

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th JULY 2023 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
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Present: Cllrs D Halle (Chair), R Foord, M Porter,
H Jackson, F Parr, A Marshall, D Smith

Cllrs I Jeffery

Apologies: Cllrs B Powell, D Drew

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Three and Ms M Nadal

C/23/062 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Powell and Cllr Drew. The Clerk said she would continue to advertise the Co-option position.

Action: Clerk

C/23/063 **Co-Option of Councillor**

Ms Michaela Nadal had provided to the Council a summary of why she wished to join. She was asked to leave the room. The Council agreed unanimously to her co-option and she was welcomed to the Council. She signed the relevant form.

C/23/064 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda**

Cllr Foord declared an interest in planning application 23/01528 and in Old London Rd. Cllr Halle declared an OSI in Trout 'n About.

C/23/065 **Public Participation**

- i One member of the public said he was a former Councillor and he was interested in the HCC survey. It was explained that HCC were due to hold a meeting with the Council but there was no update until that took place.
- ii Another member of the public wanted to talk about planning application 23/00940. He said that the events held under the awning were regular and noisy. He said that it was having a detrimental effect on the local wildlife. He urged the Council to object to the application.

The Chair agreed to move item 19 up the agenda.

C/23/066 **Planning**
a. New applications – to agree responses

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Number	Address	Description	Expiry Date
23/01521/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6	Temporary canopy	21/07/23
<p>The Council agreed that there was no material difference between the present application and that which has been considered in April 2022. Therefore, the Council's objection to the application remained the same. The Council objects to the application because when it was first installed the Parish Council received a number of complaints from residents regarding the noise generated by holding events and by the patrons leaving the premises late at night. The Parish Council has again received such complaints because the canopy was used very regularly last year for events which were noisy. The noise from these constant events makes enjoying their gardens very difficult for the establishment's neighbours and it also has a detrimental effect on the local wildlife, which residents have commented has been noticeably less evident. The previous canopy was considered an eyesore from the "long views" from the Longstock Road. This view is mentioned in point 13 of the Heritage Statement and is part of the conservation area around the water meadows. There are no additional parking spaces provided and the public house only has limited parking for their guests. If planning permission is awarded, it will hugely exasperate the already severely limited High Street parking and will have a negative effect on both residents and other businesses. The Council feels that this application represents overdevelopment of a very sensitive site and asks that if Planning is minded to approve the application then the matter should be referred to Committee.</p>			
23/01528/FULLN	Penny Lane Barn Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Conversion of agricultural barn to form a single dwelling	Extension agreed until 21/07/23
<p>The Council has no objection provided the ROW is re-instated and access to the ROW is maintained.</p>			

b. To note recent decisions.

Number	Address	Description	Result
23/00940/FULLN	Woodcott Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, creation of pool and pool house, modifications to drive and boundary wall/fence, alterations to roof, cladding throughout and associated landscaping works	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/01437/FULLN	Blandford House , High Street, Stockbridge, Hants	Demolition of garage and replace with double garage, family guest accommodation and home office	03/07/23
23/01221/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge,	Retrospective replacement of outbuildings with outbuilding to provide storage for garden machinery and potting shed	07/07/23
23/01490/TREEN	Meadow Court, High Street, Stockbridge	4 Crack Willow - Fell	07/07/23
23/01046/FULLN	Stockbridge Telephone Exchange High Street Stockbridge Hampshire	Creation of secure storage compound including 2 storage containers and perimeter fence.	07/07/23
21/02064/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Demolition and replacement of existing fishing hut (re-submission of 18/01444/FULLN)	24/08/21

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

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21/01171 – TVBC enforcement had determined that until the holiday lets were occupied the tables blocking the public access to them were acceptable. 22/00363 – TVBC enforcement deemed the site unoccupied because there was no running water or sewage connection, therefore there was no infringement (because it wasn't occupied). Cllr Halle was unsatisfied with this response and said he would go back to TVBC

Action: Cllr Halle

The three members of the public left the meeting.

C/23/067 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 15th June.

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

- The Clerk had been contacted by a resident who wanted to hold a thank you event for those that had contributed to the lantern arch appeal. The Clerk had explained that there was no money left in the fund for such an event and that she would be unable to contact those that had donated, due to GDPR.

c. To deal with any correspondence

There was none.

C/23/068 Borough and County Councillor Reports

- i Cllr Jeffery introduced himself as the new Cllr contact for Stockbridge with TVBC. He had circulated a report before the meeting and he brought to the Council's attention SSEN's resilience fund and the success TVBC had had prosecuting fly tippers. Cllr Halle commented that he was keen for Stockbridge to get more attention from TVBC because he felt that it had been overlooked despite the significant business revenue generated.

- ii Cllr Drew did not attend and there was no report.

C/23/069 Stockbridge Business Association

Nothing was reported.

C/23/070 Trout 'n About

a. Update on the organisation of the day

Cllr Jackson reported that matters were on track. She said there seemed to be a smaller group of people doing the work and the football club (due to the lack of Stockbridge members) were no longer able to manage the car park. She said there was due to be 100 traders on the High Street and live music would take place on the Recreation Ground.

b. Agree Licence Application

The licence application for the day was agreed.

Action Clerk

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C/23/069

Community Asset – Fields south of the High Street

Cllr Halle said he had contacted Mr Witt, the owner, who said that despite the emotional connection he would be prepared to sell the fields and that he would obtain a valuation. Cllr Halle emphasised that the project needed to be a community initiative and that he would look for appropriate grants. The Clerk said she had been unable to complete the TVBC community asset forms because the fields had not been recently used by the community.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/070

Infrastructure -update on Council projects

a. Phone Boxes

These had not yet been painted.

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Trout Pond

The Clerk had met with the contractor who had advised painting on a preservative to ensure the cracks did not become worse or cause problems. They would undertake this work.

Action: Clerk

c. Blandford Row Pocket Park

The Clerk had provided measurements of the pocket park to Sparsholt College and had contacted TVBC for information on the utilities.

Action: Clerk

d. Cycle Path

There was no progress. The Clerk noted that the growth beside the path needed to be cut back, as well as the lower branches. Cllr Smith suggested that a TVBC sweeper could be used to clear a lot of the debris. Cllr Jeffery said he would look into this.

Action: Cllr Jeffery, Clerk, Cllr Marshall

e. Defibrillator

Cllr Halle said he would ask Trout n'About for funding.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/071

SLR and Speedwatch

Cllr Halle had attended a meeting of Longstock PC regarding starting a Speedwatch group. This had been favourably received. He said he was keen to stop the speeding from the Salisbury road as it entered Stockbridge. He felt that the Council's present SLR would need updating to include the recording of data. He recognised that HCC would need to approve the location of any new SLR post.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/072

Recreation Ground Trust

a. New Storage Facility

Cllr Halle said that the Trust was being asked to consider installing a storage container that could be used by the community including

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equipment from Trout 'n About and the Council. The Trust would be looking for funding from Trout 'n About and the Town Hall.

b. Payment of the Recreation Ground's reserve

The Council's auditor had advised that the appropriate way of paying the reserve was via a grant. The Council could then consider the number of residents who would benefit. Cllr Jackson queried the number of Stockbridge residents who use the ground. Cllr Halle said that dogs should be allowed on the tarmac. Cllr Smith felt it could not be allowed to fail. Cllr Porter commented that the ground used to be used for a village fete and other forms of fundraising, but the football club were now protective of the playing surface. Cllr Jackson said it was seen as belonging to the Football Club and that it was not open to other activities. Cllr Foord concurred. The Council agreed by 8:1 to invite a grant application from the Recreation Ground of up to £500, Cllr Jackson dissented.

