

**SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Present:**

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Phil Bond, Teresa Murphy (Clerk)

There were 6 parishioners present

2. **Disclosure of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising**

**Broken railings**

- Councillor Rickhards spoke to Jeff Morris 4/11/19. Jeff Morris and John Brown visited last week. Their conclusion:
- The railings need to be replaced for safety reasons, and verges need to be cut back.
- Self-illuminating chevrons to be fitted if agreed by Traffic and Safety Department.
- Finance is available from Capital Fund, but time scale for this not yet known.

**Flooding in Middletown Lane**

There are three phases to rectifying this problem. Phase one has been completed, but Mr Bates (Parishioner) reported that recent exceptionally wet weather has highlighted the fact that there are four problem outlets from the field, not two as originally thought. Action ongoing and to be handled in tandem with drainage problems in Perrymill Lane. Dates for further two phases not yet known.

**Action: Cllr Bond to continue to pursue with Mark Banning**

### **Repair to the Bus Shelter.**

Quote for £460 for complete replacement of existing roof approved by Parish Council, hopefully to be carried out before the January meeting.

**Action: Chair to ask Contractor to proceed with work.**

### **Faulty manhole cover in Middletown Lane.**

- Compensation of £1500 has been awarded to a Parishioner, in recognition that the wrong type of manhole cover had been fitted by contractors in Middletown Lane.
- Crumbling road edges in other parts of the village have resulted in damage to cars.
- Cllr Rickhards wonders if the problem could be addressed through cutting back verges and be addressed at the same time that work is done on the bridge in Whitemoor Lane.

**Action: Cllr Rickhards was asked to contact WCC to request an inspection and their views on how the problem can be addressed.**

- A further road safety hazard was identified by Cllr Shaw. On a recent Sunday morning he was nearly involved in a collision with a car leaving an unmanned gateway in Jill Lane. Cllr Hencher–Serafin has had a similar experience. It is likely that this is connected to the Boot Sale.

**Action: Cllr Shaw agreed to contact Mr Christian Matthews, Organiser of the Sale.**

### **Public Footpaths**

- 1) The proposed use of part of the £2000 additional Precept money for clearing a footpath, in conjunction with Coughton, was not needed. The path was found to have been cleared very soon after the September meeting.
- 2) New fencing between the Church and Astwood Bank, which obstructs a pathway, has been reported to the Footpaths Officer. Mr Bobby Green (landowner) was present at the meeting and confirmed that he will be replacing the final length of fencing with a kissing gate as soon as the weather permits. Cllr Jones advised Mr Green that Warwick will provide the necessary gate.

**Action: Cllr Jones to contact Richard Barnard (Footpaths Officer) to request a gate. He will provide Footpath Officer with Mr Green's contact details.**

### **Measures to reduce the number of HGV's passing through Sambourne.**

- Cllr Clews wishes this to be a high priority agenda item in the January 2020 meeting.
- He would welcome ideas for ways to resolve this issue and identified signing and weight restrictions as possible measures.
- Mr Evans asked if any improvements are planned for the Spennall junction, perceiving that vehicles will avoid the junction by cutting through the village. Nothing is known, which gives more reason for a weight limit. Cllr Rickhards has proposed improvements, but planners refuse to remodel. They will not acknowledge that changes to buildings at REG indicate a need. Calculations are based on square footage of the new buildings.

CLlr Rickhards is on the Steering Group, but no meeting held in the last year.

- Mr Bates drew attention to the fact that Sat Navs direct traffic through Sambourne.

**Action: HGV's to be a priority agenda item for January 2020. Chair and Clerk.**

### **Funding for the Link – done**

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

The SVA has discussed the idea of some form of celebration and are happy to join with Parish Council plans. A street party model is likely to be the preferred option. Volunteers to organise this are needed, recognising that early planning will be vital to secure any special features. The Parish Council will support whoever rises to the challenge.

**Action: SVA and Parish Council**

5. **Public Participation**            None

6. **Rectification of the Bus Shelter – see Matters Arising**

7. **To set the Precept for 2020/2021**

The Parish Council made a unanimous decision that the Precept should return to the figure for 2018/2019 i.e. disregarding the additional £2000 for 2019/2020 in case an election was needed.

**Action: Clerk**

### **8. Accounts**

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

Clerk	Salary	547.20
	Expenses	77.00
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	136.80
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	211.35
C Clews	Website	11.98
	Poppy Wreath	30.00

### **9. Planning**

#### **New Applications**

19/02260/LBC	Sambourne Hall Farm	Conversion of barn and attached former cattle byre to form a single dwelling ancillary detached garage / workshop building; and formalisation of existing informal private track to provide vehicular access	Sambourne Parish Council unanimously support this application
19/02065/LBC	Chestnut Farm	Change of use of listed farmhouse and lower barn	

19/02064/FUL	Chestnut Farm	Change of use of listed farmhouse and lower barn from B1 to 4 C3 dwelling houses and associated works	
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### Decisions

19/02085/FUL	Hollowfield, Middletown Lane	Oak framed car port and store room	Refusal
19/02019/FUL	Land opposite Whitemoor Farmhouse	New access to field	Permission with conditions
19/02205/TPO	Caprice, Perry Mill Lane	T1 oak reduction	Consent for arboricultural work

### 10. Correspondence

WALC annual report and Open Space taken by Cllr Jones to be read and circulated.

### 11. Chairman's business

#### Green Lane Bridge

- Cllr Rickhards, Cllr Hencher–Serafin and Cllr Neil Edden reported that there is much anger about the proposal to demolish the bridge. As yet no planning application has been made. There is a large (approximately 40) Resistance Group who have attended a photo shoot for local press and are considering engaging a Structural Engineer to carry out a survey.
- Cllr Clews has applied to Historic England for listed status, and has requested that the Resistance Group consider doing the same.

**Action: Cllr Hencher–Serafin to confer with the relevant member of the Resistance Group regarding applying for the Bridge to be listed by Historic England.**

#### Dog Fouling Signs

Stratford will attach new signs to existing posts, but will no longer provide posts. New signs to be requested for entry to the Recreation Ground and beside the "Dog Poo" bin. Cllr Jones to check whether there is a sign in Perrymill Lane.

**Action: Cllr Jones to check Perrymill Lane for current existence of sign.  
Chair to contact Stratford to request fitting of new signs.**

#### Green Bins

A £40 charge for emptying Green Bins is currently under consultation, but it is likely a charge will be made in the future.

### **Accident Statistics**

- The Sambourne Road Safety Group would like more detail about accidents in the village e.g. where they happen.
- Cllr Rickhards suggested contacting Warwick “Traffic and Safety” department. Jo Edwards may be able to help.

**Action: Chair and Cllr Rickhards to contact “Traffic and Safety”**

### **Christmas Tree**

Sambourne Village Association would welcome contributions from Parishioners towards the cost of this year’s tree.

### **Village Gateways**

Cllr Rickhards confirmed that drawings are currently being prepared, and copies will be circulated. All entrances to the village will be covered. Maintenance is built into the budget. Cllr Taaffe asked whether speeding checks will be undertaken before and after installation of the Gates. Cllr Rickhards will check whether that will happen.

**Action: Cllr Rickhards to ascertain whether speeding checks will happen pre and post installation of the Gates.**

## **12. Any Other Business**

- Cllr Rickhards drew to the attention of the P.C. that Graham Stanley will be addressing a Studley meeting 05/11/2019. The subject is specific to Studley, but visitors welcome.
- Chair asked if Mr Stanley would be prepared to attend a Sambourne PC Meeting.

**Action: Cllr Rickhards to make request to Graham Stanley.**

Cllr Jones reported that on more than one occasion a bag of household rubbish has been left beside the dustbin outside the Church grounds. Nobody living in the vicinity has seen who is doing this.

**Action: Monitor what happens in the future. No action possible without knowing who is doing this.**

Cllr Jones raised the need for a defining border around the new Hornbeam tree. It would look neater and make maintenance easier, especially mowing.

**Action: Parish Councillors to undertake the task.**

**Cllr Taaffe has identified a stainless steel edging material which would do the job effectively, and bark chippings would be appropriate at the base of the tree.**

## **13. Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Date of March 2020 meeting to be decided at January meeting.**