

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Philip Bond

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Hazel Wright

Stratford District Council (Studley with Sambourne)

Cllr Clive Rickhards

Warwickshire County Council

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

There were 12 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: None

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

Speeding Action Group: The meeting was well attended, with 16 people present. Three actions were passed on to Cllr Rickhards:

- 1) Restoration of parking restrictions in Astwood Bank, which would result in fewer vehicles coming through Sambourne.
- 2) Suggestion of 'pinch points' on the road
- 3) Request for weight restrictions on the bridges around Sambourne – as more HGV's were passing through the village.

The next meeting will be held in early February.

Action: Cllr Rickhards, Cllr Joynes

Junction of Whitemoor Lane/Alcester Heath: Action completed.

Parking in Astwood Bank: Ongoing

Repairs to the Bus Shelter: The application to the County Councillor's Members Grant has been successful. The Chairman will obtain quotes for the work involved and the repair will be carried out as soon as possible.

Action: Chairman

Christmas Tree: Thanks were expressed to the Village Association and the volunteers who sourced, erected and dressed the tree. The tree graced the Green and was greatly admired until Storm Eleanor felled it on 12th Night. Luckily the lights escaped damage.

Public Participation : Misuse of Fireworks:

- The Chairman had contacted the office of the PCC and been referred to Warwickshire Police.
- The Chairman contacted Alcester Police who said that they had not had to deal with a problem of this kind before but there is a trained Wild Life Officer who could be called upon. The feedback from the Wild Life Officer is that the legislation is largely aimed at those responsible for the animals.
- The Police recommended a dialogue with the organisers of the display as well as the owners of the animals to avoid any repetition of the distress reported earlier.
- It was agreed that the level of nuisance caused previously would be reinforced by an article in the Link.
- Cllr Wright said that responsibility was with the SDC Environmental Health Officer. If evidence were gathered he would act on it.

Forestry work on the Chestnut Tree:

- 1) Work commenced on the morning of 15th January 2018.
- 2) Willis removed the concrete plinth and the bench.

Dog Fouling: As this is an ongoing concern the purchase of a camera was discussed. The Chairman agreed to discuss with Rob the best type of 'trail' camera to buy.

Action: Chirman

Precept for 2018/2019: The Clerk confirmed that she had returned the completed form to SDC.

Land at the corner of the Jubilee: Cllr Bond reported that the car business seems to have ceased.

Meeting with SDC Planning: Cllr Wright reported that Robert Weeks would be happy to arrange a meeting at Elizabeth House to go through the planning process with Councillors. It was agreed that:

- The Chairman would give the Clerk a selection of suitable dates
- The Clerk will contact Robert Weeks to arrange the meeting

Cllr Wright would like to be involved.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

Broken pane on telephone box: Open Reach have confirmed that the box is on the list to be removed. Consequently, it is not planned to repair the pane.

Remembrance Service: The Clerk confirmed that she had written a letter of thanks to Mr Gibbs.

Coughton CE Primary School: A letter of thanks had been received from Nick Moon but it was thought that our offer of the use of the Parish Hall for a fund raising activity would not be taken up at this time.

5. **Public Participation** None

6. **PIR Sign Repair**

The application to the County Councillor's Members Grant was unfortunately unsuccessful.

As this is a failed safety measure it was felt that the WCC should carry out the repair. The PC would be willing to fund 50% of the cost.

It was agreed that:

- The Chairman would contact Jo Edwards at Road Safety and ask what are the prospects for the sign being repaired.
- Cllr Rickhards would also speak to Traffic and Road Safety and ask for the sign to be repaired, mentioning that if necessary the PC would make a contribution to the cost.

If these measures fail it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the total amount of the repair.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

7. Mowing Contract

It was agreed that the contract for Mr Gibbs should be renewed. The Clerk was asked to write and confirm.

Action: Clerk

8 Flooding in Middletown Lane

Middletown Lane is in a bad state of repair, with broken man hole covers, potholes, sunken verges and blocked drains. All these defects contribute to the problem of flooding.

