

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 19th July 2018 at Stockbridge Town Hall

Duration of meeting : 7.30 pm – 9.17 pm

Present:

In the Chair	Parish Councillor Richard Foord
Parish Councillors	Alyson Lownie, Sally Smith, James Leslie, Angie Filippa, Richard Hills
County & Borough Councillor	Hampshire County Councillor Andrew Gibson
Members of the public	23 members of the public were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting
The Clerk	Michael Mortimer

Minute No

69 **Agenda Item No 1 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Frances Candler & District Councillor Daniel Busk

70 **Agenda Item No 2 - Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman Cllr Richard Ford asked members to declare any interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting.

No declarations were made.

71 **Agenda Item No 3 - To approve minutes of the meeting held on 21st and 28th June 2018**

RESOLVED: It was resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21st and 28th June 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings, the Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

72 **Agenda Item No 4 - Matters arising from the minutes of 21st and 28th June 2018**

The Chairman considered that most items could be covered in the Agenda

73 **Agenda Item No 5 - Public participation**

The following members of the public who were in attendance consented to their names being recorded in respect comments/questions that they raised/asked:

(1) Jean Boney – raised amongst other matters the necessity for there to be openness &

transparency to accord with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct in all matters associated with the potential McCarthy & Stone development.

- (2) Iain Bell – asked whether the Parish Council could have somehow compromised itself in respect of the potential redevelopment by having promoted the idea of a car park off the High St.
- (3) Alex Lawrence – asked about what conversations/discussions there had been between any Parish Council members and McCarthy & Stone in respect of the proposed key worker housing
- (4) Robin Colenso - commented on how the Parish Council was trying to steer a very difficult middle course by seeking the opinions of residents in an open minded way. It was an interface between TVBC and HCC.
- (5) Guy Boney – asked whether there really was a car parking problem and if someone did have difficulty in finding a space on the High St, it could have an effect on how they responded to the questionnaire.

It was agreed to bring Item 13 forward to this point in the meeting

74 Agenda Item No 13 – Potential redevelopment of the former Police Station and Copperknobs

- (a) Reiteration of the Parish Council's position – the Chairman opened this item with a reiteration of the course of action that the Parish Council was proposing to take and that it was not a referendum.
- (b) The Parish Council's proposed actions – gathering and dissemination of information to all residents and interested parties followed by seeking the views of the community in respect of any development by the formulation of a questionnaire, which will be distributed throughout the village for return to the Parish Council by a specified date.
- (c) Cost and resource implications – to consider making a budget allocation of £500 to cover the cost of printing the information sheet and questionnaires.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would allocate an unbudgeted sum of £500 towards the cost of producing and printing the questionnaires and other associated material

- (d) Forming a Parish Council working group to finalise the information sheet and questionnaire for approval by all members. The Working Group will also suggest a timetable for the distribution and return of the questionnaires.

Resolved: Members authorised the setting up of a Consultation Working Group, comprising Cllrs Alyson Lownie, Frances Candler and Angie Filippa.

The Working Group would compose the questionnaire and accompanying information. It was suggested that the questionnaire would be distributed by the middle of August with a view having them returned by the end of August. The Working Group would formally bring the draft documents back to the full Parish Council for approval. The same Group would carry out the analysis and report the results back to Members

75 Agenda Item No 6 - Borough Councillor's written reports (if available)

No reports from Borough Councillors

76 Agenda Item No 7 – County Councillor’s written reports (if available)

County Cllr Andrew Gibson advised that the work to alleviate water run off from the highway/hill up out of the village towards King Somborne which affected properties on the lower road sections was now included in the Highways work programme

Cllr Gibson also outlined the full scale of the budget cuts that would have to be achieved to meet the required £180 million of spending cuts over the next few years

77 Agenda Item No 8 – Police/PCSO report (if available)

No report available

78 Agenda Item No 9 – Clerk’s Report – The Parish Clerk provided members with a summary report on current matters/actions, which included amongst other things the following:

- (i) Resignation of Iain Bell as a Parish Councillor
- (ii) Probity in planning - the Clerk had provided members with guidance notes for Councillors
- (iii) TVBC Local Plan Review – Parish Councillors Frances Candler and Angie Filippa are compiling a draft submission on behalf of the Parish Council
- (iv) New declarations of Member’s Interest form to be circulated and completed
- (v) Test Valley Passenger Forum – Sally Smith urged all members of the Parish Council to participate in the HCC consultation.

