

**SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.45 pm

**Present:**

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Roy Davies	
Cllr Peter Joynes	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

There were 8 parishioners present

1. **Apologies** : Cllr Justin Kerridge.
2. **Disclosure of Interest** : None
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

***Fly tipping:*** Cllr Davies reported that Street Scene has collected the articles from Wike Lane. The police agreed to interview the culprits but it is unlikely they will be prosecuted. SDC issued a press release, which was put in the notice boards.

***Railway Bridge:*** Cllr Kerridge was not present so no information was available concerning the planning situation. It was, however, agreed that English Heritage be contacted with a view to apply for listed status for the bridge.

**Action:** Chairman

***Broadband:*** Ongoing

***Purchase of red phone box:*** Cllr Davies had researched the costs involved and found that the price for a reconditioned phone box starts in the region of £2000. It was, therefore, decided not to pursue this.

***Co-option of new member of the Parish Council:*** The relevant paperwork has been completed and the Clerk will forward it to SDC. Cllr Joynes was welcomed as a full member of the Parish Council.

**Action:** Clerk

**Signs on the Green:** Three signs have been ordered and will be erected at strategic points on The Green.

**Mini Fest:** Not many photographs and no competition results had been received which meant there was nothing to put on the website. The Chairman would be grateful if any photos of the event could be sent to him.

**Finger Post – Middletown Lane:** Wayne Bates has commenced work on the restoration of the finger post. Grateful thanks were expressed.

## 5. Public Participation

Willis Ward raised a comment on planning issues in Sambourne in relation to the SDC Core Strategy. He felt that there was little point in raising objections as these were frequently over-ruled by SDC. The Chairman said that the Parish Council has formally recorded its comments on the Core Strategy – which are available to view on the Parish website. A key issue is that the Parish Plan has been rejected by SDC. It was felt that the Plan had not been read in detail and the judgement was unfair. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should contact SDC and request the Plan be looked at again. If there is further action to be taken in order to have the Plan accepted this will be addressed by the Parish Plan Committee.

**Action:** Chairman

## 6. Traffic and Speed Limits

We are still awaiting traffic date recorded in Middletown Lane in July.

**Ongoing**

## 7. Middletown Lane Grass Verge

Cllr Jones had been in contact with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust concerning the possibility of sowing wild flowers on the ground behind the fenced area on Middletown Lane. The Trust can provide green hay to help to develop wild flower meadows. In order to progress, the area has to be mown in early July and late October and the area cleared. If we were to proceed it may be necessary to remove some of the trees, as well as cutting back the blackthorn and nettles. The following was agreed:

- Cllr Jones to contact Mr Gibbs to discuss mowing times
- Cllr Jones to contact Ken Simons of WCC Forestry concerning the trees.

It would be a low cost venture and one that would enhance the area.

**Action:** Cllr Jones

## 8. Restoration of Sambourne War Memorial

- Cllr Davies is in the process of completing a grant proposal to the War Memorials Trust for the restoration work. For this he needs proof of ownership of the Memorial. Cllr Kerridge is looking into this and the Chairman also agreed to contact WALC for advice.
- Cllr Rickhards urged Cllr Davies to also complete the WCC Councillor Grant Fund 2013/14 application form.

**Action:** Chairman, Cllr Davies, Cllr Kerridge

## 9. Accounts

*The following cheques were signed:*

Clerk	Salary and expenses	£382.52
HMRC	Clerk's tax	£81.40
C Clews	Website and expenses	£47.50
PCC	The Link	£100.00

## 10. Planning

### *Results of Planning Applications since the last meeting*

13/00337/LDE	J Kerridge The Nook	Stationing of mobile home	Withdrawn 30/07/2013
13/01010/FUL	M Kercham Woodlands, The Slough	Single storey extension	Granted 02/07/2013
13/01118/FUL	P Hill Hollowfield, Middletown Lane	Proposed conversion to 2 storey dwelling	Permission with conditions 03/07/2013
13/01084/FUL	Allely Holdings Troy Industrial Estate	Retro planning – demolition and replacement B2 unit	Permission with conditions 23/08/2013

### *New Applications since the last meeting*

13/02029/LBC	Sir Thomas White Charity Sambourne Hall	Change of use and conversion of Grade 11 listed barn	
13/02028/FUL	Sir Thomas White Charity Sambourne Hall	Change of use and conversion to grade II listed barn.	
13/02051/FUL	Mr Thomas White	Change of use and	

		conversion of Grade II listed barn 2 to one dwelling	
13/02052/LBC	Mr Thomas White	Change of use and conversion of Grade II listed barn 2 to one dwelling	
13/02053/FUL	Mr R Cartwright Spinningdale Cottage, Oak Tree Ln	Orangery extension to side	
13/01901/FUL	Mr P Chambers 8 Acre Field	Construction of 20 x 40m menage	

## 11. Chairman's Business

**Reshuffle of Wards:** The Chairman reported that in the proposed re-shuffle of Wards there is a possibility Sambourne would be linked with the top end of Alcester/Studley. This could mean a reduction in the number of District/County Councillors. It is felt that the Councillors do an invaluable job and it would be a retrograde step to make any reductions.

**Flagpole:** It is anticipated that the flagpole will be erected during the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week in September. A St George and a Union flag have been ordered. It was suggested that the children could help to design a Sambourne Flag. The Chairman asked for an article to be put in the Link and the Voice to get this started.

### **Ongoing**

**Resurfacing in Oaktree Lane/Middletown Lane:** The Chairman had contacted WCC and asked that the white lines are not reinstated. This is following the recent resurfacing work, which has covered them. Cllr Rickhards reported this had been referred to Safety Group.

**Energy Saving Schemes:** The Chairman will request 12 more copies of the leaflet to give to the Sambourne Trust for distribution.

**Action:** Chairman

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The Chairman will ring John Chilton to ask if the Scheme was still running in Sambourne. **Action:** Chairman

**PCSO Gary:** As a support officer, Gary has to provide his own boots. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look into the provision of boots.

**Action:** Chairman

**Village Newcomers Pack:** It was agreed that it would be a nice gesture to issue information on local services/emergency contacts etc. The Chairman agreed to re-do the original pack.

**Action:** Chairman

12. **Any other business**

Cllr Shaw asked for a donation for the production of The Link. It was agreed that a cheque for £100 should be raised.

13. **Dates of next meetings**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.45 pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.45 pm**