

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.45 pm

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	Vice-Chairman
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Pete Joynes	
Cllr Phil Bond	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Hazel Wright	SDC (Studley with Sambourne))
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

1.Apologies: Cllr Justin Kerridge (Studley with Mappleborough Green))

There were 21 parishioners present.

2.Disclosure of Interest: None. It was agreed that in future this item would be entitled 'Changes to Disclosure of Interest'.

Action: Clerk

3. Welcome to the newly elected Councillor for Studley with Sambourne

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to Cllr Hazel Wright, the newly elected Councillor.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2016 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Speeding in Sambourne: Response regarding 'Safer Roads Partnership'.

To be carried forward

Post by the Village boundary Oaktree Lane/Whitemoor Lane: One damaged post still outstanding. Cllr Rickhards to report to WCC.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Bridleway from Middletown to Hayden Way: It was confirmed that this clearing work was on the jobs list for WCC.

To be carried forward

Jubilee Crossroads: Wayne to send copy of petition to Chairman.

Carried forward – Action : Wayne

Junction of Whitemoor Lane and Alcester Heath: No information has been received from the Ragley Estate about the agreed clearing work. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Action: Clerk

Public Participation: The pothole at the junction of Sambourne Lane and Whitemoor Lane has been repaired.

Flooding: There has been no reply as yet from Paul Rimen of Flood Risk Mangement concerning mapping the water courses and ditches in Sambourne.

Carried forward

Parish Plan: A meeting between the Chairman and Cllr Jones to discuss the actions will take place before the May meeting.

Carried forward

6. Public Participation

1. **Stuart Tilsley** raised the following:

(a) Drains in Sambourne Lane/Perrymill Lane are blocked. He would like to know if WCC has a programme of works for regular drain clearing. The Chairman asked for a list of drains that are blocked so that WCC can be informed. Cllr Rickhards agreed that there should be a regularised service programme and he will press for this.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

(b) The foul drain that runs across the field by Perrymill Lane has been overflowing. Severn Trent has been out to rectify it but Stuart wonders if there has been any problem here in the past. As far as the Parish Council knows, they are not aware of any previous issues.

With reference to these two items Cllr Wright suggested that every 2nd/3rd month a member of the Parish Council could accompany an officer from SDC/WCC and walk around the village to locate the various problems on the list. This was thought to be an excellent idea. The following agreed to undertake this : Chairman, Dr Graham Birley and Greg Duddy.

Willis Ward agreed to produce a map of the drains in Sambourne.

Action: Chairman, Dr Birley, Greg Duddy, Willis Ward

2. **Willis Ward:**

(a) **Planning application from the Sambourne Trust:** It is believed that this proposal is not community led and does not have the support of most people in Sambourne. The Chairman stated that this point would be made in the comments from the Parish Council to SDC Planning.

(b) Willis queried why the Sambourne Trust accounts for the years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 have not been qualified. It was agreed that this should be put on the agenda for the May meeting – namely:

- a) Sambourne Trust Accounts for the years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014
- b) Why are they not qualified
- c) What is required to revise the objectives of the Trust.

Action: Clerk

(c) Willis queried why the Police arrive in Sambourne at 9.30 am to carry out speed checks. This is when the traffic has eased – it would be more appropriate between 07.00 and 9.00 am. The Chairman would like to follow this matter up with Traffic Group and it was agreed that it should be an agenda item for the May meeting. It is believed that the Traffic Officers come from Alcester North but Cllr Rickhards will check.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Rickhards

(d) A drain cover outside Geoff Smith's house has not been replaced. If this is still outstanding it will be added to the list.

Action: Willis Ward

3. **Greg Duddy** has been horrified by the amount of litter there is in Sambourne Lane and Whitemoor Lane. Various solutions were discussed.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch**

John Chiltern made a presentation on the work of the Neighbourhood Watch. There have recently been two burglaries in the village and this has highlighted the need for support for the Neighbourhood Watch. Helpers and co-ordinators are needed to log details of burglaries/speeding/fly tipping/litter etc. Co-ordinators are needed for different parts of the village and John asked for e-mail addresses of people who would be prepared to help. He left out information and forms for completion at the back of the hall. The Police always act on details that are passed to them by the Neighbourhood Watch so it is important for as many as possible to become involved. A Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held when the volunteers have come forward. The Chairman thanked him and said the the Parish Council would give all the support needed.

8. 90th Birthday of HM the Queen

The Parish Council would like to encourage the Village Association to organise some form of celebration and provide financial help, if required. Suggestions for the celebration were discussed, these included:

- The possibility of rolling it in with the Mini Fest
- The Sambourne Singers performing a well-known song from each decade
- A street party on the Green
- A Service on the Green or in the church
- A display of photographs and memorabilia

Ideas need to be gathered and the Village Association involved. Please e-mail the Parish Council with your thoughts and a meeting will be arranged before the May meeting to discuss the way forward.

Action: Chairman

9. Total costs for the installation of electricity on the Green

- 1) This was a one-off cost totalling £2266.43. The VAT of £374.88 will be reclaimed. It was put to vote that the Parish Council reclaims the VAT and the net cost is split equally between the Village Association and the Parish Council ie £946 each.
- 2) There was unanimous agreement and the Clerk was asked to raise an invoice to the Village Association.
- 3) The provision of a Christmas tree for the Green was discussed and it was agreed this should be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Action: Clerk

10. Safety procedures to be followed when using the electricity facility

The Parish Council is responsible and only a Parish Councillor should have possession of a key. It was formally agreed that safety procedures need to be in place and the Chairman would seek advice from Studley Parish Council and GS Adams.

Action: Chairman

11. Superfast Broadband

The Broadband Action Group met on 21st January and decided on various courses of action.

- They had been in contact with BT and it was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Chairman, Cllr Rickhards and Greg Duddy. BT have been asked to offer dates and times.
- Cllr Kerridge is to talk to a meeting at SDC.

- Get in touch with our MP, Mr Zahawi and state the problems with phones. We are trying to get BT to act on wiring in Sambourne
- Mr Zawahi has written a letter to the CEO of BT and stated he wants things improving.
- Please let the Chairman know if anyone has any problems with broadband or phone faults. To check broadband speed please use www.thinkbroadband.com.

Action: SBAG

12. Accounts

The following cheques were raised:

British Gas	Meter on the Green	0.86
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	320.00
Sambourne Voice		25.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	412.20
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	89.40
Dr C Clews	Website/keys/Document printing	124.54

Mr Gibbs: the Clerk will write to Mr Gibbs to confirm his grass-cutting contract for the year 2016/2017 and to reaffirm that invoices and details of work undertaken are submitted before each Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk

13. Planning

RESULTS OF PLANNING SINCE LAST MEETING

15/04385/FUL	Troy Industrial Estate	Replacement of fire damaged unit	Permission with conditions 04/02/2016
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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/00168/FUL	Rammy Arafa Dormie, Oaktree Lane	Construction of 2 storey side extension	No objections
16/00564/COUQ	The Old Dairy Brookside Farm	Conversion of agricultural building to single dwelling	
16/00316/VARY	Sibcas Ltd, Brickyard Lane	Continued use of stacking of portable units	
16/00352/FUL	Sambourne Trust	Erection of 2 2 bedroom dwellings	
16/00696/VARY	Brookside Farm	Removal of condition 4	

The Old Dairy, Brookside Farm: As the submission date was imminent this application was discussed at the meeting. The following objections were raised:

- 1) The proposed construction would reduce amenity value due to unacceptable overlooking of Hillsbrook, Middletown Lane.
- 2) The plan should show the public rights of way.
- 3) Problems with access due to inadequate visibility splays.

The Clerk was asked to submit these objections to SDC.

Action: Clerk

14. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated the SDC publication concerning Planning for Health.

15. Chairman's business

Expiry of David Shaw's 4 year term of office on the Sambourne Trust: The four year term of office ends in June 2016 and in accordance with the agreement between the Trust and the Parish Council the Clerk was asked to post a notice asking for nominations for this voluntary post. After the period for nominations, the selection to be recommended to The Trust will be made by the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

Road closures:

- The Chairman asked Cllr Rickhards to pass on to WCC the chaos and distress that was caused during the road works on the A435 at Studley. There were no traffic controls and the diversion route was totally unacceptable.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- Middletown Lane will be closed for 2 days on 9th May. This will be to sort out the drainage.

Warwickshire Library Service is an excellent service offering home delivery of books. They are looking for volunteers – details on the website and notice boards.

15. Any other business

Cllr Shaw reported a pothole in Wyke Lane, half way from the start of the lane and the farm entrance.

16. Dates of next meetings:

Monday 9th May 2016

Annual Parish Assembly	7.15 pm
Annual Meeting of Sambourne Parish Council	7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting	7.45 pm

Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm