

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Clr David Shaw	
Cllr Pete Joynes	
Cllr Hazel Wright	Stratford District Councillor (Studley with Sambourne)
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Councillor
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

There were 9 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Phil Jones, Cllr Philip Bond, Cllr Justin Kerridge

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2018 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Speeding Action Group:

Cllr Rickhards reported that

- 1) The promised additional road markings and the 30 mph roundels should be in place this financial year (by April 2019).
- 2) The gateway features at the entrances to the village are planned for the financial year 2020/2021.
- 3) The cost of installing pinch points would not be possible as the cost would be in the region of £30,00-35,000.

The Chairman asked Cllr Rickhards to make an enquiry about the legalities of pinch points. It is known that other villages, without street lighting, have installed pinch points.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Flooding in Middletown Lane:

The Chairman reported that the grant application has been successful and £3,480 has been awarded. Work on clearing the ditch can commence as soon as the money is received.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Bond

Public Participation:

- 1) The broken railings by the brook in Whitemoor Lane have been reported to John Brown at WCC. The consensus of opinion is that the railings serve no useful purpose and could be removed. Cllr Rickhards was asked to talk to John Brown about this.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- 2) The Chairman thanked Willis Ward for his comments concerning The Trust being sympathetic to the problems with traffic calming and the expense involved.

Replacement tree for the Green:

The Chairman met Jason Tombs (WCC Forestry) to discuss options and costings:

- a) To remove the diseased chestnut tree, including the root and stump.
- b) Supply and plant a sizeable hornbeam tree.

Quote: To remove the diseased chestnut, strip the ground clear and provide and plant a hornbeam would be less than £1,000.

Action:

- 1) Bring the price formally into the January meeting.
- 2) In the meantime it was agreed to proceed.
- 3) The chosen tree is in a conservation area and the Parish Council would need to apply to SDC for permission. A statement will be required from WCC stating that the tree needs to come down as it is diseased and its condition is deteriorating rapidly.
- 4) The work needs to be done early next year.
- 5) The Clerk agreed to apply to WALC for a grant as soon as written quotations are received and agreed.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

Misuse of Fireworks

It was agreed that there was a big improvement this year, a good outcome which it is hoped will continue.

Funding for The Link

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £100 had been sent to the PCC as a contribution to funding for The Link.

Speeding Action Group

- a) Cllr Joynes has not been able to contact Rami and it appears that Community Speed Watch has been disbanded.
- b) There is concern about the number of hgv's driving through Sambourne and parishioners were asked to photograph any they see. Cllr Clews will keep these as evidence to be forwarded to Cllr Rickhards for action.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

5. Public Participation

Rob Clarke asked if there had been an outcome from the Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. Councillor Hazel Wright said that it was still being discussed but she would be arguing that anything locally connected to Sambourne be put into a reserved site.

6. Donation towards the upkeep of Coughton Cemetery

- 1) The sum of £200 was proposed as a donation towards the upkeep of Coughton Cemetery.
- 2) **Vote:** 2 in agreement, 1 abstention. Vote carried.
- 3) The Clerk was asked to raise a cheque for £200 and forward it to the PCC.
- 4) It was agreed that the question of continued financial support towards the upkeep of the cemetery would be reviewed annually at the July meeting.

Action: Clerk

7. To set the Precept for 2019/2020

We have been informed by SDC that there could be a charge levied on the Parish Council for costs of the Parish and District Council elections to take place on 2nd May 2019. As yet it is unclear how much to budget for this and it was, therefore, agreed:

- The Clerk would e-mail Graham Raspin at SDC and ask if he is able to give us an estimate of how much additional funding to request in our Precept.
- We will keep to the base Precept of £8,847 and add election costs as appropriate.
- The final figure to be agreed at the January meeting.

Action: Clerk

8. Accounts

- 1) The Clerk reported that we have been successful in obtaining a grant of £480 towards the refurbishment of the benches on the Green. Quotes for the work should now be obtained and also 'before and after' photographs taken for the End of Project Report that has to be submitted.
- 2) A grant for £3,480 from WCC Flood Risk Management has also been received and work on clearing the ditch can now be started.
- 3) It was felt that the cost of the bulky waste collection was quite high and the Chairman agreed to contact Biffa to see if Sambourne could do it at a lower cost.

Action: Chairman

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary	512.75
	Expenses	71.00
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	128.00
Bullguard	Virus protection	37.46
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	28.25
R Clarke	Defibrillator Batteries	38.10
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	241.35
C Clews	Website expenses	18.97
	Remembrance Day Wreath	21.00
Coughton with Sambourne	Upkeep of Coughton Cemetery	200.00

9. Planning

New Applications

18/02644/FUL	26/09/2018	6 Johns Close	Small extension to decking	Granted
18/02209/FUL	19/10/2018	The Grove Studley	Demolition of garage court and erection of 2 buildings	
16/02233/FUL	30/10/2018	Littlewood Green	Proposed erection of 5 dwellings	*Adjoining Parish
18/03027/FUL	26/10/2018	Sunsalve Sambourne Lane	Two storey side extension	

Decisions

18/02484/COUQ	17/10/2018	Sambourne Lane Farm	Barns to 5 dwellings	Prior Approval granted
18/02150/LDP	22/10/2018	Alidou Middletown Lane	Erection of outbuilding detached garage	Granted

18/02131/FUL	8/11/2018	Old Post Office	Garden studio	Refused
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*Cllr Hazel Wright had requested a site visit to Littlewood Green as objections had been raised concerning access, including the potential problem of refuse collection from the proposed dwellings. SDC Planning had agreed to make this site visit.

10. Correspondence

- Letter from CSW Resilience Team concerning sandbags. No requirement at present.
- Open Spaces publication
- Gritting Routes

11. Chairman's Business

- 1) Traffic lights on the A435 at Coughton have been causing chaos. The lights should be 2 way and a road closure would have been more appropriate. Cllr Rickhards was asked to email our concerns.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- 2) **Remembrance Day:** Many thanks to Sue Summers for providing hand-made poppies for the War Memorial.
- 3) There had been a concern about flooding in one of the Trust cottages opposite the stables in Sambourne Lane. Cllr Bond to clarify.

Action: Cllr Bond

- 4) **Christmas Tree:** The Christmas tree and lights will be installed on the Green on 9th December.
- 5) **Bulky waste Permit in the Voice:** It was agreed to tear out the page with the permit (supplied by Studley Parish Council) and insert it in The Link. The weight of the two publications would be too heavy for the distributors. Cllr Shaw will keep the copies of the Voice if anybody wants one. Thanks to Cllr Shaw for organising the distribution.
- 6) **Broadband:** Half of Sambourne, from The White House to The Jubilee, is still not connected. The date given by Open Reach is mid-November. The Chairman will e-mail the CEO of Open Reach, stating that this area has been waiting two years for superfast broadband.

Action: Chairman

12. Any other business

There continues to be a clash of meetings, which means District and County Councillors are unable to attend all the meetings. It was agreed that:

- From March 2019 we will arrange the meetings for the first Monday of alternate months.
- The Clerk will compile a list and circulate it to neighbouring Clerks and to Parish Councillors.
- Make the room bookings for the year.

Action: Clerk

13. Dates of next meetings

Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.45 pm

Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm