

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Clr David Shaw

Cllr Philip Bond

Cllr Clive Rickhards

Warwickshire County Council

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

There were 13 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Hazel Wright

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Broken railings by the brook in Whitemoor Lane: The railings have been replaced by WCC but have been damaged yet again. Cllr Rickhards was asked to contact John Brown (Highways) and suggest that they be removed completely.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Removal of chestnut tree on the Green: The chestnut tree that was in decline has now been felled and stump grinded. A replacement Hornbeam tree has been planted. The Clerk has applied to WALC for a 20% grant towards the cost of the works.

Flooding alleviation in Middletown Lane: Cllr Bond reported that the ditching work has now been completed.

Speeding traffic: Cllr Rickhards reported that roundels were due to be painted on the roads entering the village during March. Although this was welcomed, it was felt that more should be done and a Speeding Action Group needs to be formed as a matter of urgency, in order to put pressure on WCC Traffic Group.

To be carried forward

Superfast broadband throughout Sambourne: Although there is now superfast broadband throughout most of Sambourne there are still properties from The White House to Middletown that have low broadband speeds. The cause of this is the length of wire from cabinet 3 by The Oak pub on the A435 to the Eastern end of Sambourne. Wayne Bates, who is one of the householders affected, has agreed to compile a list of numbers and speeds. The Chairman will then contact CSW.

Action: Wayne Bates, Chairman

Mowing contract for 2019/2020: The Clerk confirmed that she has written to Mr Gibbs to renew the mowing contract for 2109/2020.

Precept for 2019/2020: The Clerk confirmed that the relevant paperwork had been completed and forwarded to SDC.

Tree management protocol: Cllr Jones reported that he is awaiting confirmation from WCC Forestry that Sambourne is due for a tree inspection.

5. Public participation

Glebe Farm: Peter Archer reported that there is an ongoing problem with recycling at Glebe Farm. Heavy vehicles are parking at the Farm, causing damage to the highway and verges and creating noise pollution. There are two issues:

- No planning in place Responsibility of WCC
- Noise pollution Responsibility of SDC

Bobby Green, from Glebe Farm, has been in contact with WCC who say it is an illegal operation but he can operate for 6 months without planning permission. WCC will then legally enforce shut down. The 6 months commenced on 1st March 2019.

- Cllr Rickhards was asked to contact Highways about the damage caused to the roads by lorries.
- The Chairman will contact the Traffic Commissioner about lorries parking overnight at the Farm.

Action: Cllr Rickhards, Chairman

Sambourne Trust: Willis Ward enquired whether there were elections due on the Sambourne Trust. It was confirmed that none were due this year. A discussion followed concerning the transparency of the Trust and the use of Trust funds. It was agreed that:

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting would be held to discuss points raised and also to answer any queries that had been put in writing to the Chairman of the Parish Council prior to the Meeting. It would be expected that all members of the Trust, including co-opted members, would be in attendance.
2. The Sambourne Trust would be an Agenda item for the May meeting of the Parish Council.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

6. Approach by persons interested in Playground Project

Katie Hague had submitted some excellent ideas for creating a play area on the recreation ground, using the natural environment. Rob showed photographs of the plans, which include wooden steps, balance beams, den building, bird boxes, planting and other 'wild space' ideas.

Although the Project was well received there was some concern about keeping the area safe and free from vandalism. Geoff Smith has been involved with the recreation ground for 40 years and would be happy to work with the Project and talk to Katie. Julie Howl, who looked at using the area for a similar scheme in the past, would also be a good source of information. Both were willing to have their telephone numbers forwarded to Katie.

7. Quadrennial Elections – Parish Council

Elections for the Parish Council will take place on 2nd May.

- Sambourne North 2 Parish Councillors
- Sambourne South 3 Parish Councillors

Notices concerning the Election will be on the Notice Boards on 19th March. Anyone interested in applying should contact the Clerk by email: teresajmurphy@aol.com

Applications must be returned to the Clerk by 26th March.

8. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

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| Clerk | Salary | 512.75 |
| | Expenses | 108.00 |
| | Laminator | 79.00 |
| GS Adams | Electrical Inspection Village Green | 90.00 |
| WCC Forestry | Removal of chestnut tree and replanting | 1,134.00 |
| HMRC | Clerks Tax | 128.00 |
| C Clews | Website | 11.98 |
| | CPRE subscription | 40.00 |

9. Planning

Cllr Bond reported that he had attended the Planning Appeal concerning the application made by Peter Taafe at the Old Post Office. Despite the support of the Parish Council and Cllr Hazel Wright, the application was rejected.

There were no new applications in the period January to March.

The following decisions were made:

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| 18/03274/FUL | Sunnyside Middletown Lane | Erection of side garage and single storey extension | | Granted 5/3/2019 |
| 18/03710/FUL | The Old Post Office | Erection of Garden Studio | | Refused Permission 21/2/2019 |
| 18/03544/FUL | Glorfindol Sambourne Park | Single storey Orangery | | Granted 6/2/2019 |

10. **Correspondence:** None

11. **Chairman's Business**

- 1) The Chairman reported that G S Adams had carried out an electrical inspection and test on the Village Green supply box.
- 2) We now have a contact for a handyman to repair and refurbish the benches on the Green. The Chairman will obtain a quote.

Action: Chairman

- 3) There has been a crash in Sambourne outside the church on Whitemoor Lane and the elm tree has been damaged. Photographs of the tree have been sent to WCC Forestry in case of decline of the tree.

12. **Any other business**

- A parishioner called for a 40 mph limit on all lanes in Sambourne. Speeding traffic is an ongoing problem and it was felt a speed camera was needed.
- The bus shelter is in need of repair following the recent gales. Cllr Bond will contact Sean Hindle as it should still be under warranty.

Action: Cllr Bond

13. **Dates of next meetings:**

Monday 13th May 2019

- **Annual Assembly** 7.15 pm
- **Annual Meeting** 7.45 pm
- **Parish Council Meeting** 8.00 pm

Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

