

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	Vice-Chairman
Clr David Shaw	
Cllr Philip Bond	
Teresa Murphy	Clerk

There were 14 parishioners present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Pete Joynes, Cllr Clive Rickhards, Cllr Hazel Wright, Cllr Justin Kerridge

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th Novemer 2018 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Speeding Action Group: Dealt with under Item 8 on the Agenda

Flooding in Middletown Lane: Dealt with under Item 7 of the Agenda

Broken Railings by the brook in Whitemoor Lane: As Cllr Rickhards was unable to be present at the meeting, this will be carried forward.

Carried forward

Replacement Tree on the Green: Dealt with under Item 6 of the Agenda

Donation towards the upkeep of Coughton Cemetery: The Clerk confirmed the cheque had been forwarded and a letter of appreciation had been received.

Precept for 2019/2020: To be dealt with under Agenda Item 12

Bulky waste facility costs: The Chairman had made enquiries and had been unable to find anything more cost efficient.

Flooding in one of the Trust Cottages: It had been determined that this particular problem was not in the remit of the parish Council.

Broadband: To be dealt with under Agenda Item 10.

Clash of meetings: The Clerk has compiled a list of dates for meetings in 2019 and booked the Parish Hall. She has also informed the Clerks of Coughton and Mappleborough Parish Councils of the dates. Great Alne meet on a Wednesday so this will not affect Cllr Rickhards.

5. Public Participation

Sambourne and Middletown Matters Facebook Page:

The Chairman reported there had been some unpleasant comments posted on the Facebook page, which had caused offence to members of the Parish Council. The issue concerned the desire for a play area on the Recreation Ground and it was intimated that parishioners would not get a fair hearing from the Parish Council as it was an all male Committee, the majority without children. The Chairman asked the Administrator of the Sambourne Matters Facebook Page to take the post off.

Julie Howl was in attendance at the meeting and made the following comments:

- I was a member of the Parish Council when there was felt to be a need by parents for a recreation ground for youngsters in the village, and I was a major contributor to that project. Stratford District Council was consulted and they judged the ground to be in need of drainage work, and then only recommended it be used as a sports ground – not a play area. Drainage work was carried out, and at least partially funded by money raised at village discos.
- Goal posts were installed to convert it into a sports area. (Removed by someone unknown at a later date).
- I still have documentation from that period that may be helpful in determining the current suitability for play equipment.

It was agreed that an item to consider an approach from persons interested in this Project would be included in the Agenda for the March meeting of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

6. Removal and replacement of the Chestnut Tree on the Green

- A quote of £950 has been received from WCC Forestry for removing the diseased chestnut tree, including the root and stump, and supplying and planting a sizeable hornbeam tree. The plot will be cleared but logs will be left for people to take.
- This was put to the vote and carried unanimously. Cllr Jones will contact WCC Forestry to accept the quote. The Chairman will e-mail the Clerk a copy of the quote, as it is hoped we may be able to apply for a small amount of funding towards the cost.

Action: Cllr Jones, Chairman, Clerk

7. Flooding alleviation in Middletown Lane

- Cllr Bond reported that the first phase of the work has been completed and the ditch between the top and bottom of Middletown Lane has been cleared. The work took 3 and a half days and involved the contractors using heavy machinery.
- Phase 2 will be to put cameras down existing culverts to see if the water is free flowing.
- Phase 3 will be work on the French drains across the entrance to the big field owned by Mr Kirk.

Ongoing

8. Speeding Traffic

The Chairman reported that to date Sambourne has received little help from WCC and feels that more pressure needs to be put on Traffic Group to get things moving. We need interested people to join the Speeding Action Group and highlight the problem of speeding in the village. He also asked people to photograph HGV's that regularly drive through Sambourne so that a record can be compiled. The Chairman will work with Cllr Bond on this.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Bond

9. Activities at Glebe Farm

Enforcement had been contacted because of the nuisance caused by heavy vehicles etc at Glebe Farm. Bobby Green from Glebe Farm stated that the matter was moving forward and they were due to have a meeting with WCC this coming week.

10. Superfast Broadband throughout Sambourne

Middletown Lane and Middletown - from The White House to Five Trees - are now connected to Superfast Broadband. There are, however, still some properties in Middletown Lane that are having problems with low broadband speeds. Cllr Bond will compile a list of these affected properties and the Chairman will contact CSW.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Bond

11. Mowing contract for 2019/2020

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Gibbs and renew the mowing contract for 2019/2020.

Action: Clerk

12. Final figure agreed for the Precept 2019/2020

After seeking advice from Graham Raspin at WCC, it was agreed that an extra £2000 would be asked for to cover potential election costs.

Action: Clerk

13. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

Clerk	Salary	512.75
	Expenses	71.00
HMRC	Clerk's Tax	128.00
J R Gibbs	Mowing	1667.00
ICO	Data Protection	40.00
E T Jackson	Flood Alleviation	2500.00
British Gas	Electricity on the Green	37.04
Coughton with Sambourne	Hall Hire	65.00
Laurence Evans	Christmas Tree	114.00
C Clews	Website and Expenses	21.93
Willis Ward	Building material	11.96
P Jones	Plants for Memorial	6.28

14. Planning

New Applications

18/03748/TREE	27/11/2018	Chestnut Village Green	Fell and replace by hornbeam	Granted
18/02950/FUL	29/11/2018	Perrymill Farm	Conversion of barn and stables	
18/03544/2018	30/10/2018	Glorfindel, Sambourne Park	Single storey orangery	
18/02970/FUL	12/12/2018	Gads Hill, Sambourne Lane	First floor side extension	
18/03710/FUL	29/12/2018	Old Post Office Cottage, The Green	Erection of Garden Studio	
18/03274/FUL	10/01/2019	Sunnyside, Middletown Lane	Erection of side garage/single storey rear extension	

Decisions

16/02233/FUL	07/12/2018	1-19 Littlewood Green	Erection of 5 dwellings	Granted
18/0221	17/12/2018	Glebe Farm	Erection of detached garage	Refused Permission

16. Chairman's Business

- 1) It was with sadness that the Chairman reported that Maggie Redmond had died. Maggie had always been a great support to the Parish Council. One of the many things she had achieved was to find out whether we needed to apply for grading of the old railway bridge. She will be missed by all in Sambourne.
- 2) Due to pressure of work, Cllr Pete Joynes is standing down from his position on the Parish Council, after 5 years of service. The work he has done has been most appreciated and he will be missed. Elections are to be held in May and it is hoped his position will be filled.
- 3) At the end of last summer a resident of Kiln Close had reported having trouble with mowing of verges and trimming of hedges not being carried out. The matter was dealt with by Cllr Kerridge and it would be useful if the Parish Council could be informed of the outcome.

Action: Cllr Kerridge

- 4) Thanks to all involved with the planting of the Christmas Tree on the Green. Although slightly smaller than last year's it looked very nice and was enjoyed by all. It may be possible to buy some more lights next year. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Roger Hammersley thanking him for his help in installing the tree.

Action: Clerk

- 5) Cllr Shaw was thanked for running the Link so efficiently for many years. It was always produced on time and Parish Council matters were always accurately reported. Gail Smith has now taken over the organisation of the publication.
- 6) The annual inspection of the electrical cabinet is due. The Chairman will contact G S Adams to carry out the inspection.

Action: Chairman

- 7) At the Jubilee Celebrations in the Village Hall we were able to see a survey of trees in Sambourne carried out by the W.I. eighteen years ago. No evidence of trees has been recorded since and it would be interesting if photographs could be taken year by year to serve as an environmental record of the village.

17. Any other Business

- 1) Nobody has come forward to help with the flying of flags. Cllr Shaw suggested it would be nice to fly the County flag on some occasions. If more help were forthcoming it would be possible to purchase more flags. Cllr Shaw said he would put a request in The Link.

Action: Cllr Shaw

- 2) Cllr Bond reported that a WhatsApp group had been set up as an alert system after an attempted break in by masked men had occurred in Sambourne.
- 3) Cllr Jones reported that, according to the Tree Maintenance Protocol document, inspections were recommended to take place every 3 – 5 years. As our last inspection was in May 2016 it was considered another inspection was due. Cllr Jones was asked to contact Jason Tombs at WCC Forestry and request this.

Action: Cllr Jones

Dates of next meetings:

Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.45 pm

Monday 13th May 2019

Annual Assembly	7.15 pm
Annual Meeting	7.45 pm
Parish Council Meeting	8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm