

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016 at 7.45 pm

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Phil Bond

Cllr Justin Kerridge

Stratford District Council (Sambourne North)

Cllr Clive Rickhards

Warwickshire County Council

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

1.Apologies: None

There were 4 parishioners present.

2.Disclosure of Interest: None.

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2015 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Speeding in Sambourne:

- Cllr Rickhards had received no response from WCC concerning the website 'Safer Roads Initiative'. The Chairman will take the matter further.
- It was reported that Sambourne is due to receive another 21 visits from the Police as a result of winning the vote at the Arden Community Forum.

Action: Chairman

Broadband: Taken under Agenda item 6.

Sambourne Hall footpath: Cllr Jones spoke to the WCC Footpaths Officer concerning the barbed wire and old fencing beside the footpath. The response was that if the width of the path is clear and not impeded then no action need be taken. However, Cllr Moon spoke to the owners of Sambourne Hall Farm, who reviewed the situation and removed the wire.

Posts by the Village Boundary Oaktree Lane/Whitemoor Lane: Cllr Moon had reported that all but one of the posts were now mended. The Chairman agreed to find out which post still required attention and inform Cllr Rickhards, who will take the matter up with WCC.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

Bridleway from Middletown to Hayden Way: Cllr Jones walked a section of the bridleway and took photographs along the length of the path. Richard Barnard, the Footpaths Officer, agreed that it was very overgrown and would arrange for a working party to clear it.

Carried Forward

Jubilee Crossroads: Wayne reported that there had been three accidents in the 10 days leading up to the New Year. These took place at various times of the day and all required ambulance presence. Wayne was asked to publicise these statistics as much as possible and resurrect the petition, which would be put on the website. 1000 signatures are required before the matter is debated at WCC.

Action: Chairman, Wayne

Co-option of Phil Bond to the Parish Council: The Clerk forwarded the relevant documents to the SDC Monitoring Officer and confirmed that Cllr Phil Bond's name now appears on the SDC website.

Christmas tree on the Green: The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved with the project. It was a huge task, was carried out with timely efficiency and is greatly appreciated.

Junction of Whitemoor Lane and Alcester Heath: Three members of the Parish Council and Councillor Rickhards met with members of the WCC Traffic and Road Safety Group at the junction in question. It became apparent that when using the right hand side of the triangle visibility was impaired due to overgrown trees and bushes. As a result the Clerk was asked to write to Ragley Estate and ask them to clear back some of the overhanging branches and hedge. A reply has been received agreeing to this work and stating that the Parish Council would be informed when the work will be carried out.

Carried forward

5. Public Participation

Wayne reported that the drains in Middletown Lane were not being cleared. Cllr Rickhards agreed to inform WCC and also find out when the drains in Sambourne were last inspected. The drains in question are:

- 1) Coming from Studley to Sambourne along Middletown Lane just before the 30 mph zone
- 2) Carry on Middletown Lane down the dip by the pumping station and on the right hand side a slotted drain cover has collapsed.

Cllr Shaw reported a pothole on the junction of Sambourne Lane and Whitemoor Lane. Cllr Rickhards to report this also.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

6. Superfast Broadband in Sambourne

Thanks to Cllr Rickhards, CSW has responded to some of the questions posed. The Broadband Action Group must now meet and act on the responses received and also involve our MP. The questions to be addressed are:

- 1) What speed is the link between the box in Watts Road and the Studley exchange.
- 2) Look at the duct that contains phone wires from cabinet 3 along the road and find out if there is any room in there to put a fibre link from that box to the centre of Sambourne.

The Chairman will e-mail the Group to arrange a meeting.

Action: Chairman

7. Accounts

The Change of Signatory form was completed to include Cllr Philip Bond. The Clerk will forward the document to Unity Trust Bank.

The following cheques were signed:

Coughton/Sambourne PCC	Room Hire	65.00
ICO	Data Protection	35.00
J R Gibbs	Grass cutting	1122.40
G S Adams	Electrical installation	660.00
Open Spaces	Subscription	45.00
Clerk	Salary and expenses	412.20
HMRC	Clerk's tax	89.40
Dr C Clews	Website/expenses	18.05

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Gibbs and ask him to ensure he submits invoices at 2 monthly intervals, to coincide with Parish Council meetings. It is necessary for Councillors to know which areas have been cut and the costs.

Arrangements for the financing of the installation of power on the Green and the Christmas tree will be discussed at the March meeting, when it will be an agenda item.

8. Planning

RESULTS OF PLANNING SINCE LAST MEETING

15/03196/FUL	Cricket Club Jill Lane	Single Storey extension and erection of additional storage	Permission with conditions 21/12/2015
15/03212/TPO	Caprice Middletown Lane	Pollarding to T1 oak	Granted 08/12/2015

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/04384/FUL	Troy Industrial Estate Jill Lane	Replacement of fire damaged B2 unit	
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9. **Correspondence:** None

10. Chairman's Business

Flooding

- 1) Cllr Joynes reported that he had problems with flooding at his property. Severn Trent had been out and tried to unblock the gulley
- 2) The Chairman asked if it would be worth mapping the water courses and ditches in Sambourne. Cllr Rickhards suggested contacting Paul Rimen, Flood Risk Management, at WCC.

Action: Chairman

- 3) Cllr Shaw reported that on 3rd December 2015 No 3 Trust Cottage was in danger of flooding. Although the water was running freely, the culvert was nearly completely full.

Parish Plan: The Parish Plan contains a series of actions and improvements that can be made. The Chairman suggested going through the Plan and each Councillor taking a couple of actions to bring to the March meeting for discussion.

Action: Parish Councillors

Management of safety issues relating to electricity on the Green: The Parish Council needs to ensure, to the best of their ability, the safety of anybody using the electricity supply. To be discussed at the March meeting.

Each Councillor should have the following:

- Key to each notice board
- Key to the Recreation ground
- Key to the cabinet on the Green
- Emergency Plan
- Standing Orders
- Parish Plan

Please let the Chairman know if you require any of these.

CPRE Icons of Warwickshire: Sambourne should appear in the publication sometime this year.

11. Any other business

None

12. Date of next meetings

Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.45 pm

Monday 9th May 2016 - AGM

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm