

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews Chairman
Cllr David Shaw
Cllr Philip Bond

Teresa Murphy Clerk

1.Apologies: Cllr Phil Jones, Cllr Pete Joynes, Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Justin Kerridge

There were 3 parishioners present.

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Junction of Whitemoor Lane and Alcester Heath

The Clerk has received a letter from the Land Agent of Ragley Estate stating that they had undertaken work to cut back the hedge where possible. He believes that the majority of material is growing from land forming the highway verge and is beyond the boundary of Ragley. He would be happy to arrange for someone to meet a WCC Highways representative on site to discuss further. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Rickhards and ask him to set up a meeting.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Rickhards

Ditches/streams:

Cllr Rickhards has been in contact with Barry Ridgeway, Senior Drainage Engineer at WCC. He would be interested in co-operating with flooding issues in Sambourne and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged. The Chairman agreed to take action for this.

Action: Chairman

The provision of a Christmas tree on the Green:

The Clerk has received cheques from the Village Association for the cost of the base and also the tree. The tree was a great success thanks to the volunteer working party and community spirit. Thanks in particular were expressed to Roger Hammersley who brought along equipment to make the work easier. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

Planning Sessions

The Clerk has contacted Robert Weeks, Head of Planning and Housing. Mr Weeks confirmed that the slides used in the planning sessions last year were still relevant, although as we are aware, the status of the Core Strategy has since moved on.

Property Marking sets:

It was agreed that no further action would be taken concerning a photograph of the signs and the matter was closed.

Wixford Telephone Box:

- 1) The Clerk has contacted Studley Parish Council and spoken to their contact. The cost of a defibrillator would be £1700. An alternative would be to apply for grant funding through the British Heart Foundation and the Clerk was asked to complete the paperwork on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 2) Laurence Evans commented that the telephone box in Sambourne was to be decommissioned and agreed to contact BT to explore the possibility of Sambourne adopting the box.

Action: Clerk, Laurence Evans

Action on speeding in the Village:

- 1) It was noted that the 'dragons teeth' by the 30 mph signs had not been repainted. The Chairman will contact Cllr Rickhards about this.
- 2) Cllr Rickhards has contacted WCC Traffic and Road Safety Group about the repair of the speed activated sign outside the church. He was told that, although there is not sufficient budget for the repair this year, it will be prioritised for the next financial year.
- 3) There was a consensus that the way forward would be to form a Speeding Action Group and involve our MP.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

Provision of tools and equipment for the litter picking volunteers:

- 1) Streetscene can supply some litter picking sticks and arrange to collect any waste. The Clerk was asked to contact Streetscene and request 6 sticks, which Cllr Kerridge would be asked to collect.
- 2) The Parish Council will consider purchasing some high-vis tabards and gloves.
- 3) Cllr Shaw confirmed that a notice regarding dog fouling had been placed in The Link.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Kerridge

Overgrown brambles at the rear of Wood Terrace:

Mr Gibbs has cleared the brambles and a letter of thanks has been received from Diane Badger.

Flagpole Maintenance:

Cllr Jones has been in contact with Paul May and a new base has been purchased. The flagpole is quite light and lowering and raising it for maintenance purposes is no more than a two man job. Cllr Jones suggested that Roy Davies would be happy to assist and a convenient date will be discussed.

Action: Cllr Jones, Chairman, Roy Davies

Chairman's Business:

- 1) A letter has been received from the Estates Surveyor at SDC confirming that the Green Dragon will be included on the list of Assets of Community Value.
- 2) The Chairman e-mailed SDC concerning the CIL document asking for a version in plain English. He has not received acknowledgement.

5. Public Participation

Willis Ward reported a deep rut in the road which has caused the verge to be crushed just above the entrance to the Cricket Club. The Chairman will ask Cllr Rickhards to request a site visit as this fault has been reported before.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

Laurence Evans has received a letter from G S Adams asking if the Electrical Installation Certificate should be renewed. There are two trips in the green box, the right hand one is sensitive and the Chairman agreed to contact G S Adams and ask if it is adjustable.

Action: Chairman

6. To set the Precept for 2017/18

It was agreed that the Precept should remain at £8847 and the Clerk was asked to complete the relevant paperwork and return it to SDC.

Action: Clerk

7. Accounts

The Clerk reported that for the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 all WALC local councils will be working with P K F Littlejohn as their external auditors.

The following cheque were signed:

Laurence Evans	Cost of Christmas tree	90.00
Studley Parish Council	Bulky waste collection	320.00
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	10.33
ICO	Data Protection	35.00
J R Gibbs	Grass cutting	1535.80
Clerk	Salary and expenses	522.90
HMRC	Clerk's tax	116.60
Coughton with Sambourne	Room Hire	65.00
Open Spaces	Subscription	45.00
Willis Ward	Expenses	15.00
Dr C Clews	Website and expenses	15.08
PECO	Flagpole base	35.06

8. Planning

New Applications

16/03744/FUL	Ms R Kerridge, The Nook, Perry Mill Lane	Demolish existing building. Erection of 2 storey dwelling	Support
16/03740/FUL	David Allely. Troy Industrial Estate	Erection of 2 class B industrial units. Alteration to road and parking	Objections. Increase of traffic in Jill Lane
16/03984/COUQ	G Simons. Reins Farm, Oak Tree Lane	Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling	No objection

9. Correspondence

None

10. Chairman's business

- 1) The Christmas tree was a great success and the Chairman asked for any photographs to be forwarded to him so he can put them on the website.
- 2) Neighbourhood Watch is working well and the Police have thanked people for reporting incidents.
- 3) The Chairman and Cllr Phil Bond are planning to carry out a survey of culverts in Sambourne in the near future.

Action: Chairman

11. Any other business

The question of the downgrading of the Alexandra Hospital was discussed. Wayne gave a report on the services that have gone and said that the 'Save the Alex' Campaign is now winding down as they have gone as far as they can go. Consultation closes on 20th January 2017. The Parish Council expressed grave concerns.

12. Dates of next meetings

Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.45 pm

AGM Monday 15th May 2017:

Annual Parish Assembly	7.15 pm
Annual Meeting	7.45 pm
Parish Council meeting	8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm