

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Hazel Wright

Stratford District Council (Studley with Sambourne)

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

There were 7 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Philip Bond, Cllr Clive Rickhards, Cllr Justin Kerridge

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2017 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

Speeding Action Group: A meeting of the Traffic Group is to be held on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

Ongoing

Junction of Whitemoor Lane/Alcester Heath: The Clerk had received a reply from the Estates Manager at Ragley stating that the problem of visibility is mainly caused by self-set trees growing on the highway verge and, as such, is the responsibility of WCC. The Clerk was asked to e-mail Ragley stating that the

Parish Council is now transferring the responsibility to Warwickshire County Council Highways. Copy to Cllr Rickhards.

Action: Clerk

Flood Risk Management: Photographic evidence of any future flooding problems to be kept on file for future reference.

Parking in Astwood Bank: This would be brought up at the meeting of the Traffic Group on 15th November.

Ongoing

Repairs to the Bus Shelter: The Chairman has completed the application for the County Councillor's Members Grant.

Repair to the traffic sign outside the Church: The Chairman has made an application to the County Councillor's Members Grant for the repair of the sign. If this is not successful it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the repair.

Christmas Tree: Laurence reported that the purchase of a Christmas Tree was progressing well. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the invoice for the tree and the SVA would reimburse the net cost.

Action: Laurence, Clerk

Danger of walking in Middletown due to traffic: This would be discussed at the meeting of the Speeding Action Group on 15th November.

5. Public Participation

There have been increasing incidents involving the use of fireworks in the Village. Over the Bonfire Night weekend there was an extremely large display in the centre of the village which caused considerable alarm. The fireworks were ignited in close proximity to livestock, which resulted in horses being spooked and some sustaining injuries caused by the ensuing panic. Many large spent fireworks were littered on the Green and in surrounding gardens. The Animal Welfare Act 2006 states:

It is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields, or close to buildings that house livestock.

Cllr Wright said that it was the responsibility of the Environmental Health Department and she was asked to find out what measures could be taken to prevent this in future. The Police should also be asked if they were prepared to uphold the Act if necessary.

It was also agreed to:

- 1) Put 'Misuse of Fireworks' on the Agenda for the September 2018 meeting
- 2) A notice to be put in the Link in September/October 2018

Action: Cllr Wright, Cllr Shaw, Clerk

6. Forestry Work required for the Chestnut Tree on the Green

A quote of £225 has been given by WCC Forestry to extend the life of the tree by reduction of the crown and further pruning. They also recommend removing the concrete plinth and bench and consider planting a new tree to house the new bench.

It was agreed:

- 1) To approve the cost of £225 for the forestry work
- 2) Obtain a quote to remove the concrete plinth and bench. Willis would be happy to carry out this work.

Action: Chairman

7. Dog Fouling

Cllr Wright stated that SDC would act on complaints if backed up by photographic evidence. They have the right to impose fines and take the matter to court. The possibility of buying a camera was discussed and it was agreed to put this on the Agenda for the January meeting.

Action: Clerk

8. Precept for 2018/2019

It was agreed that the Precept for 2018/2019 would remain the same.

Action: Clerk

9. Accounts

The following cheques were written:

Clerk	Salary and Expenses	552.90
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	121.60
Grant Thornton	Audit Fee	150.00
Cllr Shaw	Dog Fouling leaflets	35.00
British Gas	Electricity to the Green	30.69
Willis Ward	Roofing shingles	89.97
Cllr Clews	Website expenses/Poppy wreath	42.97

The Clerk was given approval to submit an application for Transparency Funding to cover the cost of website expenses and the purchase of a printer.

Action: Clerk

10. Planning

New Applications

17/02543/FUL	Elsinore, The Slough	Proposed front side and rear extensions	No objection. Granted 12/10/17
17/01847/OUT	Redditch Gateway - Amendment		Notification as adjoining Council
17/02896/FUL	Alidou, Middletown Lane	Conversion of bungalow to 2 storey dwelling	Support
17/03163/COUQ	Spinney Cottage Oak Tree Lane	Change of use of part of agricultural building to dwelling house	Support
17/01072/FUL	She Mol, Middletown Lane	Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension	Planning Committee 8 th November. Recommendation of refusal

Decisions

17/01835/FUL	The Coach House, Sambourne Lane	Single storey extension	Refused 12/09/2017
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11. Correspondence

- Warwickshire Gritting Routes 2017/18
- Open Spaces magazine
- WALC Annual Report

12. Chairman's business

- 1) The Chairman had contacted the Police and Crimes Commissioner on several occasions concerning problems of speeding and break-ins in Sambourne. To date he has not had a response.
- 2) Two blocked drains had been reported to WCC, one in Middletown Lane and one by the Jubilee car park. WCC state that they have jetted both of them but the one at the Jubilee is still blocked. The reason for this is that half the drain is on the Jubilee's land and half on Middletown Lane. John Brown (WCC) has now agreed to complete the work.
- 3) The land adjacent to the Jubilee, which used to be stables, is now being used as a car repair business and is very unsightly. Enforcement needs to be informed.

Action: Cllr Wright

- 4) Planning permission was applied for last year for construction work on 'Westleigh' in Middletown. The house is now vacant and the building work incomplete and causing an eyesore. Cllr Wright has contacted Planning and they have visited to investigate. The officer spoke to owners of neighbouring properties to keep them informed.
- 5) The Parish Council now have to supply planning reasons when responding to applications. It would be helpful to have more information about this and it was agreed that Cllr Wright would arrange for a member of the Planning team to attend the January meeting.

Action: Cllr Wright, Clerk

- 6) The bin by the church does not appear to have been emptied. Streetscene have now confirmed it is on the schedule and will be emptied in future.
- 7) The left hand pane of the telephone box is crazed. The Chairman has contacted Open Reach to ask for it to be repaired.
- 8) The date for completion of superfast broadband was October this year. The Eastern end of Sambourne is still not completed and a response is awaited as to why.
- 9) The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Gibbs and thank him for ensuring that the Green looked immaculate for the Remembrance Service.

Action: Clerk

13. Any other business

Cllr Jones had received an e-mail from Nick Moon, the Chair of Governors at Coughton CE Primary School. He was requesting funding towards interactive screens in all classrooms. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would suggest that the Parish Hall could be used as a fund-raising venue by Coughton PTA and that the PC would fund the cost of the hall hire. Cllr Jones was asked to contact Nick Moon.

Action: Cllr Jones

14. Dates of next meetings:

Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.45 pm

Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.45

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm