

**SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews**

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**Present:**

Cllr Chris Clews                      Chairman  
Cllr Phil Jones  
Cllr David Shaw  
Cllr Geoff Smith  
Cllr Roy Davies  
Teresa Murphy                      Clerk

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

There were 5 parishioners present

2. **Disclosure of interest:** None

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising:**

**Flagpole:** Pricing for the cost of a base still to be confirmed.  
**Ongoing**

**Traffic and Speed Limits:** The Chairman reported that the press were sympathetic to the cause and had covered the hand over of the Petition.

**30 mph repeater signs:** In the absence of Cllr Rickhards this item to be carried forward.

**Carried forward**

**Alexandra Hospital:** A letter had been received from Nadim Zahawi MP stating that he is doing all he can to pass the concerns of local residents to the relevant health authorities. He also gave his assurance that he will be consulting with residents of Warwickshire over any future changes.

**Obscured 30 mph sign:** Cllr Smith confirmed that he had carried out the hedge trimming in this area.

**Maintenance of Coughton Cemetry:** The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mr Gittins outlining our proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a cheque

for £150 to Coughton Parish Council.

**Action:** Clerk

**Parish Plan:** See item 7 below

**Code of Conduct:** All Register of Members Interests forms have been completed and sent to SDC.

**Community Governance Review:** The Clerk confirmed that the questionnaire had been returned to SDC stating the Sambourne wishes boundaries to stay as they are.

**Damage to The Green:** It was agreed that new signs were needed. Cllr Smith will investigate sources and pricing.

**Action:** Cllr Smith

5. **Public Participation:** None

6. **Traffic and Speed Limits**

The Chairman attended the Studley Community Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> September and gained local support. An email has been received from Chris Fossey (WCC) voicing concern about funding and engineering difficulties. Mr Fossey raised the point that street lighting is necessary before traffic calming measures are introduced. After considerable research Councillors understand that this is not always necessary. The Chairman will discuss the matter further with Cllr Rickhards and Nadim Zahawi.

**Action:** Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

7. **Parish Plan**

The Parish Plan is in the process of being printed and bound. 10 copies have been ordered. It was suggested that Parish Councillors, Cllr Rickhards and Cllr Kerridge each have a copy, with the remaining 3 to be lodged with the Clerk. The Plan will also be put on to the website. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman, who had put a great deal of work into the project. It was felt that the end result was well worth while.

8. **To set the Precept for 2013-2014**

In light of the current economic situation it was agreed to leave the Precept as it stands – ie £8647.00 per annum for 2013-2014.

**Action:** Clerk

9. **Accounts**

A new bank mandate was signed to include Cllr Davies as a signatory on the bank account. Cllr Davies was asked to take identification into HSBC bank to verify the mandate.

**Action:** Cllr Davies, Clerk

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

Clement Keys	Audit Fees	162.00
T Murphy	Clerk's salary and expenses	374.24
HMRC	Clerk's tax	79.40
Cllr Jones	Plants for The Green	13.50
Coughton Parish Council	Donation for Cemetery maintenance	150.00
Cllr Clews	Poppy wreath and website expenses	51.56

**10. Planning**

A letter had been received from Bloor Homes concerning future development on the land between Green Lane and Brickyard Lane. The following was agreed:

- The Chairman would contact the Chairman of Studley Parish Council to gain their views.
- The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Mackay of Bloor Homes inviting him to attend the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013. If that is not convenient Mr Mackay would be asked to suggest further dates – either in the evening or a Saturday.

**Action:** Clerk

***New Applications made since the last meeting:***

12/017981/FUL	Marc Shuttleworth	Bodkin Hall, Haydon Way. Vehicular Access	
12/022861/LBC	Andrew Walker	Wig House, Castle Farm. Solar Panels	
12/02415/FUL	R Green	Glebe Farm, Whitemoor Lane. Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement house	

***Planning Enforcement – Paddock adjacent to Haydens, Middletown Lane***

The owners of the paddock adjacent to Haydens in Middletown had been granted planning permission some time ago to use the area for storage of fencing and timber posts. The Parish Council had opposed this application as did several residents. The district councillor at the time (Les Topham) raised no objection. SDC approved the application without going before committee, despite the objections. Since then the business has grown, with weekly deliveries of tree trunks and a constant noise nuisance from almost continual use of chain saws. It appears that the business is operating outside the scope agreed by the planning permission and the Parish Council feels that Planning Enforcement should be involved.

**Action:** Cllr Kerridge

## 11. Correspondence

The Clerk has forwarded e-mails to all Parish Councillors, as requested at the last meeting.

## 12. Chairman's Business

(1) 2014 sees the anniversary of World War 1. It was considered to be a fitting tribute to work on the preservation and restoration of the War Memorial on the Green. It was suggested that professional advice be sought and Cllr Davies agreed to take on this project. The Chairman asked everyone to research suitable grants to enable the work to be carried out.

**Action:** Cllr Davies

(2) ***Rights of Way Partnership:*** Cllr Jones has volunteered to be involved with this.

(3) ***Power outage in Sambourne:*** According to Western Power Distribution the loss of power, which lasted for approx 9 hours, was caused by trees damaging the line. If anyone sees trees that are too close to power lines please telephone: 0800 328 1111. The company has promised to look into every report.

## 13. Any other business

Cllr Shaw reported that water is streaming across the road, the lay-by is full of mud and the footpath obliterated at Capilano corner. The Chairman agreed to contact WCC.

**Action:** Chairman

## 14. Date of next meetings:

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.45 Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.45 pm
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