

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	Vice-Chairman
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Pete Joynes	
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

There were 7 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Phil Bond, Cllr Clive Rickhards, Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Justin Kerridge

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising

Speeding Action Group: The Group met for the second time in April. It was a successful meeting, with undertakings from people present. Rammy agreed to look at Community Speed Watch. This will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

Dog fouling: The action taken seems to have been effective and it is now a matter of staying on the alert. If the problem does recur it will be reported to SDC for action.

Meeting with SDC Planning: Four Councillors attended the training course, organised by WALC, at Studley Village Hall. It was a good, informative meeting and was well attended.

Phoenix Site: There is now a planning application for the containers being rented out on the site. The land owner, Geraldine Quinney, was at the meeting and she stated that it was a re-start of a business that had been in use before. She requested that we re-name the item as: G Quinney Brownfield site.

Flooding at end of Sambourne Lane: The Flood Risk Management Team has carried out a survey of the site but we do not have their findings. The Chairman agreed to contact the Team and request a copy of their report.

Action: Chairman

The Sambourne Trust: It was reported that David MacMullen has been re-appointed as a Trustee for a further 4 year term of office, commencing in June 2018.

Snow clearing: The Clerk confirmed that a payment of £50, as a token of gratitude from the Parish Council, had been made to the four local landowners.

Bench around the chestnut tree: To be dealt with under Item 6 on the Agenda.

Gritting in Sambourne Lane: Cllr Rickhards has argued the point about gritting in Sambourne Lane but is not hopeful about a favourable outcome.

Picket fence in Middletown Lane: Thanks to Willis for repairing the missing posts from the fence surrounding the Wild Area on Middletown Lane.

5. Public Participation

John Heppenstall reported that the bench on the field at the back of the Trust Cottages is unsafe and needs to be removed. The recreation ground has been under the care of Geoff Smith for a long time and if he is happy about this then the bench can be removed.

Action: John Heppenstall – to contact Geoff Smith

6. Bench around the Chestnut Tree

WCC Forestry has advised us that it is not advisable to place a new bench around the chestnut tree. The only tree that fulfills all the recommendations is the oak tree by the bus shelter and it was agreed that this was the best position for the replacement bench.

The following actions will be taken:

- Obtain two quotes for the groundworks.
- Find out details of the bench and share drawings with Laurence. Geoff Smith will also lend his expertise.
- Consider a raised circular base for the bench to sit on. Solid pads – possibly concrete – beneath each foot. Backfilled with wood bark chippings.
- Compile a list of volunteers to help assemble the base and bench.

It was agreed that we would like the work done as soon as possible. The Chairman will put details of the scheme on the Parish website and Cllr Bond will post something similar on the Sambourne Matters Facebook page.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Phil Bond

7. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Transparency Fund	50.00
Clerk	Salary	486.90
	Expenses	71.00
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	121.60

Studley Parish Council	Bulky Waste	40.00
British Gas	Meter on the Green	37.50
WALC	Subscription	242.00
BHIB	Insurance	565.29
Cllr Jones	Plants for Memorial Garden	37.80
Cllr Clews	Website and Bus shelter expenses	713.58
Willis Ward	Fencing panels	11.16
Alan Harrison	Internal audit	35.00
Victor Griffiths	Planters in Middletown	20.00

8. Planning

New Applications

18/00092/FUL	18/04/18	Haydens, Middletown Lane	Erection of 2 storey triple garage	Withdrawn
17/03789/FUL	19/04/18	Troy Industrial Estate Amendment	Erection of 2 industrial units	Sambourne PC object to this application
18/01005/LDE	16/05/18	Jill Lane	Onsite storage units	
18/10901/FUL	25/05/18	Haydon Way Farm	Removal of timber fence and replacement with brick boundary wall	No objection

Decisions

17/03224/FUL	22/13/18	Silver Birches, Middletown Lane.	Render external walls to replace existing brickwork	Granted 22/03/18
18/00301/FUL	18/04/18	Alidou, Middletown Lane	Replacement of pre fabricated bungalow	Permission with conditions 18/04/18

9. Correspondence

None

10. Chairman's business

- 1) A request had been made for some money towards plants for the planter in Middletown. It was agreed that a one-off payment should be made.

Action: Clerk

- 2) Security marking will take place in Sambourne on Monday 11th June 9.30 -10.30 am in the lay-by on Whitemoor Lane. Security marking your property increases the chances of getting it back if it is lost or stolen. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding this property marking event. Come along with anything from lawn mowers to laptops, tools to bicycles and get it security marked free of charge.

11. Any other business

Cllr Shaw reported that a bollard on the Slough near the entrance to Jill Lane was not lit and he considered it to be dangerous. The Chairman asked him to report it to WCC.

Action: Cllr Shaw

12. Dates of next meetings:

- Monday 16th July 2018 at 7.45 pm
- Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm