

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2022 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), H Jackson, R Foord, G Boney, I Bell.

Cllr D Drew (late)

Apologies: Cllr J Leslie, D Halle, T Hales, F Parr, T Ward,

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Mr Michael Porter

C/22/033 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Leslie, Halle, Hales, Parr and TVBC Cllr Ward.

C/22/034 **Co-Option of Councillor**

Mr Michael Porter had provided information as to why he would like to be a Cllr. It was circulated to the Council before the meeting. There were no questions. The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt. Mr Porter was welcomed to the Council.

C/22/035 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

There were none. Cllr Foord said he was recording the meeting.

C/22/036 **Public Participation**

There was none.

C/22/037 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2022**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 19th May 2022

The minutes were agreed and noted 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

- The Council did not object to a temporary licence for Trout n'About.
- A TVPTCA meeting was scheduled for July, it was suggested that Cllr Leslie would attend.
- Cllr Boney informed the Council that the Football Club who were asking for a grant. Cllr Lawrence explained that the Recreation Ground Trust were the usual recipient of the Council's grant but the Trust had surplus cash after Covid grants and these would need to be reduced before another grant is considered by SPC.

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- Cllr Boney queried access to the cemetery which had been partly obstructed by fallen trees. Cllr Foord confirmed that his contact would be undertaking the removal of the wood shortly.

C/22/038 **County and Borough Councillor Reports, PCSO report**

Neither the Borough nor County Councillor were present. TVBC had supplied a report. There were no comments.

C/22/039 **Infrastructure Issues**

a. Phone Boxes

Cllr Lawrence said he would take on responsibility of the phone boxes.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

b. Trout Pond

The Clerk had written to the Fishing Club to ask for funding for the project but had not had a reply. She and Cllr Jackson had asked businesses on the High Street to contribute and Robjents was willing to contribute £100. Cllr Drew had agreed to grant £1000. There had been no feedback from TVBC.

Action: Clerk

c. Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets

There was no progress on producing a proposal.

Action: Clerk

d. Cycle Path

Cllr Drew had been asked to chase HCC.

e. Lily's path

HCC had written to Cllr Drew to say they were prepared to scalp the rougher area of the path. Cllr Foord expressed scepticism that this would be satisfactory. It was agreed that it would be better if HCC granted the money to SPC, for SPC to undertake the work.

f. Use of Pavement by traders

HCC had visited the High Street but had not seen any infringement of the pavement licencing. Cllr Lawrence expressed frustration that HCC were not taking responsibility for the infringements that caused difficulties to less able residents. He said that HCC should be written to in order to put it on the record that SPC did not share HCC's view and that the matter was solely in HCC's hands. This was agreed.

Action: Cllr Lawrence, Clerk

A member of the public joined the meeting

C/22/040 **Test Valley School**

The member of the public, Mr David Hall, who was a governor of Test Valley School asked to speak to the Council. He confirmed that Test Valley School was proposing to join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). He said that the school

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had 440 pupils but it could be double that. Andover schools were now improved and County had withdrawn support for transport. He said that the school had been looking for partner to federate with or formally to join other schools and had been investigating the most appropriate option. Mindful that it was government policy that by 2030 all schools should have be an academy the preferred choice was to join HISP academy Trust. The intention was to create a regional hub of excellence which would benefit the education in the whole area. He said the school was now entering into a formal consultation process but commented that so far there were no areas of concern. He said that by going down this route the school would secure a good strategic direction with links to impressive organisations. He commented that the project to build a new swimming pool was likely to go ahead. He said that a new head teacher had been appointed and would start in September. He asked the Council for their feedback as a consultee. The Council was supportive of the chosen way forward and asked Mr Hall to communicate this to Test Valley School.

Cllr David Drew joined the meeting

C/22/041 Traffic Safety

Cllr Bell commented that there was no progress although the report had now been referred to an HCC manager for comment.

C/22/042 High Street

a. Update on TPWG

Minutes from the recent meeting on the TPWG had been circulated to the Council. Cllr Boney informed the Council that a survey was now taking place on the High Street. He said that the survey was to work out if parking effected how visitors spent their money and the data would be used to inform a meeting with HCC at the beginning of July. He said that at the meeting he hoped to be able to find out what HCC's plans were for Stockbridge and if that included paid parking. He said that Stockbridge was a destination town and that paid parking would cause damage to the economy. He felt that businesses were supportive of this view. He said the survey results were encouraging so far with 350 sheets completed and evidence was that visitors had come long distances. Cllr Foord commented that this might not be the case outside the co-op.

b. High Street Re-Design

This was due to be discussed with HCC at the July meeting.

C/22/043 Resilience

HCC was consulting on its draft Catchment Management Plans which concerned water and flood management plans. Cllr Porter agreed to consider the plans and to report back to the Council.

Action: Cllr Porter

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C/22/044

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

a. Provide update on the Lantern Community purchase

The Clerk provided an updated list of donations and expenditure. Cllr Lawrence said that the project now had enough funding to go ahead. He said the Parish Council had agreed to make a donation should it be necessary but he queried if this was now needed. He noted that planning permission had been granted and that there would be an event in the Town Hall to thank donors.

b. Other Jubilee celebrations

The Clerk noted to the Council that she had requested permission from HCC to plant 8 Cherry trees in Trafalgar Way in honour of the Jubilee. A resident was raising funds for the project. She cautioned that the licences were not necessarily straightforward. Cllr Foord confirmed he had removed the flags and flagpoles and they were now in storage in his barn.

C/22/045

Council Communications

a. June edition of the Newsletter

The Clerk had prepared a proof of the next newsletter. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/22/046

Village amenities

a. Lengthsman Tasks

The area outside Rosalind House required weeding. The village gates needed cleaning. Cllr Bell asked for the Penny Lane right of way to be cut back.

Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk

b. Lancaster House

There was no progress to report

Action: Clerk

c. Council Noticeboards

These were due to be delivered and installed in the following week.

d. SID

Cllr Leslie did not attend so there was no update.

e. Maintenance of bins and benches

Cllr Lawrence was obtaining quotations.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

f. Playground – Actions from recent playground inspection

The Clerk was asked to install new signage reducing the age range for the park to 12 years. Cllr Foord agreed to check the spring on the gate. Cllr Jackson commented that there was a littering problem. The Clerk noted to the Council that the insurance was asking for bi-weekly inspections. She was asked to verify the consequences of not doing so with the insurance. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to send in the lengthsman once a month to clear the gravel and litter and keep an eye on the equipment.

Action: Cllr Foord, Clerk

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Finance

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

Income and payments 20-27 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as contribution to the Lantern Arch Jubilee appeal from a resident, 2 payments for the cemetery and payment from Headbourne Worthy PC for share in the Zoom licence.

Opening bank balance		82625
Resident's contributions to Jubilee Arch Appeal	Income	100
Headbourne Worthy PC (Zoom licence)	Income	59.95
S J Maddocks (cemetery)	Income	80
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123 Reg (Domain renewal)	20	28.78
Do the Numbers (Internal Audit)	21	320
HMRC (Tax/NI)	22	22
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	23	172.51
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman - pension)	24	777.94
YMML (Clerk's Office expense)	25	30
Shane Ling (Lengthsman May)	26	1580
STHC (Meeting Room)	27	24
Closing Balance		80054.72

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

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

C/22/048

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01482/FULLN	1 The Mount , Old London Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Two storey extension and associated alterations to dwelling	9/07/22
The Council supports this application.			
22/01385/TREEN	Walnut Lodge Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1 - Lime - Fell	15/06/22
The Council refers an opinion on this matter to TVBC			
22/01384/TREEN	Nelson House Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1- Ornamental Cherry - Fell, T2 - Silver Birch - Fell	17/06/22
The Council refers an opinion on this matter to TVBC			

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b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01219/FULLN	Stares Meadow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Erection of detached 3-bay garage and associated external works	Permission
22/00955/FULLN	St Peters Church High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Restore metal arch with lantern over the gates	Permission
22/00804/FULLN	Manor Farm, The Tallet , Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Change of use from agricultural to residential land	Permission
22/00872/LBWN	Lane End , High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Internal works including the installation of a sink unit, data and electrical sockets, and display units	Consent
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JH	Change of use of pumphouse to create a new dwellinghouse and use of land for ancillary parking and garden space (Retrospective)	Refused

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01227/FULLN	Stares Meadow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Change of use from Agricultural Building to Office Building	03/06/20
22/01267/TREEN	Walnut Lodge Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1 - Spruce - Fell	06/06/22
22/01143/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from commercial to residential (Retrospective)	03/06/22
22/01169/LBWN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Replacement of first floor front leaded windows to match existing	27/05/22
22/00893/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Temporary canopy	06/05/22
22/01161/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Replacement of first floor front leaded windows to match existing	27/05/22
22/00858/FULLN	1 Riverside Cottages, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Erection of a rear two storey pitched roof extension and a single storey flat roof extension	29/04/22
21/02776/Fulln	Land At The Rear Of Greyhound Inn High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	Erection of fishing hut	12/11/21

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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
20/01722/FULLN	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 4 x 2 bed homes with assoc. access, parking	20/08/20

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none.

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Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held 21st July 2022. Items for the agenda:

TPWG meeting with HCC

Cllr Johnston presentation on plans for Stockbridge

Action: Clerk

C/22/050

County Councillor report

Cllr Drew informed the Council that the work on Lily's path would take place towards the end of summer. He had chased the work on the cycle path but had not had a response. HCC had a new leader and Cllr Nick Adams-King was now in charge of Highways. He said there would be work on the road between Romsey and Chilbolton over the summer. He encouraged everyone to report potholes to HCC's website. HCC was consulting on passenger transport savings. TVBC were changing the way they will be collecting waste. From next April there will be 3 categories of waste including food. He said the proposal was to have a weekly food waste collection for which a new bin would be provided. There would be 2 other bin collections.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

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