

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews

Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Vice-Chairman

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Philip Bond

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Justin Kerridge

Stratford District Council (Sambourne North)

Cllr Hazel Wright

Stratford District Council (Studley with Sambourne)

Teresa Murphy

Clerk

There were 8 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Clive Rickhards

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2017 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Crushed verge by Cricket Club: To be carried forward.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Seat around the chestnut tree on the Green: The seat that had been chosen is now out of stock until August. A branch on the chestnut tree appears to be in need of attention and it was agreed that an inspection by WCC Forestry should be arranged.

Action: Cllr Jones, Chairman

Speeding Action Group: To be carried forward

Action: Cllrs Bond and Joynes

Accounts – Transparency Fund: The Clerk is in the process of researching suitable computing equipment.

Action: Clerk

Planning: Cllr Kerridge reported that the retrospective planning application for the erection of an acoustic fence had been rejected.

Cutting of verges: The Chairman has been in contact with Streetscene concerning the possibility of leaving the verges to grow wild and only be cut in September. Cllr Wright said that there was a reluctance to do this for health and safety reasons. Ongoing.

Action: Chairman

June Meeting in Studley with Police: Cllr Bond raised seven questions which Cllr Wright submitted to the PCC in advance of him attending the meeting with representatives of Studley, Sambourne and Mappleborough Green. Cllr Bond felt that the questions were not dealt with satisfactorily and that another meeting should be arranged in the next 6 to 12 months. Cllr Wright agreed to do this.

Action: Cllr Wright

Roof of bus shelter: Willis confirmed that the roof needs re-felting and should be attended to.

Action: Willis Ward

Sambourne Trust: The Clerk reported that a cheque for the cost of the AED cabinet had been received. The Parish Council would like to thank the Sambourne Trust for their generosity.

5. **Public participation:** None

6. **Junction of Whitemoor Lane/Alcester Heath**

Cllr Rickhards has been in touch with Ragley Estate to arrange a site meeting with himself, Sambourne Parish Council and a representative from WCC Highways. It is hoped that this meeting can take place during the summer so that any work can be carried out after the start of September.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

7. **Co-operation with Flood Risk Management Team**

- i. Cllr Bond walked round the flooding hotspots with a member of the Flood Risk Management Team. Most of these areas are in Middletown. The main cause of the problem appears to be that the ditches behind the hedge that abuts the roadside in Middletown have not been cleared out. It was agreed that a letter from the Parish Council should be sent to the farmer who presently farms the field outlining the problem and asking if he would be prepared to have a meeting with Parish Council to discuss the egress of water from his field on to Middletown Lane. Cllr Bond agreed to find out the name of the farmer.
- ii. The other four areas are not considered a priority to the Flood Risk Management Team as they have no record of ongoing problems.
- iii. It was agreed that Cllr Rickhards will request that the two culverts in Middletown Lane be cleared. One is situated by the turning into the car park at the Jubilee and the other one is adjacent to Southfield in Middletown Lane.

Action: Cllr Bond, Cllr Rickhards, Clerk

8. Survey of Culverts

- i. The Chairman has prepared a diagram of the culverts in Middletown Lane. The survey shows all culverts in Middletown Lane – green to indicate not in need of attention. Red indicates a possible blockage. One is outside Southfield and the other is by the turning into the car park at the Jubilee.
- ii. Dr Birley has surveyed the drains that need attention in Sambourne Lane. These diagrams can be used as a template for the future.

9. Defibrillator Training

- i. A further training is being held at the Village Hall on 22nd July at 10.00 am. There has been a good uptake so far.
- ii. It was agreed that the Clerk should order a new battery for the AED.
- iii. It was agreed that the Chairman would ask Laurence Evans to organise regular checks on the unit.

Action: Chairman, Clerk, Laurence Evans

10. Planters on Middletown Green

Residents who live in the area of Middletown Green have requested two planters to be situated on the grassed area by the signpost. Cllr Bond was asked to speak to the originators and inform them that:

- i. The PC agree it is a good idea
- ii. It would be the residents' responsibility to care for the planters.
- iii. The PC would be willing to offer approximately £150.
- iv. It would be preferable for the planters not to be wooden as they do not weather well. Suggest that they speak to the organisers of Studley in Bloom and ask what planters they use. Cllr Wright will provide the name of the contact.
- v. The planters should be mounted off the grass, to facilitate cutting (probably strimming).

Action: Cllr Bond, Cllr Wright

11. Donation for upkeep of Coughton Cemetery

There was a discussion about the use of the money, which goes towards paying the contractor for lawn mowing/strimming.

It was decided by a majority vote (not unanimous) that:

- i. A donation of £200 would be made.
- ii. This would be reviewed on an annual basis at the July meeting.

Action: Clerk

12. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary and expenses	554.90
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	121.60
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	32.25
Coughton with Sambourne	Room Hire	100.00
Cllr Jones	Plants on the Green	19.60
Cllr Bond	Expenses/travel	14.38
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	120.00
Cllr Clews	Website and expenses	49.71

13. Planning

New Applications

16/03740/FUL	Troy Industrial Estate David Allely	Erection of 2 Class B2/B8 industrial units	WITHDRAWN – 24/05/2017
17/01432/LBC	Haydon Way Farm Mr and Mrs Allely	Retrospective application for erection of acoustic fence	Sambourne PC unanimously objects as this proposal is not in keeping with the setting which includes two listed buildings. It will have a strong adverse visual impact
17/01717/VARY	The Nook, Perrymill Lane Miss R Kerridge	2 storey dwelling amendment	Fully support
17/01835/FUL	The Coach House, Sambourne Lane Luke Egan	Single storey rear extension	Fully support

14. Correspondence

Fly the Red Ensign – Merchant Navy Day

15. Chairman's Business

Update on broadband: The Chairman has asked CSW whether they have a date for completion. The far end, from Middletown up to the Jubilee still need superfast broadband.

Planting round the green box on the Green: The Chairman asked Sue Jones for ideas about planting around the box.

Traffic survey on A435: There is a meeting being held this week. Sambourne has not been invited but the Chairman will contact the Clerk of Studley PC for information and plans to attend.

Action: Chairman

Warwickshire Carer's Wellbeing Service: This is an excellent initiative between WCC and the NHS and could be of interest to residents of Sambourne who are carers or are in receipt of care. A copy of the leaflet will be put in the noticeboards.

Action: Chairman

Parking in Astwood Bank: It was felt that the parking in Astwood Bank contributed to the heavy use of the roads through Sambourne. The Chairman agreed to talk to Cllr Rickhards about this.

Action: Chairman

16. Any other business

Dog Fouling: The Parish Council has received many complaints about dog fouling, which seems to be getting worse. The following suggestions were made:

- i. Put up CCTV notices
- ii. More signs
- iii. Put a notice in The Link and on the Sambourne facebook page
- iv. Report any perpetrators
- v. Possibility of purchasing a motion triggered camera.

The Chairman agreed to:

- i. Contact Lisa Parkes at WCC
- ii. Get in touch with Cookhill PC about the signs they use.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Bond

Traffic Sign outside Church: Willis Ward asked if it is going to be mended. The repair will cost in the region of £350. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

Sambourne Lane Farm: Mr and Mrs Stokes made an outline presentation in March about their plans for the Farm. Further detailed works have now been carried out and Mr Stokes outlined the key benefits of the plans and showed presentation boards of the proposed development. Good progress is being made.

Date of next meetings:

Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.45 pm **(Please note change of date)**
Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm