

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), R Foord, F Parr, S Hill, H Jackson, J Leslie, G Boney, T Hales .

Cllrs D Drew, T Ward

Apologies: Cllr D Halle, I Bell

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Five

C/21/087 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Halle and Bell.

C/21/088 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

Cllr Foord declared an interest in the Cemetery C/21/100.

C/21/089 **Public Participation**

i

A member of the public was present to speak about the Council's SID which he looks after. He queried the agenda item for new SLR.

The Chair agreed to bring that matter up the agenda

C/21/090 **Proposal for new SLR/ Speedwatch battery.**

The member of the public explained that the present Speedwatch battery was now too old to hold charge for any length of time. He said that the Speedwatch group was now in a position to start up Speedwatch again and he asked the Council for the purchase a new battery. He asked if it was the intention of the Council to purchase a new SLR device. The Council was not in a position to make a decision regarding a new SLR but agreed the purchase of the battery. The Clerk queried if there was a licence agreement with HCC and she said she would take this up with HCC.

Action: Clerk

C/21/091 **Public Participation**

ii

A member of the public, who was a governor of Test Valley School, thanked the Council for the grant for the books (C/21/071) and said the school was looking to solve the parking (C/21/070 ii) issue by introducing timed sessions in the lower car park. He asked the Council to publicise the Open Events. He agreed to liaise with Cllr Leslie on the community projects.

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



- iii A member of the public said that teenagers from Test Valley School had been playing destructively in the playground. Cllr Boney suggested that a sign should be installed saying the playground was only for those up to age of 14.
- iv A member of the public addressed the Council to express disquiet at the recent instalment by HCC of cameras on the High Street and Trafalgar Way. The Chair explained that the Council had had no knowledge that a survey would be taking place. He said he understood that the plans to hold a survey dated back to pre-Covid. HCC had been written to and HCC had admitted their mistake in not giving prior warning to the Council. The survey had been halted for the time being. Cllr Boney commented that there was concern that HCC saw parking charges as a means of raising revenue. He said a survey had been held by the Council which had received 120 replies and which made clear that respondents did not want a parking regime laid down by HCC. Cllr Drew was asked whether this was HCC's intention. Cllr Drew said he had not been told that this was the case but conceded that parking was a hot topic and not just for revenue generation reasons. Cllr Lawrence said he felt HCC's priority was not clear. Cllr Leslie suggested that Ms Ware was invited to a Council meeting because it would be helpful to understand what HCC's intentions were. The Clerk read out the email from Ms Ware that admitted that parking charges were one, of a number of possible outcomes. Cllr Boney said that the dormitory parkers needed to be removed. A congestion charge zone was suggested. The member of the public made the point that the economic recovery of Stockbridge was dependent on the availability of free parking but also admitted that though parking was annoying it was usually possible to find a space. Concern was expressed at the parking on the Test Bridge that blocked the road to single lane.

Action: Clerk

C/21/092

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 15th July 2021

The minutes were agreed and noted as a true record of the meetings.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

The Chair noted the installation of the repaired War Memorial. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Kim Candler and Mr David Williams.

c. To deal with any correspondence

The Chair read out a letter he had written to Cllr Foord. In the letter he said that a Freedom of Information request had revealed the results of a pre-planning application for 2-4 houses to be built on land in Old London Road. The land is part of land attached to Cllr Foord's address as declared on his councillor DPI form. This land is adjacent to Old London Road and since the land has potential development value (as borne out by this application) the auditor confirmed that Cllr Foord had a legal duty to declare this as a DPI and to absent himself from any discussions regarding Old London Road. The auditor had advised that the Chair should raise this with Cllr Foord at the next Council meeting, but he had felt it was fairer to Cllr

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



Foord to contact him in advance which he did by e-mail on 13th August 2021. Cllr Foord has acknowledged the e-mail by responding to the Clerk and requesting to see all correspondence between the Clerk and the Council's auditor. The auditor advised that this was a Council Governance matter. Cllr Foord had been advised that this matter would be dealt with under correspondence at the September Council meeting. Cllr Foord stated that in his opinion there was no DPI to declare because it was a pre-planning application that did not have a positive outcome. The Clerk pointed out that all Councillors are supposed to declare DPI's on matters on the agenda at the beginning of every meeting not just if there is a resolution to vote on. The Chair allowed Mrs Jean Boney (who wanted her name recorded) to speak. She said that Cllr Foord had had an interest that needed to be declared because of the potential development of the land. She said that it was important to uphold the 7 principles of public life especially openness, integrity and honesty. She pointed out that Cllr Foord didn't declare a DPI before, on a different matter. Cllr Leslie queried what harm had been done the community. Cllr Foord asserted the Clerk had been biased in her communications with the Auditor. The Clerk said he was trying to distract from the matter at hand. The Chair ended the discussion.

C/21/093

County and Borough Councillor Reports

i

Cllr Ward had forwarded a report there were no questions

ii

Cllr Drew said that HCC considered that roles that Parish Councils played was important. He said that the focus at HCC was in making schools safer. HCC was taking action against flytipping. He was positive regarding the potential for the Council to adopt the Lancaster House site. He had spoken to the senior officer of the Countryside team to get them to provide a quotation for the work on the cycle path. He noted that the hedge work had now been completed. He commented that the drains at the bottom of Steepleton Hill had been cleared.

C/21/094

Plans for the acknowledgement to the contributions made by Stockbridge residents and traders during the pandemic by a Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire

The Chair informed the Council that one of the Deputy Lieutenants for Hampshire had asked that it could be arranged that he could express thanks on behalf of Her Majesty to those residents and traders who had helped out during the first lockdown. Those, that it would be appropriate for him to thank, would need to be approached for his agreement prior to his visit. The date for his visit was agreed to be 8th October.

Action: Chair, Clerk

C/21/095

Welcome Back fund for the High Street

The Clerk had forwarded the Council's proposal (C/21/075 i) to HCC but had yet to work out how such a scheme would be licensed.

Action: Clerk

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



- C/21/096** **High Street Design Update**
Cllr Halle did not attend so there was no update.
Action: Cllr Halle
- C/21/097** **Littering Issues**
a. Gutter Cleaning
This matter was ongoing and there was nothing to report
b. Steepleton Hill Layby
Cllr Hill informed the Council that the Fishing Club potentially had a log of wood that could be placed at the entrance to the layby. The Clerk was asked to write again to the other owner.
Action: Clerk
- C/21/098** **Planning – update of Village Design Statement WP**
Cllr Lawrence conceded that progress had been slow but he had studied the current document and had recognised what it lacked. He proposed to type this up and pass to the WP for comment. This was agreed.
Action: Cllr Lawrence
- C/21/099** **The drove between Old London Rd and A30**
Letters from a resident asking for the Council regarding the signage at the entrances to the drove that said it was private, had been circulated before the meeting. The emails for the resident bordering the drove and also been circulated in which it was admitted that the drove was not owned by anyone. Cllr Leslie proposed inviting those involved to a Council meeting. Cllr Hales said that he felt that with the evidence offered, and that the track had been in existence before the railway, there was enough living memory that the track had been regularly and publicly used. He felt that it should be considered whether the drove could be turned into a registered by-way.
Action: Cllr Hales
- C/21/100** **Cemetery – to consider projects for the cemetery grant**
a. Re-erection of toppled gravestones
The Clerk had circulated a quotation for the re-erection of the gravestones but she said she was expecting a further quotation.
b. Purchase of land to increase the size of the cemetery
Cllr Boney queried if this was required. The Clerk said that the Auditor had asked for the Council to attend to using this public money properly. She said that the Council needed to have a plan for spending the money.
- C/21/101** **Traffic Safety**
In the absence of Cllr Bell the Clerk informed the Council that she was now in correspondence with HCC's Ms Nicola Waight. Ms Waight had suggested that the Council would be asked for a deposit for the project presently. The Clerk had queried if this deposit was for the feasibility study.
Action Clerk

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



C/21/102

Infrastructure Issues

a. **Lily's Path**

The Clerk circulated an email from HCC explaining they were having problems due to the shortage of contractors.

b. **Cycle Path – Test Valley Way**

The Clerk had been working with Michelmersh and Timsbury Parish to put together a bid for a grant for the whole route. HCC had been asked to supply a quotation. Cllr Drew had chased this up.

Action: Clerk

c. **Land behind the toilets on the High Street**

Cllr Lawrence had met with a potential supplier who was due to come back with a basic design so that the Council would have an idea about costs. It was hoped the S106 money could be used for this project.

d. **Proposal for an SLR/new Speedwatch battery**

This was dealt with under C/21/090.

e. **Defibrillators**

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident to say that the defibrillator at the Fire Station was no longer operational. The scheme to use one of the phone boxes to house a new defibrillator was discussed. The Clerk was asked to investigate costs and grants to replace the defibrillator at the Fire Station.

Action: Clerk

C/21/103

Policy Review

a. **Standing Orders**

The Clerk had circulated to the Council in August the updated Standing Orders as agreed by the Standing Order Review Working Party. Cllr Foord said that the Standing Orders could only be changed if 4 Cllrs requested this. The matter was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

b. **Grant form and Policy**

The Clerk explained that it was appropriate to change the grant form in order to include BACS details of recipients. She had also taken off some of the requests for financial information which could be requested separately, if required. The form was agreed. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the grant policy that specified that grants could only be used for capital projects. She suggested that this could be softened. The Council asked the Clerk to come up with an appropriate form of wording.

Action: Clerk

c. **Agree next policy to be reviewed**

This was agreed as anti-bullying policy.

Action: Clerk

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



C/21/104 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Lawrence asked the Council to think of suitable locations for to plant a tree. He also said that there was a further oak tree available from TVBC. There was no obvious route for obtaining jubilee mugs.

Action: All Cllrs

C/21/105 Council Communications

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting a draft of the newsletter to go out before the end of September. Cllr Hales commented that he felt the Resilience article was a bit muddled. The scouts had agreed to deliver it

Action: Clerk

C/21/106 Village amenities

a. Rights of Way

There was no update.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

b. Lengthsman update

There were no suggestions for lengthsman work this month.

c. Lancaster House

This matter was discussed under C/21/093ii

d. Council Noticeboards

The Clerk had circulated quotations for replacement notice boards. Cllr Leslie queried why the present boards could not be re-furbished. The Clerk explained there was a problem with the locking mechanism on one of the boards. It was agreed to move this item to the next meeting.

e. Picnic Tables

It was agreed unanimously that the Picnic tables should remain at the Primary School.

C/21/107 Finance

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

Income and payments 40-50 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted from the Town Hall, Stockbridge Community cinema and St. Peter's Church for the Xmas lights.

Opening bank balance		75893.16
Stockbridge Town Hall	income	1000
Stockbridge Community Cinema	Income	250
St Peter's Church	Income	250
123 Reg (Email hosting)	40	287.86
ADH Printing (newsletter printing)	41	140
Test Valley PTA	42	150
B Baker (salary + lengthsman)	43	663.73

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



Shane Ling (Cemetery July)	44	280
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	45	2688.90
Safesite (Barriers on High St)	46	723.05
YMML (Clerk's office)	47	16.80
B Baker (expenses)	48	30.4
Shane Ling (Lengthsman KS July)	49	240
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman)	50	663.78
Closing Balance		71508.69

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. Extra hours for the Clerk due to FOI request

The Clerk informed the Council dealing with the FOI request had meant she had had to work an extra 17 hours. This would mean an extra payment of £208.08. This payment was agreed.

Action: Clerk

d. Grant application for Victim Support

A grant application from Victim Support for £50 had been received. This was agreed by the Council.

Action: Clerk

C/21/108

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/02529/FULLN	Highfield House Steepleton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6JE	Two storey rear extension, new entrance and porch, timber cladding to first floor, associated alterations, new swimming pool, detached carport and store	01/10/21
The Council had no objection			
21/02500/RESN	Land Adjoining The Tallet Manor Farm Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JH	Approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the demolition of farm buildings and the erection of 3 dwellings and garages pursuant to outline	24/09/21
Stockbridge Parish Council objects to the application due to the scale of the proposed buildings which the Council believes equates to overdevelopment of the site. The Council believes that buildings of this size are not in keeping with this part of the Conservation Area. The Council objects to the negative effect the scale of these buildings would have on the neighbouring Dairy Cottages, and the Council also objects to the loss of the historic cob wall which is not supported with any justification for removal. The Council would encourage a design of smaller scale buildings to address the impact on the Conservation Area and to reflect the scale of existing buildings in Stockbridge. This would allow the buildings to better integrate into their plot sizes. The Council also believed that a reduction in size would improve the public views into the site, and the negative effect on Dairy Cottages. The Council requests that the historic cob wall is retained.			

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/01891/OELN	River Test SSSI Near Longstock Mill, Longstock,, Atners Tower And Lodge House, Leckford, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Replace four 11kV overhead line wood Poles	EIA not required
21/01705/FULLN	Larksleve, Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of single storey garden room (previous garage) and erection of single storey extension to provide lounge and WC with alterations to the property including insertion of external doors	Permission
21/01717/RDCAN	Larksleve, Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of single storey garden room (previously garage)	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/02846/FULLN	New House, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, SO20 6HL	Conversion of existing garage to provide family games room, and insert flat roof dormer to front elevation	Appeal to Secretary of State
21/02415/TREEN	Larksleve, Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	T1 Pear - Remove, T2 Apple - Remove, T3 Palm - remove	07/09/21
21/02413/TREEN	5 Nelson Close Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ES	T1 - Rowan Tree - Fell	05/09/21
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
21/01825/FULLN	1 Riverside Cottages High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Erection of a rear single storey linked extension and additional dormer window to existing cottage roof	26/08/21
21/01171/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Erection of three tourist accommodation units	21/05
20/01722/FULLN	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 4 two bed dwellings with associated access, parking	20/08/20
19/02505	Land South West of Little Dean, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage.	22/11/19
19/02508	Land South West of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none reported.

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



C/21/109

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21st October 2021 in the Town Hall.

Items for the agenda for the May meeting:

Cycle Path

Policy Review

High Street Design

Noticeboards

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....