

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.45 pm

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Phil Bond

Cllr Justin Kerridge

Stratford District Council (Sambourne North)

Cllr Nick Moon

Stratford District Council (Sambourne South)

Cllr Clive Rickhards

Warwickshire County Council

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

1.Apologies:

None

There were 14 parishioners present.

2.Disclosure of Interest: None.

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Sustainability Communities Act: The resignation of Cllr Davies means that Sambourne does not have representation on the Studley group. However, Cllr Beaman has been asked to keep us informed of progress and any action required of Sambourne.

Footpath AL133: Cllr Jones reported that this was still in abeyance. WCC has a list of similar footpath diversion problems and it was felt unlikely that AL133 will receive much attention in the near future.

Change of Bank Account: The Clerk has filed all relevant papers and is awaiting completion.

Combined Authority: Cllr Kerridge reported that SDC had made the decision not to join at present.

Speeding in Sambourne: It has still not been possible to find out who deployed the twin pipe. The Police have recommended a website called Safer Roads Initiative (www.srpwestmerca.org.uk). Cllr Rickhards was asked to find out if WCC has any communication with this website as no response had been received when the Chairman contacted them.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Broadband: The concern is that the broadband speed in the east of Sambourne is still very low, despite the cabinet that serves the area being 'fibred up'. It was agreed that:

- a) the Chairman would put together a number of questions that Cllr Rickhards would forward to CSW.
- b) The Chairman would get in touch with the representative from BT that he met at the Ragley event.

The Broadband group will be kept informed of any developments.

Action: Chairman

Sambourne Hall Footpath: Cllr Jones reported that a gap in the fence had been cut to allow access and there are no obstructions at present. The waymarking has still to be carried out by the Footpaths Enforcement Officer and Cllr Jones agreed to chase this. The old fencing and barbed wire beside the footpath is thought to be the responsibility of the landowner but Cllr Jones will bring it to the attention of the Footpaths Officer.

Action: Cllr Jones

Posts by the Village Boundary Oaktree Lane/Whitemoor Lane: Cllr Rickhards reported that he would follow this up as he had sent photographs but had no response.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

5. Public Participation

- (1) Wayne reported that the bridleway from Middletown to Hayden Way was overgrown. Cllr Jones agreed to walk the route and report the situation to the Footpaths Officer.

Action: Cllr Jones

- (2) Wayne also reported that there had been another accident at the Jubilee crossroads. He would forward details to the Chairman.

Action: Wayne

6. Co-option of Mr Philip Bond to the Parish Council

Mr Bond was formally welcomed to the Parish Council and the Declaration of Office and Register of Members Interests were signed. The Clerk will inform the SDC Monitoring Officer of the appointment and forward the Declaration to SDC.

Action: Clerk

7. Provision of a Christmas tree on the Green

Brian Summers has been working on this proposal for a number of months and reported the following:

- i. At present there is no power on the Green and it was felt that it would be an asset to the village if it were installed. Western Power have said it is technically possible to install power and would cost in the region of £1000, which would include the provision of meter box.
- ii. A 20 – 25 ft tree has been offered for this Christmas, free of charge.

- iii. A fabricated box has been sourced for equipment etc.
- iv. A concrete plinth with a steel drum to house the tree to be constructed by volunteers.
- v. Battery operated festive lights for this year could be purchased at cost of £600 - £650 but it is unlikely these can be converted to mains operated lights in the future.

The Chairman asked for first impressions of the Parish Council

Cllr Jones considered the mains approach was best as it would have many uses other than the Christmas tree.

Cllr Shaw considered it highly desirable to have a power supply on the Green. The Village Association would be willing to pay £1000 for the installation. The housing should be installed behind the bench by the bus shelter.

Cllr Joynes also thought the permanent option was best as everyone would benefit.

Cllr Bond thought the Christmas tree was an excellent idea and would brighten up the village.

Cllr Clews thought it would be nice to have the tree this year. It is unlikely that power could be installed in time for Christmas so battery lights could be bought and, if necessary, sold on ebay.

A vote was taken and it was agreed that:

- i. A Christmas tree should be erected on the Green this year, with battery operated lights
- ii. Western Power to install power on the Green at latest early 2016
- iii. **Cost:** Approximately £700 for battery lights and £1,000 for power installation. Funds to be made available from the Parish Council.
- iv. The Parish Council would be responsible for the meter payment for power on the Green.

Action: Brian Summers and Committee

8. Correspondence regarding junction of Whitemoor Lane and Alcester Heath

A concern had been raised about the problem caused where traffic turns right from the B4090 Alcester Heath onto Whitemoor Lane. In the past WCC Highways has not thought the provision of a mirror is necessary. However, the Parish Council feels there is a need for a review of some signage at this dangerous turn and Cllr Rickhards was asked to arrange an on-site meeting with Traffic Group, the Chairman and himself to discuss a way forward.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

9. Accounts – including setting the Precept for 2016-2017

It was agreed that the Precept remain the same for 2016-2017. The Clerk was asked to return the Precept request by the required date.

Action: Clerk

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary and expenses	412.20
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	89.40
Dr C Clews	Website	9.58
	Poppy Wreath	30.00
J Murdoch	Painting the Middletown Notice board	65.00

10. Planning

RESULTS OF PLANNING SINCE LAST MEETING

15/02972/LBC	Sambourne Hall Farm	Emergency Repairs	Permission with Conditions 7/10/2015
15/02861/OUT	Mr and Mrs O'Connor Land next to Wheelwright House, Sambourne Lane	Erection of detached dwelling	Withdrawn 19/10/2015

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/02909/FUL	Allelys	Erection of extension to existing storage	Objections
15/03196/FUL	Tim Haslam Cricket Club, Jill Lane	Single storey extension and erection of additional storage	Objections
15/03115/LBC	Sambourne Hall Farm	Essential Works	Support
15/03212/TPO	Caprice Perrymill Lane	Pollarding to T1 oak	Support

11. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated the following:

- Open Spaces magazine
- WCC Minerals Plan
- WCC Gritting Programme
- WALC Annual Report

12. Chairman's Business

- **Remembrance Day:** The Service will be held on 11th November at 10.45 am on the Green.
- **Parish Plan:** A request was made for funds to print 7 copies of the Parish Plan (approximately £30).

13. Any other business

None

14. Date of next Meetings:

Monday 4th January 2016 at 7.45 pm

Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.45 pm

Meeting closed at 21:15.