

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 18th June 2020
7.30PM via ZOOM online



Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), G Boney, D Halle, T Hales
R Foord, I Bell, S Taylor, V Vere-Stokes, F Parr

Cllrs A Gibson, T Ward

Apologies: J Leslie

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Two

C/20/035 **Apologies**
Cllr Leslie sent his apologies which were accepted.

C/20/036 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Lawrence said he had posted an objection to 20/01179 on TVBC planning portal.

C/20/037 **Public Participation**
The member of the public that attended was there to speak about planning item 20/01037. She informed the Council that she was speaking on behalf of the group SOS (Save Our Stockbridge). She expressed objection to the application since it was outside the settlement boundary. The previous application was accepted as an exception to this because it was concerning Greyhound business and she pointed out that this was not the case for this application. She also stated that the planning advice she has received was clear that office accommodation could mean "light industrial use" which would be inappropriate outside the settlement boundary. She also commented there was no provision for parking and 3 offices meant there could be an extra 6 cars needing to park on the High Street (given that the Greyhound Parking was for guests).

The Chair proposed that this item should be brought up the agenda. All agreed. Since the Chair had already put in his own comments he handed the discussion over the Vice Chair.

Cllr Halle commented that a number of Councillors had visited the site. He said that the previous application had been unanimously agreed at the Council as an objection because it was outside the settlement boundary. However, the Clerk at the time had not submitted this objection. Cllr Hales quoted Planning Policy LE18 paragraph 19 which stated that any new development should be for tourism and as ancillary use of the Greyhound which this was not. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Boney expressed agreement with this view. Cllr Ward said he was on the planning committee, and that the Council should be aware of two aspects -

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that the present building clearly had planning permission, and that the Local Plan required only 2 car parking spaces. He suggested that the Council focused on the tourism aspect because the presence of the building could not be changed but the use of it could. He advised the Council that this means of challenging the application would be the most productive. Cllr Ward confirmed that he had asked the planner that if she was minded to approve then the application should go to committee. The Council unanimously agreed to object to the application. Cllr Taylor agreed to write the Council's objections.

Action: Cllr Taylor

C/20/038

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2020

a. To approve and sign the minutes

Cllr Vere Stokes brought to the Council's attention that the visitor numbers to Trout N'About should be 8000 (C/20/027). The amendment was agreed. The Minutes of the meeting of the 21st May were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

The Clerk notified the Council that she had applied for a small business grant from TVBC (C/20/030b) for the cemetery. The application had been successful and the money had been deposited in the Council's bank account.

c. To deal with any correspondence.

The Clerk had been notified by TVBC that 2020 Year of Culture was being extended into 2021.

C/20/039

County and Borough Councillor Reports

Cllr Ward said that TVBC now had a new Chief Executive, Mr Andy Ferrier. He announced that the car parks in were free until 21st June and would be free for 2 hours until July 22nd. TVBC was looking at ways of making shopping safer. Cllr Halle enquired if TVBC was in receipt of Gvt funds to get businesses going, would some of that money filter down to Stockbridge? Cllr Ward said Andover and Romsey had used the money to mark distancing on the streets. Cllr Hales commented that he felt that Stockbridge was in need of these measures because the number of visitors and shoppers around the "honeypot" shops made social distancing difficult. Cllr Taylor said he felt that Stockbridge could be given some more assistance. Cllr Ward said he would talk to TVBC to see how the money is being allocated.

Cllr Gibson said he had five items to bring to the attention of the Council:

- He had received a complaint from Longstock Parish Council about the positioning of the recycling centre in Roman Rd. Cllr Lawrence explained that this had been the decision of TVBC because the White Hart did not want it on their premises.
- HCC recycling centres were only working at 25% capacity. He said the online booking system will increase efficiency but there had been some difficulties with members of the public.

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- HCC was developing the use of intermediary care homes to assess patients when they are released from hospital this would free up hospital beds and help solve the disconnect between hospitals and care homes.
- Schools were operating with 34% of the children back in the years that were invited back. HCC was encouraging parents to get children back to school.
- He had been written to by a number of residents on Old London Rd concerning making the road one way. He admitted the costs were high but said he would do what he could to help.

