

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	Vice-Chairman
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Phil Bond	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Neil Edden	SDC (Studley with Sambourne)
Cllr Peter Hencher-Serafin	SDC (Studley with Mappleborough Green)
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Peter Taaffe, Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Justin Kerridge

There were approximately 40 parishioners present.

Geraldine Quinney had long been a friend to Sambourne Parish Council and it was with regret that the Chairman reported her death. She will be missed in the village and the Councillors expressed their sincere condolences to the family.

2. Disclosure of Interest:

As a Trustee, Cllr Shaw made a disclosure of interest against Item 6 on the Agenda – The Sambourne Trust.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Broken railings by the brook in Whitemoor Lane: It was requested that WCC review the situation of the railings and acknowledge our request not to replace damaged railings but to remove them completely.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Following email contact and phone calls with Cllr Taaffe, Mr Warwick made the following statement:

‘An alternative site has been found, which should be available in July. The brick crushing operation has completed, or almost completed, and the site will be tidied consistent with the deadline given by WCC , which is 1st September 2019.’

The Chairman thanked Mr Warwick for attending the meeting and for his contact with Cllr Taaffe. Mr Warwick, in turn, thanked the Parish Council for their part in in dealing with this controversial matter in a fair manner.

9. Accounts

- i. The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2018/19 had been finalised. A copy of the final Balance Sheet was circulated to the Councillors.
- ii. The Internal Audit has been delayed due to the state of health of the Auditor. A replacement Auditor will be found and the Audit completed by 30th June 2019, as stipulated by the External Auditors, PFK Littlejohn.
- iii. The Certificate of Exemption for smaller Authorities has been signed and will be returned to the external auditors.

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary and expenses	631.18
HMRC	Clerk’s Tax	128.00
WALC	Subscription	243.00
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	37.77
BHIB	Insurance	571.23
C Clews	Website expenses	9.98

Action: Clerk

1. Planning

Perrymill Farm: This application has resulted in correspondence between the Parish Council and SDC. It was suggested that David McMullen speaks to Neil Edden to try to find a way forward.

Action: Cllr Edden

New Applications

12/03/2019	Chestnut Farm	Change of use to 5 dwelling houses	Support but question sustainability	Refused
13/03/2019	Lingwood, The Slough	Outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation	Support	
21/03/2019	Trust Cottages	Refurbishment	Support	
29/03/2019	Sambourne Lane Farm	Demolition of existing buildings and replacement with 5 new dwellings		
18/04/2019	Lingwood	Amendment to previous planning		
24/04/2019	Storage Units, Jill Lane	Replacement of storage buildings with metal shipping containers		

11. Correspondence

- 1) A letter had been received from John Heppenstall concerning storm water drainage on the highway at the junction of Oak Tree Lane, Sambourne Lane and Perrymill Lane. Despite maintenance carried out by WCC the problem is still ongoing. Cllr Bond agreed to contact Mark Banning at WCC Flood Risk Management Team and ask him to come out and have a look.

Action: Cllr Bond

Councillor Rickhards will contact John Brown about the gulley by David Shaw's property in Perrymill Lane.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- 2) A number of parishioners have expressed concern to the Parish Council regarding activities at the container storage site off Jill Lane. The owner, Christian Matthews, was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email to say that he will be tidying the site and removing the two derelict buildings. These will be replaced by storage containers, which will be painted green to blend in.

12. Chairman's Business

- The Speeding Action Traffic group needs to discuss weight limits and the freeing up traffic through Astwood Bank.
- The Parish Plan, the PC Standing Orders and the Emergency Procedures Plan need to be re-visited.
- The de-Warding of Sambourne to be considered at some time in the future.
- The Redditch Eastern Gateway continues to be a cause for concern.

13. Any other business

Playground Project:

Katie Hague has met with Geoff Smith and constructive discussions have taken place. They agreed that no tree work would be done until Autumn. The site they are considering is as far away as possible and they respect the fact that it should not be a nuisance to anybody. The Parish Council is happy with plans to date.

14. Dates of next meetings:

- Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.45 pm
- Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm