

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2019
7.30PM AT STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL



Present: Cllrs V Vere Stokes, I Bell, A Hales, F Parr,
R Foord, G Boney, S Taylor
A Gibson

Apologies: Cllr J Leslie, A Lawrence, D Halle

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Eighteen

- C/19/115** **Appointment of temporary Chair**
Neither the Cllr Lawrence (Chair) nor Cllr Halle (Vice Chair) were able to attend, therefore the Clerk explained that it was necessary to appoint a temporary Chair to chair the present meeting. Cllr Vere Stokes was nominated by Cllr Bell and Cllr Vere Stokes was unanimously appointed as the chair for the meeting.
- C/19/116** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Halle and Cllr Leslie.
- C/19/117** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Foord declared that his land bordered the planning application 19/02796
- C/19/118** **Public Participation**
Cllr Vere Stokes invited the members of the public present to speak. In the light of the fact that the majority of those attending were doing so because of agenda item 7 Cllr Vere Stokes agreed to bring that item up the agenda.
- C/19/119** **Traffic Safety Working Group**
Mr Vickers, a member of the Traffic Safety Working Group, led the discussion. He started by thanking those who were attending. He outlined a brief history of the matter at hand and what the outstanding issues were. He explained that an increase in the number of pupils at Stockbridge Primary School had given rise to traffic safety issues, including those at the A30 roundabout, the A3057 crossings and in Old London Rd. It had therefore been necessary to update the School Travel Plan and it was a requirement of doing so to incorporate all the issues. He stressed that there was no one single solution but that there had recently been two near misses near the school involving children. Mrs Jefferies, the Headteacher at Stockbridge Primary School, spoke to emphasise that the vast majority of the pupils came to the school by car and that parents would always seek to park as close to the school as possible, this means that there is often a line of 40-45 cars parked on Old London Rd, with 80% facing north.

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She had approached HCC and that it was HCC's plan that had been discussed at the Public Meeting. Not only did the attendees at the public meeting overwhelmingly endorse the plan but the letter, sent to residents, inviting them to the public meeting, asked them to comment by email if they were unable to attend the meeting and no comments negative to the proposals had been received. Mrs Jefferies explained that having Old London Road one way was critical because when cars are parked on both sides of the road, it is not wide enough for two way traffic. A resident expressed unhappiness that the matter was being seen by other Stockbridge residents as an opportunistic when in fact the matter was concerning children's safety. Cllr Bell read out a statement in support of the proposal, from Cllr Lawrence. Cllr Gibson confirmed that HCC would undertake a risk assessment. Cllr Foord commented that he felt the resolution agreed at the November meeting C/19/101/F should stand. Cllr Taylor felt that deferring the matter until the risk assessment was completed was a waste of time. The Council voted on the proposal to make Old London Rd one way with no deferment. This was carried by 6 votes for the proposal and 1 against. The Council agreed to consider the financing of the proposals with the remaining Developer funding set aside for Highway matters. The Council asked the clerk to write to HCC.

Action: Clerk

C/19/120

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019

a. To approve and sign the minutes

Cllr Hales asked that C/19/107 be set aside in favour of the Agenda item 12 (C/19/126), at the present meeting. The Council agreed to do so.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

The Clerk notified the Council that she had been informed by Littleton Council that although Wheelers were declining to continue the Number 16 bus, HCC were still prepared to fund it and were looking for a replacement contractor. The service would continue with a temporary contractor for the next 3 months.

c. To deal with any correspondence.

Cllr Taylor said he was happy to receive any input regarding the Planning report from other Cllrs. He also said he will not be available for the January meeting. The Clerk agreed to move the Planning Report to the February meeting.

C/19/121

Borough and County Councillor Reports

Cllr Ward did not attend the meeting. Cllr Gibson stated that he was supportive of the changes by the school but pointed out that there would be a consultation period, the Police would need to agree and a quotation for the work would need to be produced. He went on to say that he was concerned about flooding in the area and that pot holes were a real problem and he felt that HCC needed to do something about them.

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- C/19/122** **Christmas Update**
Cllr Foord commented that so far everything had gone well. However, they had been struggling with the weather, cables had been dragged into the streams when they got caught up in the weeds and there had been a problem with the transformer at the Church. The Clerk confirmed donations had been received from Trout n'About, Cllr Foord and the Co-Op which meant that the Christmas fund had a healthy balance to take over into next year.
- C/19/123** **SLR**
The Clerk had circulated emails before the meeting regarding an SLR in repair that was owned by Stockbridge Parish Council. Other Councils had expressed willingness to repair it if Stockbridge wanted to dispose of it. Cllr Foord explained that when this SLR had ceased to function the Council had replaced it with the current speed indicator device. The Council agreed that the old SLR, in repair, could be made available for other Councils to repair. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to TVBC.
Action: Clerk
- C/19/124** **Traffic and Parking Working Group**
Cllr Boney explained that due to personal reasons Cllr Halle and himself had not embarked on holding the survey that had been decided upon in last month's meeting (C/19/103). He confirmed that they will start the project in January. Cllr Boney felt that they would not be able to provide much feedback in the January meeting and asked that the Traffic and Parking Working Group update could be moved to the February meeting. This was agreed.
Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Boney
- C/19/125** **War Memorial – to receive update on proposed renovations**
Cllr Foord told the Council that only one tender had so far been returned. The cost of this tender was around £8,500 + VAT. They are waiting for other tenders and will then take the quotations to the War Memorial Commission and apply for a grant. Works will also need to be agreed with the War Memorial Commission.
Action: Cllr Foord
- C/19/126** **Resilience Working Group**
Cllr Hales explained that he was unhappy with the information minuted from the last meeting, C/19/107. He had provided the Cllrs with a progress report which he requested should be referred to in the future with the caveat that it represented his personal understanding at present and could well change as work progressed. He re-iterated his request for more volunteers to work on the plan with him. Cllr Halle confirmed that the Borough Lake and Kingsmead Weir temporary spillways cut in 2014 have been replaced by permanent structures that will be available to relieve future flooding. Streams passing under the high street are the responsibility of other riparian landlords and the appropriate maintenance of these streams will be a factor in reducing flood risk. Blockage of one of the six carrier streams that flow under the high street means that water

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will back up and the other streams will have to carry more flow which in turn increases the risk to flooding. Cllr Hales will liaise with the riparian landlords. The Houghton Fishing Club, which Cllr Hales acknowledged was instrumental in dealing with problems 2014, work year round to keep the river in good order and are the first line of defence when flood threatens Stockbridge. Cllr Hales commented that the real threat of flooding in Stockbridge comes from Borough Lake which has a higher water level than the main stream. The purpose of the spillways is to drop the level of Borough Lake when flooding threatens, this will reduce the pressure on the carrier streams at the eastern end of the High Street. If necessary the level of water in the main stream can be relieved by opening the Kingsmead Weir spillway. The new permanent structures are wider than the emergency cuts so should be capable of coping with greater weight of flood water.

Action: Cllr Hales

C/19/127

To consider the logging of resident's requests

Cllr Vere Stokes showed the Council a spreadsheet that she had drawn up in order to log resident's requests that are received by councillors. The intention was to ensure that all requests are followed through and responded to. The Council agreed to keep the spreadsheet updated through the Clerk and made available on the Drop Box.

Action: Cllr Vere Stokes, Clerk

C/19/128

Village amenities

a. The lengthsman update and community land

Cllr Halle was unavailable for the meeting so there was no update.

b. Community use of phone boxes including de-fibrillator

Cllr Halle was unavailable for the meeting so there was no update

c. Trout Pond

Cllr Halle was unavailable for the meeting so there was no update

d. Stockbridge Surgery

The Clerk suggested that Dr Gibbons is invited to present to the Council at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Council agreed to this proposal. The date of the 23rd April was agreed for the APM.

Action: Clerk

e. Annual Vegetation Cutting

The Clerk had been requested by HCC for a list of paths that the Council would like to be cut back. She provided the Council with a map with the paths marked. Cllr Foord commented that path 717 was tarmacked but the the path further along was in a bad state and would benefit from being cut back. The Clerk was asked to report back to HCC.

Action: Clerk

C/19/129

Budget – Planning for 2020/2021

The Clerk provided the Council with the list agreed from last month's meeting C/19/111 She asked the Council to insert two items not included in last meetings discussions – the memorial wreath and the annual donation to Test

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Valley School prize giving. The Council agreed to add these items to the budget. Cllr Taylor cautioned that cemetery improvements should be included because a toppling tests carried out last year on the gravestones revealed that improvements were required. The Clerk confirmed that TVBC has informed her that there were 337 Band D dwellings in Stockbridge. She needed to return the relevant Precept forms TVBC by the 31st January. The Council agreed to defer the final sign off to the January meeting.

Action: Clerk

C/19/130

Finance

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

Income and payments 75 - 87 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved.

Benefice	75	50
Shane Ling	76	311
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C J Chandler	78	25
B Baker	79	458.54
YMML	80	16.80
T Oliver-Hawkins	81	37.50
HCC	82	7705
Stockbridge THTC	83	22
A Lownie	84	425
Dale Valley Training	85	372
Icthus	86	2472.96
Shane Ling	87	1616.50

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

C/19/131

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
19/02796/FULL	Little Dean Lodge Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Change of use to an independent (C3) residential unit from current status as ancillary living space (Retrospective)	20/12/19
The Council discussed the application fully and a member of the public provided some further information. The Council had concerns regarding the intensification of use and the implications for parking. After a lengthy debate, during which the Chairman sought to take a vote a number of times, in a final and substantive vote the Council resolved to object to the application (3 object, 2 approve, 1 abstention) for the reasons given above.			

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b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
19/02593	Salar House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Tree Works as per schedule received	No Objection

c. To note decisions awaited

19/01619/ADVN	White Hart Inn, High St. Stockbridge	External Signage and lighting to accomodation block	2 nd Aug
19/01843	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 5no. 2 bed dwellings with associated access, parking etc.	23 rd Aug
19/02198	The Pumphouse Cow Drove Hill Kings Somborne Hampshire	Conversion and extension of the pumphouse to provide a single room facility for a personal trainer	4 th Oct
19/02694/VARN	Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge SO20 6HB	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of Planning Permission 17/00589/FULLN - (Erection of single storey extension to provide kitchen, dining room, office and wc, including demolition of concrete block shed) to substitute drawings A02, A04 & A05, with B02, B04 & BO5 to allow alterations to roof design	13/12/19
19/02670/TREEN	The Grosvenor Hotel, High Steer, Stockbridge	T1 Fir Tree - fell	30/11/19
19/02682	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	T1 – Lime – Crown lift up to 2.5m over pavement and Police Station drive and to 3.1m over Copperknobs drive.	30 th Oct
The Council noted that the request for the tree to be given a TPO was being actioned.			
19/02505	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage	29/11/19
19/02508	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19
19/02463	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Refurbishment of the second floor accommodation, and replacement of existing fire escape window	10/12/19
19/02481	Fairways High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Change the use of cottage (C3) to guest accommodation for The Grosvenor Hotel (C1)	10/12/19

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19/02482	Fairways High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Change the use of cottage (C3) to guest accommodation for The Grosvenor Hotel (C1)	10/12/19
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d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the fact that she had been requested by TVBC any information on illegal encampments in the Parish over the last 2 years. Cllr Foord commented that because Stockbridge was a small community there was very little of these problems but he would forward any information that he thinks of.

Action: Cllr Foord

C/19/132 Items for next agenda and date of next meeting and location of next meeting

The next meeting would be January 16th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Town Hall. The Clerk asked the Council if they would prefer to bring forward the December 2020 meeting by one week. The Council agreed to do so. The date 10th December 2020 was agreed. The Clerk to book Stockbridge Town Hall for the meetings for 2020 and post the dates on the website.

Items for the January agenda:

War memorial
Trout N'About

Action: Clerk

Cllr Vere Stokes was given a vote of thanks for chairing the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed.....

Date.....