

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
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Present: Cllrs J Leslie (Chair), H Jackson, R Foord, G Boney, M Porter.

Apologies: Cllr I Bell, T Hales, A Lawrence, D Halle, F Parr T Ward.

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

C/22/097 **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hales, Bell, Lawrence, Halle, Parr and Ward. Cllr Drew had said he was going to be late.

C/22/098 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Porter declared an interest in planning application 22/02833. Cllr Foord said he was recording the meeting. The Clerk said she had referred this matter, C/22/074, to the ICO. The ICO said that Cllr Foord was holding the data illegally and the Clerk had notified Cllr Foord to this effect. Cllr Foord said that he had not heard from the Monitoring Officer whom he said he was expected to be reported to. He said that the ICO and the MO were the same person. The Clerk confirmed that they were not.

C/22/099 **Public Participation**
No members of the public attended.

C/22/100 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2022**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 16th June 2022
The minutes were agreed and noted as a true record of the meeting by a majority of Cllrs. Cllr Foord abstained.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

- HCC was consulting on its waste and minerals strategy.
- HCC had replied concerning the request for Cherry trees on Trafalgar, Way C/22/075i. HCC said that they were only prepared to plant one tree outside a resident's home. There would be no charge. The email had been forwarded to the project proposer.
- HCC was due to re-paint the High Street road markings but there was no date for this work.

c. To deal with any correspondence

- Cllr Leslie would attend a meeting with other local parishes regarding crime.

Action: Cllr Leslie

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- The FOI request, C/22/076c, response was ongoing and the requester had given the Clerk some more time. Cllr Foord confirmed that he did not hold specific information.
- A TVPTA meeting was due to be held on 24th November.

Action: Clerk

C/22/101 County and Borough Councillor Reports

i Cllr Ward had circulated a report before the meeting. There were no comments.

ii Cllr Drew had circulated a report before the meeting. There were no comments.

C/22/102 Stockbridge Business Assoc.

No one attended and there was no report.

C/22/103 Infrastructure Issues

a. Phone Boxes

Cllr Halle had notified the Council that he would be making the order for materials, C/22/078a, in January. He had been unable to mend the door and at present it was not secured

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Trout Pond

The Clerk explained that the EA had told the contractor that they could not do the work after 1st November. This was contrary to the accepted EA regulations that because it was structural river work, it could only be undertaken from the middle of October to the end of November. The Clerk said that part of the problem was that she had been unable to apply for the licence from the EA before the middle of August because TVBC had been unable to confirm the grant until then. TVBC had been delayed because the other awards had to be re-applied for due to a considerable rise in costs in Spring 2022. The Clerk said that it was probable that the project would not take place this year which may mean a rise in costs.

Action: Clerk

c. Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets

Mr P Brooks, TVBC, had replied to the proposal but had said that the project would need to show community support in order for it to be taken forward. He suggested the Clerk should contact the TVBC Community officer for support. Cllr Jackson said that she would be happy to be involved.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Jackson

d. Cycle Path

The Clerk put forward the proposal that the work should be done using an HCC countryside grant. She asked the Council if it was considered necessary that the surface needed attention. Cllr Porter said he would walk the tarmaced route and assess it.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Porter

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C/22/104 **Christmas**

Cllr Foord confirmed that everything was on track for the installation of the lights and for the events that accompanied the “turning on” event due to be held on 3rd December. He said he did not expect that any other funds to be forthcoming.

The Chair brought item 10 up the agenda

C/22/105 **Traffic Safety - Old London Road One-Way system Project**

Cllr Boney explained that the WG now had a reply from HCC. Cllr Boney explained that the original proposal for the feasibility study was to look at 4 options. The option that was identified as the most suitable was the one way street, subject to considerations regarding cyclists. He felt this had been the agreed position. Now HCC was saying that they could not proceed because there was no casualty reduction, as per their policy. Cllr Boney said that the WG had now written to HCC to point out what the consequences would be for HCC, should anything happen to a child. He said the reputational damage and financial consequences needed to be considered. He said that HCC would be liable to be prosecuted under Health and Safety law which would look at a proper assessment of risk and therefore could result in a hefty fine for HCC. Cllr Foord commented that he felt a contraflow for cyclists was dangerous. The Clerk pointed out that these set ups were not uncommon. Cllr Porter commented that very few cyclists used Old London Rd. Cllr Foord said his grandchildren did.

C/22/106 **High Street**

It was agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting when more Cllrs would be present. Cllr Boney commented that the list of proposed changes to the High Street should be circulated. He said that he was very positive about a mini roundabout at Longstock crossroads though he recognised that Mr Sorrell (HCC) had not been. He said he felt that if HCC held a survey on the High Street it would reveal if there was a problem with dormitory parkers. He said that the creation of a “town square” would be the most controversial and ambitious part. Cllr Jackson commented that she felt the drains would need to be renewed.

Action: TPWG

C/22/107 **Budget 23/24**

It was agreed to refer this to the December meeting. There were no comments or questions from the Cllrs present.

C/22/108 **Playground**

The Clerk had chased but had no update from TVBC regarding this funding for the signage.

Action Clerk

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- C/22/109** **Resilience**
Cllr Jackson considered that some provision for vulnerable residents would be appropriate. However, she queried if the Town Hall was the right location because it was very booked up and had no generator. Cllr Foord suggested that the situation was monitored week by week. This was agreed. The newsletter was agreed to be used to reach out to vulnerable residents.
Action: Clerk
- C/22/110** **Cemetery**
There was no progress with the gates to report.
- C/22/111** **Council Communications**
- a. **Items for the next newsletter**
Cllr Boney felt that a short precis of the meeting of the 28th July with HCC would be appropriate. This was agreed.
Action: Clerk, Cllr Boney
- b. **Website - Resilience**
The Clerk had been unable to undertake this update yet.
Action: Clerk
- C/22/112** **Village Amenities**
- a. **Lengthsman tasks**
No tasks were put forward for the lengthsman. The Clerk commented that he had done clearance work on the Test Way.
- b. **Lancaster House**
There was no update.
- c. **SID**
Cllr Leslie had not progressed the matter. The Clerk suggested that the Council joined up with other local parishes (eg: Houghton and Longstock) to share a new SLR. This was agreed as an idea worth progressing.
Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Leslie
- d. **Maintenance of bins and benches**
It was agreed to install a new dog bin at the entrance to the Test Way in Trafalgar Way.
Action: Clerk
- e. **Coronation mugs**
The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation. Cllr Foord agreed to mention at the next Court Leet that the National Trust would need to prepare some ground if they were going to allow a beacon on Stockbridge Down.
Action: Cllr Foord
- Cllr Drew joined the meeting
- C/22/113** **Policy Review**
- a. **Standing Orders**
These had been reviewed and there were no changes.

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- b. **Financial Regulations**
These had been reviewed and there were no changes.
- c. **Co-Option Policy**
The co-option policy was revised as previously agreed C/22/091.
Action: Clerk

C/22/114

Finance

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

Income and payments 85-98 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as donations to the Xmas fund from St Peter's Church and a grant from TVBC.

Opening bank balance		85087.20
St Peter's Church (Xmas Fund)	Income	66
TVBC (grant for Xmas Fund)	Income	1000
C Candler (Xmas lights licence)	85	287.86
HMRC (Clerk's tax/NI)	86	8
Shane Ling (Lengthsman - NW)	87	180
YMML (Clerk's Office expense)	88	30
STHC (Meeting Room)	89	24
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	90	17.66
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman +TPWG - pension)	91	721.84
OVO Energy (Milsom light)	92	85.07
Shane Ling (Cemetery maintenance)	93	280
YMML (Clerk's Office expense)	94	30
Test Valley PTA	95	25
Seymour & Bainbridge (Lantern architect)	96	216
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	97	1140
HCC (street lighting)	98	932.6
Closing Balance		82658.63

- b. **To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.**
Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.
- c. **To note Lantern purchase funds held by the PC**
The available funds of 5098.80 were noted
- d. **Agree Clerk's pay rise in accordance with NALC's recent agreement (to be backdated)**
The Council agreed the pay rise for the Clerk in accordance with NALC's recent agreement. As per NALC's advice the pay rise was agreed to be backdated to 1st April 2022.

Action: Clerk

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Planning

a. Agree response to TVBC CIL/S106 consultation

The Council had no comment to make regarding this consultation.

b. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02833/TREEN	Salar House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	2 x Ash trees to front of dwelling - Fell	22/11/22
The Council had no comment to make			
22/02917/TREEN	Seven Gables , Winton Hill, Stockbridge	Line of conifer trees between graveyard and garden - 50% reduction of height to previous cut points	01/12/22
The Council had no comment to make			
22/02889/FULL	Penny Lane Farm , Penny Lane, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Veranda, french windows, enlarged window on west elevation, and bay window on south elevation of barn wing	01/12/22
The Council had no comment to make			
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	18/11/22
The Council supports the application			
22/02931/TREES	20 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	X1 - Fig - Prune by upto 4m	01/12/22
The Council has no comment to make			
22/02556/TREEN	Valley Rise Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	(T1) Beech - Crown reduce by up to 2 metres and thin by to 20% (T2) Beech – Fell	26/10/22
The Council was content with this application			
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Appeal to secretary of State	10/11/22

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02556/TREEN	Valley Rise Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	(T1) Beech - Crown reduce by up to 2 metres and thin by to 20% (T2) Beech – Fell	No Objection
22/02020/FULLN	Steepleton Hill Barn, Penny Lane, Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 6JJ	Installation of solar array made up of 30 individual panels providing sustainable energy to the residential dwelling	Withdrawn

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22/01357/LBWN	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Addition of stud walls battened to existing, addition of book shelf unit and addition of sliding door in library (retrospective)	Consent subject to notes
22/01227/FULLN	Stares Meadow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Change of use from Agricultural Building to Office Building	Permission
22/01723/LBWN	Mulberry House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Remove damaged section of wall, rebuild using reclaimed bricks where possible, course of wall to be restored to original straight line	Consent
22/00893/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Temporary canopy	Refuse
22/01708/VARN	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Vary condition 2 of 19/02505/FULLN (Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage) to allow for amended design of property and garage location	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
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	04/11/22
22/02570/FULLN	15 Nelson Close Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ES	Single storey rear extension	04/11/22
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Appeal to secretary of State	10/11/22
21/02776/Fulln	Land At The Rear Of Greyhound Inn High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	Erection of fishing hut	12/11/21
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/22/116 **Health and Safety**
There were none.

C/22/117 **County Councillor reports**

Cllr Drew updated the Council that Romsey Town Centre had won an award. He said that meals on Wheels was £5.67 per meal. He said there were grants available for the creation of warm hubs. He said that Caroline Noakes MP had asked him to speak to HCC regarding Old London Rd. He said that Cllr

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Johnston was offering the Council support regarding the VDS upgrade. He noted that TVBC had energy efficiency grants available. He said that TVBC had also won an award for being the best all round small business friendly Council. He said that TVBC had successfully prosecuted someone for littering.

C/22/118

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held 8th December 2022. Items for the agenda:
Newsletter
Resilience
Xmas Fund

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....