

## SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Present:**

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Cllr Chris Clews           | Chairman                               |
| Cllr Phil Jones            | Vice-Chairman                          |
| Cllr David Shaw            |                                        |
| Cllr Phil Bond             |                                        |
| Cllr Clive Rickhards       | Warwickshire County Council            |
| Cllr Neil Edden            | SDC (Studley with Sambourne)           |
| Cllr Peter Hencher-Serafin | SDC (Studley with Mappleborough Green) |
| Teresa Murphy              | Clerk                                  |

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Peter Taaffe, Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Justin Kerridge

There were approximately 40 parishioners present.

Geraldine Quinney had long been a friend to Sambourne Parish Council and it was with regret that the Chairman reported her death. She will be missed in the village and the Councillors expressed their sincere condolences to the family.

### **2. Disclosure of Interest:**

As a Trustee, Cllr Shaw made a disclosure of interest against Item 6 on the Agenda – The Sambourne Trust.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

**Broken railings by the brook in Whitemoor Lane:** It was requested that WCC review the situation of the railings and acknowledge our request not to replace damaged railings but to remove them completely.

**Action:** Cllr Rickhards

**Superfast Broadband:** Cllr Bond has given the Chairman a list of those households not satisfied with their broadband speed but Wayne Bates has had no replies from his request. The Chairman will again contact CSW.

**Action:** Chairman

**Overnight parking at Glebe Farm:** This has been reported to the PC and the official route to lodge a complaint has been established. The situation will be monitored and reported to the Authorities as necessary.

***Benches on the Green:*** Repair and refurbishment of the the three benches on the Green and the one outside the Church has been commissioned and the work will commence by the end of May.

**Bus shelter:** Cllr Bond reported that the repairs had been made to the bus shelter.

## 5. Publication Participation

- 1) A parishioner expressed concern regarding activities at the container storage site off Jill Lane. This matter will be dealt with under Agenda Item 11.
- 2) It had been noted that an additional sum of £2,000 had been requested for the 2019/2020 Precept. It was explained that this was a budget requirement for possible election expenses.

## 6. Sambourne Trust

- At the last meeting of the Parish Council, Willis Ward raised questions concerning the Sambourne Trust. Since then, Willis has had a further meeting with the Sambourne Trust, where these matters were aired and he is happy with the outcome.
- Cllr Shaw did not agree with certain matters being discussed in public, particularly an accusation which impinges on tradesmen. Following the meeting of the Sambourne Trust Cllr Shaw had received a letter from a tradesman refuting the statement and any accusation.

## 7. Quadrennial Elections Results – Stratford District Council

The Chairman welcomed our two new District Councillors:

- Neil Eddon Studley with Sambourne Ward
- PeterHench-Serafin Studley with Mappleborough Green Ward

## 8. Noise nuisance from brick crushing machine at Glebe Farm

*It was requested that this should be restated as: Noise nuisance from brick crushing machine on land off Whitemoor Lane.*

Following email contact and phone calls with Cllr Taaffe, Mr Warwick made the following statement:

‘An alternative site has been found, which should be available in July. The brick crushing operation has completed, or almost completed, and the site will be tidied consistent with the deadline given by WCC , which is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.’

The Chairman thanked Mr Warwick for attending the meeting and for his contact with Cllr Taaffe. Mr Warwick, in turn, thanked the Parish Council for their part in dealing with this controversial matter in a fair manner.

## 9. Accounts

- i. The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2018/19 had been finalised. A copy of the final Balance Sheet was circulated to the Councillors.
- ii. The Internal Audit has been delayed due to the state of health of the Auditor. A replacement Auditor will be found and the Audit completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, as stipulated by the External Auditors, PFK Littlejohn.
- iii. The Certificate of Exemption for smaller Authorities has been signed and will be returned to the external auditors.

### ***The following cheques were signed:***

|             |                          |        |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Clerk       | Salary and expenses      | 631.18 |
| HMRC        | Clerk's Tax              | 128.00 |
| WALC        | Subscription             | 243.00 |
| British Gas | Electricity on the Green | 37.77  |
| BHIB        | Insurance                | 571.23 |
| C Clews     | Website expenses         | 9.98   |

**Action:** Clerk

## 1. Planning

**Perrymill Farm:** This application has resulted in correspondence between the Parish Council and SDC. It was suggested that David McMullen speaks to Neil Edden to try to find a way forward.

**Action:** Cllr Edden

### ***New Applications***

|            |                          |                                                                       |                                     |         |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 12/03/2019 | Chestnut Farm            | Change of use to 5 dwelling houses                                    | Support but question sustainability | Refused |
| 13/03/2019 | Lingwood, The Slough     | Outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation                     | Support                             |         |
| 21/03/2019 | Trust Cottages           | Refurbishment                                                         | Support                             |         |
| 29/03/2019 | Sambourne Lane Farm      | Demolition of existing buildings and replacement with 5 new dwellings |                                     |         |
| 18/04/2019 | Lingwood                 | Amendment to previous planning                                        |                                     |         |
| 24/04/2019 | Storage Units, Jill Lane | Replacement of storage buildings with metal shipping containers       |                                     |         |

### **11. Correspondence**

- 1) A letter had been received from John Heppenstall concerning storm water drainage on the highway at the junction of Oak Tree Lane, Sambourne Lane and Perrymill Lane. Despite maintenance carried out by WCC the problem is still ongoing. Cllr Bond agreed to contact Mark Banning at WCC Flood Risk Management Team and ask him to come out and have a look.

**Action:** Cllr Bond

Councillor Rickhards will contact John Brown about the gulley by David Shaw's property in Perrymill Lane.

**Action:** Cllr Rickhards

- 2) A number of parishioners have expressed concern to the Parish Council regarding activities at the container storage site off Jill Lane. The owner, Christian Matthews, was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email to say that he will be tidying the site and removing the two derelict buildings. These will be replaced by storage containers, which will be painted green to blend in.

## **12. Chairman's Business**

- The Speeding Action Traffic group needs to discuss weight limits and the freeing up traffic through Astwood Bank.
- The Parish Plan, the PC Standing Orders and the Emergency Procedures Plan need to be re-visited.
- The de-Warding of Sambourne to be considered at some time in the future.
- The Redditch Eastern Gateway continues to be a cause for concern.

## **13. Any other business**

### ***Playground Project:***

Katie Hague has met with Geoff Smith and constructive discussions have taken place. They agreed that no tree work would be done until Autumn. The site they are considering is as far away as possible and they respect the fact that it should not be a nuisance to anybody. The Parish Council is happy with plans to date.

## **14. Dates of next meetings:**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 7.45 pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm