

# Stockbridge Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

**Present:** Cllrs J Leslie (Chair), R Foord, G Boney, M Porter,  
D Halle, H Jackson, B Powell

Cllr A Johnston, D Drew

**Apologies:** Cllrs A Lawrence, F Parr  
T Ward

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Fourteen

**C/22/176** **Apologies**  
Cllrs Lawrence and Parr sent their apologies.

**C/22/177** **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 item 23/00641

**C/22/178** **Public Participation**  
Eleven members of the public came to talk about agenda item 5.

The Chair moved item 5 up the agenda.

**C/22/179** **OLR Electricity supply**  
Mr Vickers addressed the Council to explain that residents in Old London Rd suffered from frequent electricity outages. He said that their electricity supply was becoming increasingly infrequent and unpredictable with supply recently cut for 9 hours. He asked that the Council could write to SSE (the infrastructure supplier) to ask that the supply should be improved. The Council asked the Clerk to do so. Cllr Drew suggested that residents should write to the MP Caroline Nokes as well. This was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/180** **Public Participation**  
Mr D Hall, Chair of Test Valley School Governors, addressed the Council to explain recent developments at the school. He said that the rating by Ofsted of "Inadequate" meant that there was a significant focus underway to make improvements. A new Exec Headteacher, Head of School and deputies had been appointed. The focus was on safeguarding and learning.

**C/22/181** **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**a. To approve and sign the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

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These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**

There was none.

**c. To deal with any correspondence**

There was none.

**C/22/182**

**Stopwatch Crime Prevention What's App group for traders**

Ms Suzo Schilling from Romsey TC described a successful traders What's App group that was being run in Romsey. She said the group was for retailers to pass on information about possible shoplifting and nuisance behaviour. It was linked directly to the Romsey PCSOs. There were 60 people on the group and it was growing. Members of the group had to sign a contract to ensure that it was kept focussed and factual. She said there had been a number of successes. Cllr Jackson commented that the present SBA did not include all traders because all were not members of the SBA. The Council agreed unanimously to look into setting up a similar initiative for traders in Stockbridge.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/183**

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**County and Borough Councillor Reports**

Cllr Johnston had circulated a report before the meeting. She said that there had been a number grant requests for coronation events. She said that the PC's recent grant request for a defibrillator and a SLR was not going to be awarded. Cllr Halle expressed disappointment because speeding traffic was a constant problem in Stockbridge. He said that a defibrillator at each end of town was helpful in a population that didn't rely on cars. A representative of Town Hall committee said that the Town Hall might be able to help with a defibrillator.

**Action: Clerk**

**ii**

Cllr Drew said that 97% of Hampshire children got into their first choice school. He said HCC was increasing its support for Ukrainian families. He said the HCC's overall budget was £2.6 billion. He asked that Highways faults should be referred to HCC via Report it on the HCC website.

**C/22/184**

**Infrastructure Issues**

**a. Phone Boxes**

The new door had been delivered. Cllr Halle agreed to install it.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

**b. Trout Pond**

The Clerk asked the Council to approve £123 of extra expenditure on the licence application. This was agreed. The Clerk explained there was still nothing further on the licence from the EA C/22/

**c. Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets**

There was no update.

**d. Cycle Path**

A quotation from the lengthsmen for the work was agreed as acceptable. The Clerk was asked to apply for a grant for the work.

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**Action: Clerk**

- e. **Progress on the Lantern Arch**  
There was no update.
- f. **Defibrillator**  
This was dealt with under C/22/183i

**C/22/185**

### **High Street**

- a. **Licence for crossing between Co-Op and Greengrocer**  
The Clerk confirmed that the temporary licence for the planters had been issued by HCC. She explained that this had only been possible on the understanding that the Council would seek a permanent solution. She said that HCC Minor Works had been approached for the work. The Council agreed to pursue this avenue. Cllr Foord dissented.

**Action: Clerk**

- b. **To agree which individual changes should be progressed**  
Cllr Halle felt that agreement on which changes should be moved forward was a discussion for the next Council. This was agreed.

**C/22/186**

### **Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project**

The Clerk confirmed that the quotation had not yet been received from HCC. She explained HCC's proposal to the residents of OLR at the meeting. It was agreed to be an improvement but may not be 100% effective.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/187**

### **Policy Review – Risk Assessments**

- a. **Risk Management Strategy**  
The Risk Management Strategy was agreed as acceptable.
- b. **The Risk Register**  
The Risk Register was agreed as acceptable.
- c. **Lancaster House Project**  
The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.
- d. **Pocket Park (Land behind the toilets)**  
The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.
- e. **Financial Processes**  
The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.

**C/22/188**

### **Recreation Ground Trust**

- a. **Update from AGM**  
Cllr Porter updated the Council to say that the Trust had money available due to the Covid grants but it needed this for infrastructure repairs. He said that the Trust had no regular income and the maintenance workload rested on Football club volunteers. He explained that this was an increasingly untenable solution because would be unable to do this into the future. He said he felt that the Trust was going to require more support from the Council. Cllr Powell said that was Football Club was aware they needed to plan for the future. Cllr Foord felt that the ground was geared

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too much towards the Football Club and he said that the Recreation Grd would need to open up. Cllr Jackson queried why other activity wasn't allowed on the ground and Cllr Powell explained that the pitch could not be over-used as it was on the site of the water meadow. Cllr Halle said that the precept was already the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in Test Valley, therefore any further financial obligations would need to benefit a wide proportion of Stockbridge. Other uses of the pitch such as walking football was mentioned. The Council agreed to form a WG, of Cllr Powell, Halle, Porter to look into the long term solutions for the Recreation Ground.

**Action: Recreation Grd WG**

### c. **Proposal for grant funding**

Cllr Porter put forward a proposal to use the S106 money held for formal recreation to help purchase temporary floodlights for the junior football team to play at TV School. This was agreed. However some further funding would be necessary from other sources for the purchase.

**Action: Cllr Porter**

C/22/189

### **Council Communications**

#### a. **Items for the March newsletter**

The March edition of the newsletter was agreed. Cllrs Jackson and Leslie agreed to proofread.

**Action: Clerk**

#### b. **APM**

The Council agreed not to hold an APM this year due to the election.

**Action: Clerk**

C/22/190

### **Village Amenities to provide update**

#### a. **Lengthsman tasks and Maintenance**

No tasks were put forward.

**Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk**

#### b. **Lancaster House**

The Clerk had not had an update from the solicitors. She agreed to chase them for an update.

**Action: Clerk**

#### c. **SID/SLR**

The funding for a new SLR was dealt with under C/22/183i. Cllr Halle agreed to collect the SID from the member of the public.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

#### d. **Coronation mugs and celebrations**

Cllr Jackson proposed the Council purchased coronation mugs to give to the school children or to the community. The Council discussed whether the mugs could be handed out only Stockbridge children but could not find a viable way to do this. The proposal was not agreed. It was noted that there was to be a Coronation Lunch to be held for Stockbridge residents on the Rec Grd. The Clerk had applied for grant funding from TVBC.

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C/22/191

### Finance

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

Income and payments 120 -135 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was for the cemetery, the Xmas fund and for the share of the Clerk's SLCC membership.

Opening bank balance		84424.62
S J Maddocks (cemetery)	Income	220
Town Hall & Hub (Xmas Fund)	Income	1050
Headbourne W PC	Income	93.5
Standard Life (Clerk's Pension)	136	3.48
X Connect (Phone Boxes)	137	1930.39
Robert Nicholas (Trout Pond)	138	1372.8
Shane Ling (Play area repairs)	139	460
OVO Energy (Milsom light)	140	34.93
STHC (Hall Hire)	141	26
TVBC	142	255.14
Vitaplay (Playgrd sign S106)	143	389.44
B Baker (salary Lengthsman – pension )	144	770.99
Standard Life (Clerk's Pension)	145	21.15
ICO (Data protection)	146	35
Shane Ling (lengthsman February)	147	1040
B Baker (planters licence)	148	200
Closing Balance		79248.80

#### b. To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

#### c. Agrees Reserves

The Council agreed to put £500 in reserve for the Recreation Ground Trust.  
The reserves put forward by the Clerk were agreed.

#### d. Asset Register

The Asset register was agreed.

#### e. Grant application from Spotlight UK

The grant application was considered but refused because the activity described was not confirmed to be in Stockbridge.

**Action: Clerk**

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### Planning

#### a. Agree planning WG to agree Council responses

This was deferred until the new Council.

#### b. New applications – to agree responses

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Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00641/TREEN	Little Dean Lodge Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	T1 and T2 - Ash - Fell, T3 - Fir - Fell, T4 - Ash - Fell, T5 - Sycamore - Coppice	28/03/23
The Council has no objection			
23/00543/TREEN	1 The Milsons Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JA	T2 - Ash - Crown reduction by up to 2.5m	31/03/23
The Council has no objection			
23/00597/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Extension to create garage and additional accommodation	31/03/23
The Council has no objection			
23/00616/ADVN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Display of 1 externally illuminated hanging sign and 1 non-illuminated fascia sign	31/03/21
The Council objected to the application. The Council felt that the benefit of the awning and signage was not clear and that it would have a negative impact on a grade II listed building. The Council was of the opinion that the access way to the property needed to be kept clear at all times and this wasn't always the case even though it was a condition of a previous application.			
23/00563/FULLN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	New signage and retractable shop front awnings on the existing building	31/03/23
As 23/00616			
23/00564/LBWN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	New signage and retractable shop front awnings on the existing building	31/03/23
As 23/00616			
23/00394/CLPN	7 The Milsons Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JA	Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension	Extension applied for
The Council has no objection			

### c. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00097/TREEN	Brookside, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Birch - Reduce height by up to 3m, T2 - Birch - reduce crown by up to 3m around, T3 and T4 - Spruce - Fell, T5 Pittosporum - Reduce by up to 1m around	No Objection
22/03309/FULLN	Land Opposite 1 Marsh Court Cottages Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JB	Change of use of and development of mezzanine/first floor of garage/store to create two en-suite bedrooms to be used ancillary and incidental accommodation to main house, installation of eight roof lights and installation of mansard roof (retrospective)	Permission



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22/03326/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Two new and two enlarged dormers, along with new infill door and side windows on rear porch	Permission
22/03045/ADVN	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Display of externally illuminated fascia sign and illuminated display board	Refuse
22/02647/FULLN	1 Winton Hill Cottage , Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Construction of two storey side extension, replacement pitched roof from flat roof to rear single storey	Permission

### d. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00320/TREEN	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	G1 - x7 Hawthornes - Fell	02/03/23
23/00311/TREEN	Seven Gables Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	T1 - Sycamore - Re-pollard to previous cuts and cut back overhanging branch over garden, T2 - Ash - Re-pollard to previous cuts	27/02/23
22/03207/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Change of use from storage to office	17/02/23
22/03284/FULLN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Retrospective replacement of outbuildings with outbuilding to provide storage for garden machinery and potting shed	24/02/23
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	18/11/22
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

There were none.

**C/22/193**      **Health and Safety**  
There were none.

**C/22/194**      **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**  
The next meeting is due to be held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Items for the agenda:  
OLR Electricity Supply  
Coronation  
Newsletter

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

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Signed.....

Date.....