

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2014

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Roy Davies	
Cllr Pete Joynes	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Justin Kerridge	Stratford District Council
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

There were 16 parishioners present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Phil Jones

2. **Disclosure of Interest:** It was noted that Cllr David Shaw, as Chairman of Sambourne Trust, had an interest in Agenda item 6.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2014 were agreed and signed.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Model Standing Orders: The document is now ready to print and will be distributed before the next meeting.

Action: Chairman

Emergency Plan: A new template has been received from WCC. The two documents will now be combined and distributed before the next meeting.

Action: Chairman

SDC Planning Sessions: Cllr David Shaw would like to attend the session on 2nd March 2015 at Studley Village Hall, along with the Chairman and Cllr Roy Davies. The Clerk will inform SDC and book the place.

Action: Clerk

Scheme to improve Broadband Provision: Cllr Rickhards had been in contact with the chief co-ordinator of CSW broadband. The Chairman will now contact him for advice on the way forward.

Action: Chairman

Grass cutting: Cllr Rickhards confirmed that that the verges in Sambourne Lane had been cut.

Recreation Ground: The Chairman agreed to telephone Mr Gibbs to confirm that he has contacted Geoff Smith with regard to the grass footpaths. The Clerk was asked to clarify Mr Gibbs' current address.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

5. Public Participation

Cllr Rickhards reminded Parish Councillors that the deadline for applying for the Members Grant is 10th October 2014.

Cllr Kerridge reported the SDC launch of a Rural Crime Co-ordinator to help address concerns raised about crime in their rural communities. Details to be put on notice boards.

Action: Clerk

Elizabeth (?) The footpath at Capilano Corner has been cleared but has revealed that the tarmac is not good and could pose a hazard. To be reported to WCC.

Action: Chairman

Willis Ward reported that there were moles on the recreation ground and it was becoming difficult to mow. It was agreed that he should ask Geoff Smith to recommend a suitable 'mole catcher'.

Willis Ward also reported that he has witnessed problems with buses turning into Littlewood Green on the corner by Rutters. This is a definite safety issue and Cllr Rickhards was asked to raise it with WCC.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

6. Housing Needs Survey – Sambourne Trust

Cllr David Shaw said that there was a requirement from SDC for a Housing Needs Survey and the format of the Survey was based on the official SDC wording. Comments were raised on the wording and it was felt that the Survey did not fully represent the opinions of the residents.

Further Comments:

Explanation of Trust's Policy on future housing: Cllr Shaw said that the Trust had no intention of developing the corner field in the future. It did, however, have in mind to build two properties as the Trust had a waiting list. The Trust feels that, in its interests, it cannot ignore the £64,000 from SDC.

Planning Implications: When the Survey has been completed it will be returned to SDC to go through the planning process. It was felt that, as a result of this survey, it was most likely to succeed. Cllr Kerridge gave his assurance that all objections will be looked at and the application would go to Planning Committee. If this were the case, then representation could be made.

Why has this particular site been chosen: Property owners adjacent to the proposed site object – one of the reasons being car parking in an already restricted space. Young children also use this as a play area. Cllr Shaw said the site had been chosen as it is near to the present Trust properties.

Exhibition to show Trust's Plans: It was suggested that an open Exhibition be staged by the Trust to outline its plans. Cllr Shaw said that, when there was something more concrete to report, this would be arranged.

7. Accounts

The Clerk reported that the signed Accounts for 2013 – 14 had been returned by Grant Thornton.

The following cheques were signed:

P Jones	Summer bedding plants/keys	£30.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	£391.32
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	£84.80
C Clews	Website expenses/purchase of 'Sambourne in its Setting'	£49.58

Annual subscription to the Link: The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the November meeting.

Action: Clerk

8. Planning

Results of Planning Applications since last meeting

14/00932/LBC	Crossroads Sambourne Lane	Refurbishment of dormer windows	Granted 16/09/2014
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New Applications since last meeting

14/01569/FUL	Chestnut Court	Erection of 2 storey B1 office building	Objection
14/01375/FUL	Reddi 2 Coat Green Lane	Demolition of existing structures and construction of 4 houses	
14/02036/DDT	Brickyard Lane	T1 oak – remove snapped limb	
14/02201/ELEC	Western Power	Replacement of overhead lines	
14/01667/FUL	The Laurels, The Green	Single storey garden room and replacement garage	

14/01731/LDE	Land at the White House	Use of land for agricultural purposes and stationing of shed	Objections but GRANTED 18/09/2014
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9. Correspondence

The Clerk distributed:

- Electoral Review in Warwickshire - Draft recommendations
- WALC – AGM documents

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest form: The Clerk had received a request from SDC to provide the home addresses of Cllrs Clews, Davies and Jones. Permission was given and the Clerk will forward.

Action: Clerk

10. Chairman's Business

Railway bridge at Sambourne Hall Farm: The track parallel to the bridge has been gated and fenced, causing inconvenience. Cllr Pete Joynes agreed to find out the reason.

Action: Cllr Pete Joynes

Alcester Fire Station: Thanks to Cllr Rickhards for successfully campaigning on their behalf. There will now be 24 hour cover at Alcester Fire Station.

Roadworks on A435: These roadworks caused mayhem in Sambourne due mainly to inappropriate signage. There will be a meeting with the WCC engineers responsible for the Project in Studley Village Hall on 3rd October 2014 at 10.00 am.

Roadworks in Middletown Lane: The work was completed but residents were unaware of the outcome.

Broadband: Not enough people responded to the on-line survey from CSW and Sambourne appears to have been side-lined from further development. The Chairman put forward the following ideas to highlight Sambourne's plight:

- Form a group of interested bodies
- Possible use of Parish Council funds for lobbying
- Produce a map of Sambourne and divide into 'Clusters' so that each group member has responsibility for a number of properties
- Ask residents questions such as: 'Do you have broadband, what do you use it for?'
- Broadband speeds and postcodes to be collected (using measurement tool on Sambourne website)
- Identify the 'green boxes' and mark them on the map.

- Identify who in Sambourne is served by Astwood Bank and who is served by Studley.
- Petition asking for action to be signed by residents and sent to CSW.

Volunteers from all over the village needed. The Chairman will act as co-ordinator and asked that people e-mail him with their interest. The Clerk was asked to prepare a notice for the Boards.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

Middletown Verge: Cllr Jones had been unable to identify a satisfactory way of cutting the verge so that the cuttings can be raked up to remove nutrients as advised by the Wildlife Trust. He noticed that the recent cut by our mowing team has again cut some of the growth but simply flattened much of it which makes it impossible to rake. He met with Willis on site to consider the options and he agreed to speak to some of his contacts to try to get some ideas. In the absence of a solution Cllr Jones does not intend to pursue the matter any further and suggests we simply try to keep the area tidy. Our attempts to get some poppy flowers by scattering about 5000 seeds had a zero success rate. He also noticed that somebody has dumped hawthorn cuttings in the area, quite near to the road, not even making any effort to hide them in the hedgerow at the back!"

11. **Any other Business**

The repeater signs by the Cricket Club are not upright. Cllr Rickhards to report. Question of weight restriction of Whitemoor Lane. Cllr Rickhards to investigate.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

12. **Dates of next meetings:**

Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.45 pm
Monday 5th January 2015 at 7.45 pm