

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.45 pm

Present:

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

There were 11 parishioners present

1. **Apologies** : Cllr Roy Davies, Cllr Pete Joynes
2. **Disclosure of Interest** : None

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2013 were agreed and signed.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Railway Bridge: Details of the bridge are thought to be with the Department of Transport. The Chairman will contact them for assistance.

Action: Chairman

Parish Plan: It was suggested that the Parish Plan could be upgraded to become a Neighbourhood Plan. This was deemed a sensible way forward and it was agreed that Dr Birley would convene a meeting of 3 or 4 members of the Parish Plan Committee to work on the document and produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Dr Birley and Parish Plan Committee

Middletown Lane Grass Verge: The strimming of the area behind the fence is in abeyance until there is an improvement in the weather.

Action: Cllr Jones

Restoration of the War Memorial: Cllr Davies was not present, due to a fracture to his leg. He is, however, still working on the question of validation of ownership and liaison with the War Memorials Trust. Ongoing.

Action: Cllr Davies

Flagpole: Originally it was envisaged the flag would only be flown on the defined flag days to preserve the fading/fraying of the flag and thus save the Parish replacement costs. A couple of local businesses have since offered to fund a replacement and so the decision was made to have St Georges flag as our flag of choice and fly the Union Flag on “defined” flag days.

Village Newcomers Pack: The Chairman will print off and circulate the pack he has prepared.

Action: Chairman

- **Coughton Cemetery:** The request to support the maintenance of Coughton Cemetery was discussed. The possibility of raising the precept for 2014/15 by £200 to accommodate this was discussed. It was agreed that a decision would be made at the March meeting and the Clerk was asked to write to the Treasurer of Coughton with Sambourne PCC advising him of this. Guidance would also be sought on:
 - How much Coughton intend to contribute to the £600 shortfall
 - Whether the £1200 contract went to tender
 - Would the contribution be ongoing.

Action: Clerk

Tree Maintenance Schedule:

1. Cllr Jones reported that WCC had carried out an arboricultural survey and report on trees on the Village Green and Recreation ground in early December.
2. Cllr Shaw has concerns about the elm tree outside the church. Cllr Jones agreed to ask Ken Simons of WCC Forestry to look at the tree.

Action: Cllr Jones

Model Standing Orders: The Chairman has produced a draft of the Model Standing Orders, which will be printed and circulated to Councillors for comments.

Action: Chairman

Broadband: Broadband is still very slow in some parts of Sambourne. Residents who are affected by this should email the Chairman on chrisclews@ouremail.myzen.co.uk. Please include the present broadband speed, address and postcode. The Chairman will then collate the emails and forward them to the Local Enterprise Office at WCC.

Action: Chairman

5. Astwood Bank Cricket Club – Location for a second ground

Representatives from Astwood Bank Cricket Club addressed the meeting about the proposal for a second ground in Sambourne Lane. The cricket club has grown considerably over the last ten years and the Club can no longer manage with just one pitch. Tim Haslam (ABCC) summarised the proposal:

- The negotiation for a land deal for a second ground may also provide further land for sports fields (possibly for a football pitch).
- The property, Wrens Nest, would benefit and the derelict land on the site would be developed into 6 residential plots, which would enhance the landscape.
- The provision and development of sports fields would benefit the whole community.

The following concerns were raised:

- Access to the site could be a problem.
- Car parking would be a concern. Parking should be kept closer to the road and away from the field.
- Drainage is already a problem on Sambourne Lane and it was felt the development could add to the problem.
- If the field were to be used for 2 cricket pitches, rather than for football, it may be viewed more favourably.
- Concerns were expressed about the noise factor of football matches.

The ABCC representatives were thanked for their presentation and for informing the Parish Council of their plans.

6. Public Participation

Mike Bailey raised two issues:

1. The stretch of road by his property (Capilano corner) is dangerous due to the speed of vehicles and poor visibility around the bend. Ice is also a problem and Mike asked if it would be possible to have a salt/grit box installed. He would be happy to provide a site for the bin and take responsibility for spreading the grit. It was agreed that a grit bin would be purchased and installed. The purchase would be ratified at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to check the invoices for the previous grit bins bought by the Parish Council.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

2. An amount of water is entering his property from Sambourne Lane. Although he has constructed a French Drain it is still a problem. This also exacerbates the ice problem. Cllr Rickhards agreed to contact John Brown of WCC Highways.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

7. Traffic and Speed Limit

Cllr Davies had encouraged residents to register votes on the Community Forum Priorities website. The result was successful and there is now extra Police cover in Sambourne.

8. Precept for 2014/2015

It was agreed to raise the Precept by £200 – to a total of £8847. The increase would be to support the maintenance of Coughton Cemetery.

Action: Clerk

9. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary and expenses	£385.60
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	£82.40
Studley PC	Bulky Waste	£120.00
Coughton with Sambourne	Room Hire	£65.00

J R Gibbs	Grass cutting	£1724.00
Open Spaces Society	Membership	£45.00
ICO	Data Protection	£35.00
Cllr Clews	Website and expenses	£34.98

10. **Planning**

Results of Planning since the last meeting

01983/LDE	Edgewood, The Slough	Refusal
03/02679/LDE	T Elsmore, The Haydens	Refusal

New Planning Applications since last meeting:

13/02931/FUL	Bob Green, Glebe Farm	Erection of Livestock shelter
13/02567/OUT	Elmdale Caravan park	Outline Planning for 64 dwellings
13/03000/FUL	Elmcote, Node Hill	Proposed widening of vehicular access
13/03155/FUL	The Nook, Middletown Lane	2 storey rear extension
13/03141/OUT	K Walters, Brickyard Lane	Outline Planning for 64 dwellings

11. **Any other business**

Lawrence commented that although Chestnut Court has now been in existence for approximately 6 years there are still 'For Sale/Let' signs up on the corner of Jill Lane/The Slough. It was felt these should be removed as all units are now occupied.

Action: Chairman

Cllr Rickhards reported that Studley Parish Council will be opposing the Bromsgrove Road development when it comes before Planning Committee. Would Sambourne also be represented? The allotted time could be shared with Studley.

Cllr Shaw reported that there is still flooding in Oak Tree Lane near Spinney Cottage. Cllr Rickhards agreed to inform John Brown.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

12. **Dates of next meetings:**

Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.45 pm

Monday 12th May 2014 - AGM