Action: Cllrs Halle and Porter

C/23/073

High Street

a. HCC's parking survey

Cllr Halle confirmed that no meeting had been set with HCC. He said that Caroline Noakes MP would attend. He said he had been passed the results of an FOI request on the terms of reference for the contract. This information showed that implementing parking charges had been HCC's reason for the survey. Cllr Halle felt the results of the survey were flawed because of the way it had been carried out (C/23/023, C/23/026). Cllr Halle said that the Council would need to present the views of the residents. Cllr Jeffery said he would attend the meeting with HCC. The Clerk was asked to circulate the FOI request results.

Action: Clerk

b. Update on crossing between Co-Op and Greengrocer

There was no update. The Clerk had chased the matter.

Action: Clerk

c. Consider forming a Working Group for the VDS

Cllr Foord said he felt that only simple updates were necessary. Cllr Nadal agreed to work with him on these. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC to find out if a consultation was needed for minor updates.

Action: Cllrs Foord & Nadal, Clerk

d. Consider Project to make New Street One Way

This was acknowledged to be a long term aim of previous Councils, which could be achieved by working with HCC consultancy and applying for TVBC CIL. However, the Council agreed to defer this matter until after the meeting with HCC.

C/23/074

Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project

There was no update.

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C/23/075

Lancaster House

a. Update on handover

An email from the solicitor had been circulated before the meeting. She said that the legal transfer was now close. The Council agreed to allow an electronic method of signing for the transfer if agreed by the solicitor. The Clerk said she had asked for the logs to be removed. The Council unanimously agreed to continue with the transfer.

Action: Clerk

b. Discuss plan for initial management/use of the site

The Council agreed to wait until the transfer has taken place.

c. Community engagement for the site

The Council agreed that community engagement would be crucial for the success of the project. Cllr Halle suggested engaging with the Woodland Trust. The Clerk was asked to check the Council's insurance.

Action: Clerk

d. Consider forming a CIO

The Charitable trust was not discussed.

C/23/076

Council Communications

a. Articles for September newsletter

Topics to be included were the new Councillor, Speedwatch volunteers, London Rd electricity, the Primary School, the country market, Lancaster House.

C/23/077

Village Amenities to provide update

a. Lengthsman tasks and Maintenance

Cllr Jackson asked that the High Street should be weeded. The cycle path would need cutting back (C/23/70d).

Action: Cllr Marshall, Clerk

b. OLR Electricity supply

The Clerk had met with SSEN at a neglected area of woodland off Winton Hill with trees that were likely to rub on the wires. SSEN said that work was planned to cut back these branches. Work was also planned on improving another transformer. She had been told that power surges were due to the necessity of clearing debris on the wires and was a common problem in rural areas. She was told connecting Old London Rd to the Stockbridge supply would not be possible because that would overload High Street. SSEN had closed the complaint.

C/23/078

Finance

a. Recent Transactions – to approve income and expenditure since last meeting

Income and payments 35-49 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. There was no income. Cllrs noted expenditure against bank statements.

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Opening bank balance		80110.66
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	35	21.15
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	36	707.05
OVO energy (Milsom light)	37	19.10
Tom Oliver-Hawkins (weed cut)	38	208
D Younger (newsletter delivery)	39	100
STHC (Hall Hire)	40	19.50
Shane Ling (cemetery)	41	308
B Baker (travel expenses)	42	40.40
HMRC (Clerk's tax + NI x3)	43	79.96
Trout 'n About (C/23/059b)	44	500
Unity Bank (Service charge)	45	754.87
ADH Printing (newsletter)	46	150
YMML (Clerk's Office)	47	36
OVO energy (Milsom light)	48	18.33
Shane Ling (lengthsman June)	49	2204
Closing Balance		758212.97

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

c. Grant application form Victim Support

This was not agreed as there was no demonstration that the residents of Stockbridge would benefit.

Action: Clerk

C/23/079

Health and Safety

There were none.

C/23/080

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next Council meeting is due to be held on 21st September 2023 at the Scout Hut. Items for the agenda:

Lancaster House
Village Design Statement
Newsletter
HCC's parking survey

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....