

**SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Present:

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

There were 8 parishioners present.

1. **Apologies**: Cllr Pete Joynes
2. **Disclosure of Interest**: None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 were agreed and signed.

#### 4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Emergency Plan:** The first draft of the Plan is now completed.

**Action:** Chairman

**Moles on the Recreation Ground:** Willis Ward has spoken to Geoff Smith who has agreed to contact the appropriate person to deal with the problem.

**Buses turning into Littlewood Green:** Carried forward

**Footpath – Sambourne Lane:** It was confirmed that a letter of appreciation had been sent to Paul Cowley and to the contractors.

**Railway bridge at Sambourne Hall Farm:** Cllr Kerridge had made enquiries and reported the following:

- If the bridge is within a conservation area then conservation area consent could be needed for demolition.
- If the bridge is listed then LBC will be required.
- If none of the above, it could be the case that the demolition is permitted development but this would be subject to a prior approval procedure.

**Strip of pavement at the top of Middletown Lane:**

Carried forward

**Grit bins:** It was confirmed that all the bins were filled with salt. Willis had purchased new shovels for the bins and a donation of £10 towards the cost was made.

**Sustainability Communities Act:** As representative of Sambourne, Cllr Davies attended a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 arranged by Studley Parish Council. The Sustainability Community Act form had been completed and returned, voicing the concerns of Studley, Sambourne and Mapploborough Parish Councils and asking for further consultation with Redditch Borough Council. As yet there has been no response.

Carried forward

**Floodlight at The Laurels:** To be carried forward

**5. Public Participation**

**Junction with Whitemoor Lane and the A4090:** This is a dangerous bend and the question of more adequate signage was raised. Cllr Rickhards was asked to make enquiries.

**Action:** Cllr Rickhards

**6. Superfast Broadband in Sambourne**

- The Broadband Group has met three times and volunteers have called on residents to gather information about broadband use and performance. The surveys and forms have been submitted to CSW and it is hoped that by the end of January we will know if Sambourne has been successful in its bid.
- As Sambourne is on the boundary of Warwickshire and Worcestershire it is subject to two separate initiatives. The Chairman has written to Nadim Zahawa to highlight the problem and as a result Mr Zahawa has written to both parties urging them to collaborate.
- The support of residents and local businesses has been very pleasing but it was stressed that it is imperative that we keep lobbying – numbers count and if there is any resident who has not completed the survey on line they are strongly encouraged to do so.

To be carried forward

**7. Dog Fouling in the Recreation Ground**

Cllr Jones reported that incidents of dog fouling are increasing and causing considerable distress – particularly on the Recreation Ground. Before Christmas a resident had organised a football match and on checking the pitch had been disgusted to find 20 separate piles of deposit. He put up a sign requesting owners clear up after their dogs. The problem is also bad on footpaths from Sambourne to Astwood Bank.

The following action has been taken so far:

- An article in The Link

- Cllr Jones has contacted the Dog Warden at SDC to seek advice on:
  - i. erecting signs as a deterrent
  - ii. whether it would be possible to erect a sign stating 'No dogs on the Recreation Ground.

A reply is still awaited from the Dog Warden.

It is hoped that appropriate signs will be available through the Dog Warden, otherwise Cllr Jones will contact Paul May (Peco) with a view to getting suitable signs made.

**Action:** Cllr Jones

## 8. Annual Precept 2015-2016

It was agreed that there would be no change to the amount of Precept requested and it would remain at £8,847. The Clerk was asked to return the form to SDC.

**Action:** Clerk

## 9. Accounts

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

J R Gibbs	Grass cutting	1585.20
ICO	Data Protection Registration	35.00
PCC	Room Hire	65.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	391.32
HMRC	Clerk's tax	84.80
Open Spaces	Subscription	45.00
Studley PC	Bulky waste collection	240.00
P Jones	Plants for the Green	16.00
C Clews	Expenses and website	66.91
W Ward	Contribution to grit shovels	10.00
Clerk	NALC one-off payment	13.51

## ***Bank Mandate***

A new bank mandate form to be completed. Clerk to fill in the details ready for signature at the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk

## 10. Planning

The Clerk confirmed the date for the SDC Planning Training workshop. This will be held at Studley Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. The Chairman, Cllr Shaw and Cllr Davies will attend.

## **RESULTS OF PLANNING SINCE LAST MEETING**

14/01667/FUL	Mr Kay, The Laurels, The Green	Single storey garden room	Withdrawn 25/11/2014
14/01569/FUL	Olltham Developments, Chestnut Court	Erection of 2 storey office building	Refusal 15/12/2014
14/00576/OUT	Land at Sernal Ash, Bromsgrove Road	Erection of 30 dwellings	Refusal 5/12/2014
14/01375/FUL	Mr D Bush, Green Lane	Demolition and construction of 4 new houses	Permission with conditions 12/11/2014

## **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

ADJCON/0007	Redditch Borough Council	Erection of 9 dwellings, Sambourne Lane, Astwood Bank	Objections
14/02153/FUL	Philip Tucker The White House	Single storey detached dwelling	Objections
14/03433/COUMB	W Stokes Sambourne Lane Farm	Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to single dwelling	No objection

### **11. Chairman's Business**

**Speed checks:** As a result of success in the vote on the Community Forum, Sambourne had 6 visits from the Police during November and December 2014. The outcome was that the average speed through the village was 43 mph. It was suggested that we request the checks be made in Middletown Lane on a future occasion. Cllr Davies encouraged everyone to vote on the Community Forum as it does have an impact.

**Housing Needs Survey:** Cllr Shaw confirmed that the Survey had been carried out and was now in the hands of SDC.

#### ***Elections:***

- 1) The terms of office for the Chairman and Parish Councillors expire in May 2015. If anybody would like to put their name forward for election there will be an opportunity. If there are more than 5 applicants (the existing Parish Council) then there will need to be an official election, which will be operated by SDC.
- 2) It was noted that, with the new boundaries, 2 Councillors will be required to represent Sambourne North and 3 for Sambourne South. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Democratic Services at SDC to clarify the position on this representation.

**Action:** Chairman

12. **Any other Business**

Cllr Shaw reported that there was still flooding in Oaktree Lane, adjacent to Mrs Quinney's house. The Chairman agreed to contact John Brown.

**Action:** Chairman

13. **Dates of next Meetings**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.45 pm – PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

- Annual Parish Assembly 7.15 pm
- Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm
- Parish Council Meeting 7.45 pm