | £100    |
| Studley PC                     | Bulky waste                   | £80     |

The Chairman requested that the question of continuing support to the upkeep of Coughton cemetery should be discussed and asked for it to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk

## 12. **Planning**

### **Results of Planning since the last meeting**

|                |                                 |                                                                                   |                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ADJCON/0007    | Redditch BC                     | Erection of 9 dwellings<br>Sambourne Lane<br>Astwood Bank                         | Withdrawn<br>02/02/2015                 |
| 14/03433/COUMB | W Stokes<br>Sambourne Lane Farm | Change of use and<br>conversion of<br>agricultural building<br>to single dwelling | Prior Approval<br>Refused<br>29/01/2015 |

### **New Planning Applications**

|              |                                                        |                                                       |                                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14/02670/OUT | Mr K Oliver<br>Yew Tree Cottage<br>The Green           | Outline application<br>for erection of 2<br>dwellings | Objections                                                        |
| 14/0353/FUL  | Mrs Clegg<br>Fourways, Perry Mill<br>Lane              | Replacement<br>Conservatory                           | Support and<br>permission with<br>conditions granted<br>9/03/2015 |
| 14/03568/FUL | Mr and Mrs<br>Waplinton<br>Gads Hill<br>Sambourne Lane | Front porch and WC<br>extension                       | Support                                                           |

### **13. Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated a letter from the Boundary Commission and a copy of 'Open Spaces'.

### **14. Chairman's business**

***Sambourne Trust Housing Needs Survey:*** The Chairman would like to publish the results on the website and asked Cllr Shaw to let him have a copy of the results.

**Action:** Cllr Shaw

***Fantasy Battles and Re-enactment at Upper Spennall Farm:*** An email had been received voicing concerns about the plans to hold several weekends of events. These events will attract large numbers which will cause considerable disruption to the lives of local residents. Although this is out of Sambourne Parish it was agreed that our support should be given, particularly as the increased volume of traffic would impact on the Sambourne area. The Clerk was asked to e-mail Sergeant Bob Shaw, with a copy to Spennall PC, to ask what arrangements had been made with regard to traffic control.

**Action:** Clerk

***Christmas Tree on the Green:*** A request had been received to erect a Christmas tree on the Green. After discussion it was agreed that this could go ahead, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Advice from the insurance company
- b) A risk assessment.

The Chairman would advise those concerned of the decision.

**Action:** Chairman

15. **Any other Business**

Dog 'Poo Bags' are available free of charge from the Dogs Trust and Cllr Shaw suggested the Council should get a supply.

**Action:** Clerk

***Burst water main:*** Cllr Davies reported there had been a burst water main at Sambourne Park. Although this is now mended it took Severn Trent two weeks to fix. The Chairman agreed to contact Severn Trent. As a consequence of the excess water flooding was experienced at one property in Sambourne lane, exacerbated by a blocked gully. The gully subsequently cleared, grateful thanks to Cllr Rickhards for resolving

**Action:** Chairman

***Grass verge – Whitemoor Lane:*** Cllr Davies commented that the verge was in need of attention and Willis Ward offered to sow grass seed on the area.

**Action:** Willis Ward

16. **Date of next meetings**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Annual Parish Assembly | 7.15 pm |
| Annual General Meeting | 7.30 pm |
| Parish Council Meeting | 7.45 pm |

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015      7.45 pm

***(Please note this meeting is later than usual due to holiday commitments)***