

## **SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **Present:**

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Philip Bond

Cllr Hazel Wright

Stratford District Council (Studley with Sambourne)

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

There were 9 parishioners present.

**1.Apologies:** Cllr David Shaw, Cllr Clive Rickhards, Cllr Justin Kerridge

**2.Disclosure of Interest:** None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were agreed and signed.

### **4. Matters arising**

***Replacement for chestnut tree:*** Agenda item No 7.

### ***Speeding Action Group:***

- a) A meeting of the SPAG was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- b) A meeting had also been held with Phil Salter from WCC and a conversation about 'pinch points' took place. He informed the Group that the data taken from the pipes showed that the average speed in Sambourne is 31 mph, which he considered did not constitute a speeding issue. He did, however, agree to obtain costings for pinch points and ask if it would be possible to install them, if Sambourne were willing to part-fund the costs. As Sambourne has no street lighting it is unlikely that WCC would be willing to proceed.
- c) He also made an offer to:
  - Improve markings on the tarmac, which would include red roundels on the entrances to the village. The work to be carried out this financial year.
  - Look at the possibility for installing white gates at each of the five entrances to Sambourne. The gates would be at either side of the road, with a 30 mph sign. This would be in the following financial year 2019/20.

After discussion it was agreed that we would like to go ahead with these suggestions.

**Action:** Cllr Joynes

***Flooding at Middletown:*** Work is going ahead on the second draft of the grant form to apply for funding to clear the ditch. In order to complete the form we need:

- 1) Photographs showing the situation in the entrance to the field when it rains.
- 2) Two quotes for the clearing of the ditch
- 3) Permission from local landowners to gain access to their land (written permission received from 5 Trees).

The biggest expense is clearing the ditch. As a number of the drains are blocked the possibility of digging a French drain, which would be maintained by Sambourne, was discussed.

The form, with attachments to be submitted to WCC in 6 weeks.

**Action:** Chairman, Cllr Bond

***Volunteers to help with the flagpole:*** We are still urgently looking for assistance with the raising of flags. Please contact the Chairman or Cllr Bond if you feel able to help.

***Chairman's business:*** It was agreed that Willis Ward would obtain a quote for the repair and renovation of the benches. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency, before the winter.

**Action:** Willis Ward

## **5. Public Participation**

Willis Ward reported that the rails by the brook in Whitemor Lane were broken again. These rails do not serve any useful purpose and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Cllr Rickhards and suggest that they be removed and not repaired again.

**Action:** Chairman

Willis Ward raised the point about traffic calming at the last meeting of Sambourne Trust and said that The Trust were sympathetic to the cause. When we receive costings for the pinch points from WCC it was suggested these be forwarded for the consideration of the Trust.

**Action:** SPAG, Willis Ward

## **6. Planning Application for the conversion of existing buildings – Sambourne Lane Farm**

Unfortunately Wayne Stokes was unable to attend the meeting. The plans were put on the table for discussion. There were no comments and the Parish Council will consider further and respond to the application by the given date.

## **7. Replacement Tree for the Green**

It was agreed that a replacement for the chestnut tree on the Green should be sourced. Cllr Jones has been informed that it is not advisable to purchase another chestnut as they are not very robust. A hornbeam was suggested, which has bright green leaves and would look good. Quotes have been sought and it would be possible to buy a 4.5 – 5m tree with a 20 – 25 cm girth for £920.

There are two options for management of the existing chestnut tree:

1. Remove the tree entirely and plant the new one as close as we are able
2. Leave the existing tree and plant the new hornbeam between the chestnut tree and the oak by the finger post.

The overall comments were, in order to maintain the balance of the Green, the chestnut tree should be removed.

### ***It was, therefore, agreed that:***

1. Advice should be sought from WCC Forestry on the root habit of the tree as we need to remove as many of the roots as possible.
2. Enquire about planning permission, as it is in a conservation area.

Cllr Jones was asked to contact WCC tree surgeons about removing the tree and asking how successful it would be to use the site for the planting of the new tree.

**Action:** Chairman (Planning), Cllr Jones

## **8. Misuse of Fireworks**

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 states that it is an offence 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. It is the responsibility of the Environmental Health Department to uphold the Act. Peter Taaffe fears that there could be a repeat of the problem this year and agreed to contact the Police and ask for their advice.

**Action:** Peter Taaffe

## **9. Funding for The Link**

It was agreed that a contribution of £100 be made for funding of The Link.

**Action:** Clerk

## 10. Accounts

### *The following cheques were signed:*

|                             |                  |        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Clerk                       | Salary           | 512.75 |
|                             | Expenses         | 71.00  |
| HMRC                        | Clerk's Tax      | 128.00 |
| Studley PC                  | Bulky Waste      | 253.62 |
| Coughton with Sambourne PCC | Room Hire        | 80.00  |
| Cllr Jones                  | Expenses         | 13.98  |
| Cllr Clews                  | Website expenses | 11.98  |
| Coughton with Sambourne PCC | The Link         | 100.00 |

## 11. Planning

### *New Applications*

|               |            |                                  |                                          |                 |
|---------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 17/03789/FUL  | 26/07/18   | Troy Industrial Estate           | Erection on Class B2/B8 industrial units | Refused 6/09/18 |
| 18/02131/FUL  | 15/08/18   | Old Post Office Cottage          | Erection of garden studio                | Support         |
| 18/02484/COUQ | 31/08/2108 | Wayne Stokes Sambourne Lane Farm | Change of use to 5 dwelling houses       |                 |

### *Decisions*

|               |            |                                     |                                                  |           |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 18/01742/FUL  | 06/09/18   | 102 Oak Tree Lane                   | Timber Frame Conservatory                        | Granted   |
| 18/00701/FUL  | 12/17/18   | Julie Lamare Harvesters Motor House | Holiday let                                      | Withdrawn |
| 18/01699/COUQ | 27/07/2018 | Spinney Cottage Oak Tree Lane       | Change of use from agricultural to no 1 dwelling | Granted   |
| 18/01741/FUL  | 05/09/18   | The Nook, Perry mill Lane           | Siting of mobile home for holiday let            | Withdrawn |

## 12. Chairman's Business

**Remembrance Day Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** The Service will be held on The Green at 10.45  
**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Room

**Broadband:** Following correspondence with Mr Zahawi and Open Reach it is hoped that the completion date for superfast broadband in Sambourne will be mid-October.

### ***Speeding Action Group***

Cllr Joynes has not heard from Rami concerning Community Speed Watch and agreed to contact him.

**Action:** Cllr Joynes

There has been an increase in the number of hgv's coming through Sambourne. Photographic evidence has been obtained and it was agreed that these should be sent to Cllr Rickhards and also Mr Zawahi for comment.

**Action:** Cllr Joynes

### ***Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Stratford upon Avon***

This document shows areas of land within Stratford District Council which are available or could be made available for housing. The Assessment period runs from 16<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## 13. Any other business

None

## 14. Date of next meetings

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.45 pm**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.45 pm**

The meeting closed at 21:36