Cllr Rickhards was of the opinion that a proper resurface should be carried out. He confirmed that four issues had been reported to WCC but no work had commenced to date. As a result it was agreed that:

- 1) Cllr Rickhards would contact the Flood Risk Management Team on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 2) Photographic evidence of the affected area would be used to support the case.
- 3) Cllr Philip Bond would e-mail the relevant photographs.

Action: Cllr Rickhards, Cllr Bond

9. Mitigation – Purchase and planting of orange blossom by green box

Discussion arose around whether or not it was necessary to mitigate the green box. The shrub that has been suggested – a choisia – would grow to 2.5 m and the position of the plants could be problematic. It was agreed to postpone the decision until a future meeting. Parishioners did not feel that such mitigation was necessary or appropriate.

Ongoing

10. Sambourne and Middletown Matters Facebook page

A Community Forum page for Sambourne and Middletown has been set up on Facebook. The Forum raises awareness of anything happening in the village – from possible criminal activity to social events. To date there are 296 members and it is open to anyone to join. If you wish to join please e-mail Cllr Philip Bond and he will add your name.

philipbond64@gmail.com

Action: Cllr Philip Bond

11. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary and expenses	552.90
HMRC	Clerk's tax	121.60
Open Spaces	Subscription	45.00
ICO	Data Protection	35.00
Flagpole Express	Flags	214.61
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	240.00
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	38.93
J R Gibbs	Mowing	2483.76
Larence Evans	Christmas Tree	90.00
Victor Griffiths	Plants for Middletown	26.09
C Clews	Website expenses	19.29

12. Planning

New Applications

17/01847/OUT	Redditch Gateway	A 70 acre industrial development	Notification as adjacent Parish
17/03045/FUL	Chestnut Farm Jill Lane	Change of use to 3 residential dwellings	
Pre Application Enquiry	Harvesters Middletown	Self Build Plots	

Decisions

17/01072/FUL	She Mol Middletown Lane	2 storey extension	Granted 13/11/2017
17/03572/LDP	Woodland View		Approved 10/01/2018
17/02896/FUL	Alidou, Middletown Lane	Conversion of bungalow to 2 storey dwelling	Planning Granted 20/11/2017
17/03193/LDP	3 Kiln Close	Single storey extension	Compliant 08/12/2017
17/03163/COUQ	Spinney Cottage Oak Tree Lane	Change of use to dwelling house	Prior Approval granted 11/12/2017

A pre-application enquiry had been received concerning self-build plots at Harvesters, Middletown. Councillors were asked to consider the application and e-mail their responses to the Clerk, who will then reply to the Architects concerned.

Action: Clerk

14. Chairman's business

- 1) The annual inspection of the green box is due. The Chairman agreed to contact G S Adams to carry out the inspection.

Action: Chairman

- 2) A volunteer is needed to take responsibility for the flying of flags. If anyone is interested please contact the Chairman or Cllr Philip Bond.
- 3) It was confirmed that the new footpath at Glebe Farm is listed on the Warwickshire Rights of Way.
- 4) The question was raised about whether the Village Association is organising anything to mark the Royal Wedding on 19th May. This will be discussed at their next meeting on 17th January.
- 5) It was suggested that a theme for this year's MiniFest could be:
 - i. 100 years since the end of WW1
 - ii. 70 years since the beginning of the NHS
 - iii. 100 years since (most) women got the vote.
- 6) The Chairman had contacted the PCC asking whether they would back more police resources in Sambourne. There has been a public consultation on the raising of the Police Precept, the funding for which would mean that the existing Force could be retained.

15. Any other business

Cllr Shaw reported that a number of large trucks have been parked at the Phoenix Site in Jill Lane. They appear to be storage containers, which are being rented out. Cllr Wright agreed to contact Enforcement.

Action: Cllr Wright

16. Dates of next Meetings

Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.45 pm

AGM Monday 21st May :

- Annual Parish Assembly 7.00 pm
- Annual Meeting 7.45 pm
- Parish Council Meeting 8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm