

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:30PM AT THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs M Porter (Chair), B Powell, R Foord,
M Nadal, A Marshall, H Jackson, D Smith,

Cllrs D Drew (late)

Apologies: Cllrs D Halle

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Four and Ms Annette Parr

C/23/193 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Halle.

C/23/194 **Co-option of Councillor**

Ms Annette Parr had put herself forward for co-option. Her explanation as to why she wished to do so had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Porter asked her to clarify if she had any relationship with other Cllrs. Ms Parr said that she had a familial connection with Cllrs Foord and Smith. Cllrs Foord and Smith were asked to leave the room. Ms Parr said she had no self interest and she was keen to be involved in Stockbridge. There were no objections and Cllr Parr was welcomed to the Council.

C/23/195 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda**

There were none.

C/23/196 **Public Participation**

Only one member of public who was a High Street trader spoke. He said that the Stockbridge Business Assoc was no longer operational. He said traders would still be involved with the Christmas lights.

C/23/197 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 14th December 2023.

Cllr Foord said that it had not been agreed that Cllr Marshall was the Chair of the Resilience WG. This was agreed and removed from the minutes. The Chair signed the corrected minutes as a true record of the meeting.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

- The Clerk explained that the second Councillor vacancy would be decided by by-election, to be held, if contested, 21st March 2024.

c. To deal with any correspondence

There was none.

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C/23/198 **Borough and County Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Jeffery did not attend. No report had been received.
- ii Cllr Drew had forwarded a report. The Highways report addressed the issue of the 20mph speed limit. It said that this was not something HCC would be implementing unilaterally. Instead, PC's could work with HCC to implement the 20mph limit in each individual Parish but funded by that PC.

C/23/199 **Test Valley Local Plan Consultation**

TVBC was consulting on their proposed local plan. No new housing appeared to be planned for Stockbridge. The Council had no comment to make.

C/23/200 **Stockbridge High Street**

- a. **Disabled parking signage**
The blue sign had not yet been installed on the Co-op wall.
Action: Cllr Halle
- b. **Installation of crossing between Co-op and Greengrocer**
The Clerk had spoken to the Greengrocer who was in favour of the proposal. HCC was waiting to hear in writing from both the Co-op and the Greengrocer that they did not object in order to take the matter forward. The Clerk was asked to chase both parties. HCC were hoping to allow the planters to remain in situ until the new crossing could be installed. The Clerk asked the Council to consider what could be done with the planters.
Action: Clerk
- c. **Update on HCC's parking survey**
The Clerk had written to Ms Ware regarding the re-drafted survey report which the PC has yet to receive, but she had not had a reply.
- d. **Update from VDS WG**
Cllr Nadal said she had spoken to TVBC regarding the list of factual amendments that she and Cllr Foord had drawn up. She said that other groups had asked that the settlement boundary around Longstock and the SSIs should be included. Cllr Powell said that the document could be published as a .pdf. The Council agreed to pursue the .pdf option.
Action: VDS WG, Cllr Powell

C/23/201 **Recreation Ground**

- a. **AGM**
Cllr Porter confirmed the Trust's AGM would take place 12th March and that both he and Cllr Halle were prepared to continue to stand as PC representatives on the Trust. Cllr Powell said that the toilet upgrade project was increasingly important as it was possible that the club would be promoted to the Wessex League, if that occurred other grants should become available. He said it was important that the ground was available to the wider community and paid for itself. He wanted it to be used for events in the non-playing months. Cllr Porter said that the Town Hall had been supportive in agreeing grants towards new fencing and tree work.

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Action: Cllrs Porter and Halle

b. Receive Playground Inspection Report

The inspection report noted that some of the boards were in need of repair. Cllr Foord said that they needed to be kept an eye on. The Clerk commented that the inspection report had not been provided in a timely manner. The Council agreed payment of a peppercorn rent for the playground to the Recreation Ground Trust of £10.

Action: Cllr Foord, Clerk

C/23/202

Trout 'n About

Cllr Powell spoke to say that although the event was a success, it was not doing its job of bringing money back into Stockbridge. He said the event was run by the committee which now needed more members. He had written to the local businesses to ask for financial support and he emphasised his opinion that they should be doing more for the event. He said as an 8000 person event he hoped for more support from TVBC and HCC. He expressed a desire to close the road to make the event safer. He was considering charging for car parking and would be talking to the landowners about this. He said the aim was to raise a sizeable amount of money to give back to Stockbridge.

C/23/203

Traffic Safety – Old London Rd Project

Cllr Porter said that an on-site meeting had now been arranged with HCC's Mr Gibson on 8th March.

Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Porter, Clerk

C/23/204

Resilience

Action: Clerk

C/23205

River Test Pollution – Working Group with other Parishes

A meeting had been arranged for 27th February. Cllr Marshall agreed to attend. It was noted that Southern Water had recently discharged waste at Fullerton.

Action: Cllr Marshall

C/23/206

Fields south of the High Street

There was no update.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/207

80th Anniversary of D-Day

The Church would not be holding an event. The bell ringers would be contributing to the Ringing Out of Peace World Event at 6.30pm on the 6th June.

.C/23/208

Infrastructure -update on Council projects

a. Phone Boxes

These could not be painted in winter.

b. Blandford Row Pocket Park

Sparsholt College provided positive feedback regarding the student's

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designs.

Action: Clerk

c. Cycle Path

The Clerk had chased the Community Service again. She expressed disappointment that she had not heard from the person she had met.

Action: Clerk

C/23/209

SLR and Speedwatch

Cllr Halle did not attend so there was no update.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/210

Lancaster House

a. Update from Working Group

The WG were due to meet with The Woodland Trust. Cllr Porter suggested that contact should be made with the TV Nature Reserve wardens. Cllr Smith said he had amended the railings at the top of the site and the gate was straightened (C/23/186a).

b. Finalise sign

The sign was agreed.

Action: Clerk

c. Hedging

The Clerk asked the WG to agree if a hedge at the front of the site would be appropriate and if agreed where it should be positioned. Once this was agreed she would apply for grants.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Drew joined the meeting

C/23/211

Council Communications

a. Items for March Newsletter

Articles agreed were Trout 'n About, community engagement surgeries, and the Recreation Ground Trust.

Action: Clerk

b. Report from first engagement surgeries at the Community Market

Cllr Nadal had provided a written report from the first engagement surgery which had been circulated before the meeting. A number of residents had spoken to her and she felt that making a Cllr available at a time other than a Council meeting was beneficial. Cllr Powell agreed to create a sign to ask those with dogs to keep the leads short. The March surgery was due to be taken by Cllr Marshall.

Action: Cllr Powell, Cllr Marshall

c. Annual Parish Meeting – agree content and/or speakers

The APM was due to take place on 25th April at the Town Hall. The Clerk said it had been intended to use the event to display the designs for Blandford Row park and ask the community to decide which was preferred. The Council felt that there should also be presentations from

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local stakeholders at the event.

Action: Clerk

C/23/212

Village Amenities to provide update

a. Lengthsman and Maintenance

As a result of the community engagement surgery the Lengthsman was asked to cut back Lily's path.

b. Unity Transport/Community Bus

Cllr Nadal said she had attended a Unity transport event in which it had been made clear that HCC was focusing on funding urban areas and there was no money for rural areas. The Clerk suggested contacting Broughton PC which ran a community bus to see if it could be diverted through Stockbridge. Cllr Nadal asked to be booked onto the NALC community bus course.

Action: Clerk

C/23/213

Finance

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

Income and payments 124-136 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Income from Kings Somborne PC and Headbourne Worthy PC for the lengthsman scheme was noted. Cllrs noted expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		63930.03
Hugo Fox (website)	124	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	125	733.84
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	126	21.14
Standard Life (Clerk's back pension due from NALC payrise)	127	34.32
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI & Emp's NI)	128	83.2
YMML (Clerk's office)	129	36
B Baker (disabled parking sign)	130	9.47
STHC (Room hire)	131	31.5
B Baker (MS Office, padlock and chain)	132	137.84
Vitaplay (Playground inspection)	133	67.80
SLCC membership for Clerk (to be split 2/3 with Headbourne Worthy PC)	134	238
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	135	289
RBIL (wreaths) Cheque	136	100
Closing Balance (minus cheque)		62464.82

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

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c. Update Council Savings Account

This was progressing.

Action: Clerk

d. Agree new banking authorisee

This had not yet been finalised.

Action: Clerk

C/23/214

County Councillor Report

Cllr Drew spoke to say that HCC was championing Apprenticeship Week. He said that HCC was setting out its spending plans. He said that the authority's commitments were first to education and adult social care. He said it was a case of people not potholes but that it was still important to report the potholes. He said that HWRC at Bunny Lane was possibly due to close because HCC would only support one Recycling Centre in each borough. He highlighted the Hampshire Hospital Consultation. He said that the rural Cllrs would be resistant to the removal by HCC of the Lengthsman funding.

C/23/215

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Expiry Date
24/00264/FULLN	Dawlish House 7 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Erection of outbuilding for use as home office	08/03/24
The Council has no objection			
24/00224/TREEN	Old Swan House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6	T1 - Conifer - Remove	22/02
The Council had no objection			
24/00083/VARN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of 21/01171/FULLN (Erection of three tourist accommodation units) to alter the provision of windows, install decking platforms, and internal changes.	24/00083/VARN
The Council strongly objects to the application because the Council is not convinced the layout is appropriate for long term holiday accommodation. The layout is such that it can be easily changed and used for living quarters once planning permission is granted. The Council is of the opinion that the specified access route to the holiday accommodate which at present accommodates tables and chairs for a local café, is inappropriate for continuous movement of the vehicles of a holiday let and is concerned that the holiday residents will simply leave their vehicles on the High Street. The Council is concerned that the impracticability of the access and the flexibility of the layout will mean that the accommodation will soon be used for living accommodation and not for what the planning permission specifies. Stockbridge Parish Council requests that should Planning be minded to approve then the application should go to Committee.			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Result
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23/03187/FULLN	Blandford House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB	Single storey attached store	Permission
23/03114/OELN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge	Application under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 - Installation of second supply for a multi user	No Objection
23/03067/TREEN	2 Test View Old London Road Stockbridge	4 Sycamores - Crown to 6 metres	No Objection
23/03034/LBWN	Trout Cottage High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Replacement of 4 windows on front elevation	Consent
23/02934/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Erection of replacement outbuilding	Refuse
23/03108/FULLN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Replace conservatory with single storey extension and shed with greenhouse,	Permission
23/03109/LBWN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	As 23/03108/FULLN	Consent

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
24/00044/TREEN	Dean View Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	G9.2 - Beech - Fell to ground level, G9.3, G9.4 - Sycamore - Fell to ground level	30/01/24
23/03258/CLPN	1 Riverside Cottages High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Certificate of proposed lawful development for temporary siting of mobile home	22/01/24
23/03063/FULLN	Penny Lane Barn Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Alterations to fenestration, materials and car port (retrospective) and change of use of land to residential garden	05/01/2024
23/03070/FULLN	Green Place Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Erection of 1.5-storey extension, replacement of 1 no. window to West elevation and infill of void	05/01/23
23/03071/LBWN	Green Place Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Erection of 1.5-storey extension, replacement of 1 no. window to West elevation and infill of void	05/01/24

d. Enforcement

There were none.

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Health and Safety

There were none.

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C/23/217 **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**
The next Council meeting is due to be held on 21st March 2024 at the Town Hall. Items for the Agenda:
Newsletter
River Test pollution
Lancaster House
Resilience WG Terms of Reference

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:55 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....