C/20/040

Covid 19

- a** The Clerk had circulated the Help for Stockbridge accounts before the meeting. Cllr Halle commented that the lunches were the biggest form of support the group was providing for people but they were bringing forward schemes to assist the vulnerable for when the support group would start to wind down. Cllr Halle acknowledged that they had received a grant of £500 from Cllr Gibson. He went on to say that they had identified a number of very vulnerable people who needed more help. Cllr Bell commented that the village agent for Age Concern was available.
- b** The Clerk informed the Council that the Town Hall bookings had written to her informing her that they were starting to open up the venue again. She asked the Council if they wished to return to the Town Hall in July. A number of Councillors expressed reservations. It was agreed to hold the July meeting via Zoom and to consider the venue for the September meeting nearer the time.
Action: Clerk
- c** Cllr Vere Stokes expressed concern about social distancing on the High Street and she felt that the parking aggravated the problem. She asked Councillors to email her with ideas as to how this could be tackled.
Action: Cllr Vere Stokes

C/20/041

War Memorial – update on developments

Cllr Foord confirmed that the Council had received notification from the War Memorials Trust that the grant that had been applied for was being awarded to the Council. The stone masons and the consultant Civil Engineer has been informed and it was now a matter of waiting for the stone masons to be in receipt of the appropriate materials, before work start.

C/20/042

Planning

- a. To provide an update on Village Design Statement Working Party**
- i.** Cllr Taylor confirmed that he now had a new member of the working party and that he intended to call a meeting via Zoom. The other Councillors for the Working Party were confirmed to be Cllr Bell, Cllr Halle and Cllr Hales. Cllr Ward clarified the information regarding the Local Plan but he said he

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felt it was a long way off. A consultation document was due to circulate shortly and period for the update of the plan had been extended.

Action: Cllr Taylor

- ii The Clerk asked if the £1500 in last year budget for the Neighbourhood Plan should be allocated to the Village Design Statement C/20/032b. The Council agreed that for the present it should be allocated to the VDS WP.

b. Parish Infrastructure Prioritisation

The Clerk asked the Council to consider how the infrastructure projects were to be prioritised. She stressed that at present these matters were being dealt with as they come up without there being any means of deciding which were important to the community and which were less so. The Council agreed that Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Halle and the Clerk would come up with ideas as to how this could be done and would bring it to next month's Council meeting.

Action: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Halle, Clerk

c. Post Planning applications Working Party

Cllr Halle notified the Council that very often the Council needs to follow up on comments made on planning applications. He cited the example of a recent application at the Grosvenor Hotel that used a 35 year old parking plan. He suggested forming a Working Party to manage any follow up with TVBC on planning applications. The Council agreed and that Cllr Parr, Cllr Hales, Cllr Lawrence Cllr Halle should form the Working Party, with Cllr Halle chairing.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/20/043

Traffic Safety

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting an update on recent developments with the CIL application. Cllr Bell had been informed by HCC Highways that the Council could not apply for CIL funds for the feasibility study. Cllr Gibson confirmed that if the Council waited for HCC to pay for the feasibility study things might take a long time and the project may never happen. He also said that the finance, or lack of it, was an important part of HCC's attitude to such projects. Cllr Foord queried if the feasibility study wouldn't find in favour of the one way going the other way. Cllr Gibson suggested that this was unlikely. Cllr Bell put forward the suggestion that the £12,000 S106 money, allocated to Highways and at present earmarked to the smaller items of safety agreed by the Council, could be put towards the feasibility study and the CIL application be revised to include these smaller items of safety. If this was agreed the Council would need to agree to make up the shortfall with £3,000. He had asked HCC to agree to this but warned if HCC would not agree then the Council would either have to drop the CIL application or to provide the £15,000 out of Council funds. The Clerk confirmed that there was money available in the Traffic budget to fund the £3,000 and there was unallocated funds that could be used for the £15,000. Cllr Ward confirmed that the size of the money being asked shouldn't be an obstacle and he said that if the smaller items amounting to £12,000 were included then it would be very possible that those would be awarded even if the larger amount was not. The Council took two votes; the

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first was to use the S106 money for the feasibility study and for £3,000 to be provided from Traffic funds – this was agreed 8-1 with Cllr Foord voting against. The second was to provide a backstop of £15,000 from cemetery, traffic and unallocated funds. This was not agreed. 4 Councillors voted in favour – Cllr Bell, Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Vere Stokes and Cllr Hales and 5 against - Cllr Taylor, Cllr Foord, Cllr Halle, Cllr Boney and Cllr Parr.

Action: Cllr Bell, Clerk

Cllr Gibson left the meeting

C/20/044 **Resilience**

Cllr Hales informed the Council that due to other responsibilities he was not longer able to commit so much time to this Working Group. Cllr Lawrence said that he and Cllr Halle would be prepared to be involved. It was agreed that Cllr Hales would retain oversight of the Working Party.

Action: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Halle

C/20/045 **Traffic Parking**

Cllr Boney confirmed that he had met with Ms Caroline Noakes, MP, online. He informed the Council that Ms Noakes had been keen to encourage HCC to look at the parking issue and she felt that a good case could be made for a bespoke solution. She did not want HCC to come in and do what they want. Cllr Boney put it to the Council that once Ms Noakes came back from HCC with what they had to offer, the Council should hold some kind of village debate to ask for residents views. He asked Councillors to consider what form the debate should take in the meantime.

Action: Cllr Boney

C/20/046 **Village amenities**

a. Lengthsman update

Cllr Halle had no update for the Council.

b. Community land

There was no update.

c. Community use of phone boxes including de-fibrillator

Cllr Halle confirmed the cheque for £2 had been sent to BT, C/20/031c.

d. Electric Charging

There was no update.

e. Recycling Centre

There was no update

f. Rights of Way vegetation cutting

The Clerk noted that HCC were not going to undertake any of the rights of way vegetation cutting in Stockbridge. She asked Councillors to visit the rights of way and note if one required attention.

Action: All Cllrs

g. New bin on High Street

Cllr Halle informed the Council that a new bin had been installed on the High Street this was to combat the amount of waste that was being

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generated by take away businesses. Although TVBC had not specified there would be cost to the Council, the Council was asked to approve a charge of between £200-£300 should the Council subsequently be charged. These costs were agreed.

h. Littering and Dog fouling concerns

Cllr Leslie had highlighted these matters in a recent email. Cllr Halle confirmed that the TVBC welfare officer had visited Stockbridge regarding dog fouling. The sheep worrying issue was considered a concern because the National Trust employee who looked after the Marsh had been furloughed. Cllr Boney agreed to keep an eye on it and to write to the National Trust if it seemed likely that the National Trust employee was not going to return.

Action: Cllr Boney

C/20/047

Finance

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

Income and payments 19-29 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted expenditure against bank statements. The Clerk informed the Council that she had made a VAT return for £1610.49

V Vere Stokes	19	41.38
Chantal Storey	20	13.30
Came & Co	21	975.78
Tom Oliver-Hawkins	22	60
Shane Ling	23	171
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman)	24	503.77
Thyme & tides	25	100
Shane Ling	26	1455.89
YMML	27	16.8
Chantal Storey	28	36.38
BT	29	2.00

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. 19/20 Accounts and Annual Accounting Statements

The Clerk apologised that at the last meeting she had neglected to include a copy of the Council accounts for approval against the Accounting Statements. The Council approved the Accounts and the Annual Accounting Statement.

d. Virus Protection for Clerk's PC

It was agreed that the Clerk could purchase virus protection.

Action: Clerk

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Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/01037/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Demolition and replacement of existing fishing hut to provide a rural office workspace comprising of 3 no. independent units	19/06/20
This application was dealt with in C/20/037			
20/01187/Treen	Chestnut Cottage Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	T1 Walnut - reduce height back to previous pruning/pollarding cuts	25/06/20
The Council has no objection			
20/01140/Treen	Drovers Way Old London Road Stockbridge SO20 6EL	Beech (T1) - Fell, Cherry x 2 (G2) - Crown reduce to previously reduced points (Reduce by c.2m leaving trees 5m high and 3m wide), Ash (T3) - Crown reduce to previously reduced points (Reduce by c.2m to 4m), Cherry and Willow (G4) - Crown reduce by c.1m	23/06/10
The Council has no objection			
20/01151/Treen	Meadowgate Cottage Mead House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Tree works as per submitted schedule	23/06/20
The Council requested the Clerk to write to the planning officer and ask his opinion on this matter as the Council were unable to view the tree.			
20/01179/FULLN	Courtyard Cottage, New Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Single storey rear/side extension to provide kitchen, infill entrance porch and insert rooflights	10/06/20
The Council were taking a neutral stance.			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/00906/TREEN	1 Test View Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	T1 - Yew - Fell from bank behind house, T2 - Yew - Cut back to 50 cm tall	No objection
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.	Withdrawn

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/00815/FULLN	Old Bridge House, High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EX	Erection of replacement brick and timber garden shed (Retrospective)	15/05 – extension requested

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20/00666/FULLN	Nomads House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Change use to restaurant on the ground floor with living accommodation above	15/05 – extension agreed
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.	Extension agreed
19/03028	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	External works comprising new lighting and replacement fire doors onto High Street, along with various internal works to ground floor including removal of existing bar, new bars, new and renovated flooring and other works to walls and ceilings and reconfiguration of toilets and reception areas	22/01/20

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were no enforcement issues

C/20/49

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 16th July 2020. It is likely to be by teleconference. Items for the agenda:

Trout N'About grant application

Copperknobs

Government money allocation for pedestrian safety matters

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Signed.....

Date.....