79 Agenda Item No 10 – Planning matters

(a) Planning Applications

No new planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

(b) Tree work applications

No new applications since the last meeting.

(c) Planning decision notifications

The following planning decision notifications have been received

- (i) TVBC Ref: 18/01196/FULLN
Address: Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ
Application Type Full
Application for Conversion of agricultural barn to form a single dwelling
Decision PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes
Date of decision Wed 04 Jul 2018

- (ii) TVBC Ref: 18/01165/FULLN
Address: Thyme And Tides Grosvenor Garage High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE
Application Type Full
Application for Installation of 2 x retractable blinds to front elevation
Decision PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes

Date of decision Tuesday 03 Jul 2018

- (d) **Tree work decisions**
No notifications received of any tree work decisions that have been made in respect of applications in the Parish since the last meeting
- (e) **Planning appeals**
No notifications of any new planning appeals having been lodged in respect of planning or enforcement matters
- (f) **Planning appeal outcome notifications**
No notifications of any planning appeal outcomes in respect of any appeal cases in the Parish
- (g) **Enforcement action notifications**
None
- (h) **Other planning matters - Anaerobic Digester, Sparsholt College.**

The Chairman Cllr Richard Foord and Cllr Alyson Lownie provided members with current situation report in respect of the application to vary some of the planning conditions in respect of this proposed plant. The matter was due to be considered by Winchester City Council's Planning Committee on 26th July 2018. Members of the Parish Council would be attending. In the meantime. More representations/objections had been submitted to Winchester City Council and Cllr Alyson Lownie had prepared a press statement which she had circulated to other members of the Parish Council.

Further information in respect of this item was contained in Cllr Alyson Lownie's Environmental Report

80 Agenda Item No 11 – War Memorial – Update on developments since the last meeting and total raised so far by the restoration appeal.

The Chairman Cllr Richard Foord advised members that following the survey and inspection of the War Memorial that was undertaken by WYG on 28th June, their detailed report and drawings were awaited. As soon as these were to hand the next stage would be to agree a specification of works, liaise with the TVBC Conservation Officer and obtain quotations for the restoration/repair of the memorial

The Clerk reported that as at the date of the meeting the restoration appeal fund stood at £1,380.

81 Agenda Item No 12 – Grant Application – to consider a grant application for £500 from the Stockbridge Recreation Ground Trust. The Clerk had provided members with a summary of the grant application before the meeting.

Resolved: The Parish Council resolved unanimously to make a grant of £500 to the Stockbridge Recreation Ground Trust.

Agenda Item No 13 was dealt with after Item No 5

82 Agenda Item No 14 – Finance

(a) To receive and approve payments to be made

Members were provided with a schedule of payments that had been prepared by the Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). The payment schedule set out details of payments that required authorisation, which were as follows:

Payee	Payment details	Amount of payment £	Method of payment
HALC	Planning training	40.00	Electronic
Andrew Crossley	Cemetery Works	144.00	Electronic
Stockbridge THT Ltd	Room Hire	22.00	Electronic
Gritblasting UK Ltd	Railing repaint	1820.00	Electronic
Richard Wheeler	Lengthsman	1925.63	Electronic
Blackwell & Moody	War Memorial work	200.00	Electronic
Michael Mortimer	Clerks Salary & Expenses	388.40	Electronic
Michael Mortimer	Clerks Salary & Expenses (August)	388.40	Electronic
TOTALS		4,928.43	

The above payments were authorised with the respective invoices being initialled by two authorised Members of the Parish Council.

(b) To receive and approve the monthly financial statement

The Chairman signed a copy of the monthly financial statement

83 Agenda Item No 15 – Reports

(a) Highways – Cllr Alyson Lownie

Cllr Alyson Lownie had supplied members with a written report prior to the meeting, which outlined discussions which had been had in respect of parking issues on the High Street and advised members that Robin Colenso had been co-opted on to the Working Group. Update in respect of Village Gateways project.

(b) Flood Working Party – Cllr Richard Foord

Nothing to report

(c) Community matters – Cllr James Leslie

Nothing to report

(d) Environmental matters - Cllr Alyson Lownie

Cllr Alyson Lownie had supplied members with a written report prior to the meeting, which included information about the ownership of the flowerbed, progress on the Virgin Media cabling works and the already deteriorating condition of the notice boards

(e) Governance – Cllr Alyson Lownie and the Clerk

The Clerk had provided members with some published governance guidance notes in respect of planning matters.

(f) **Business & Rural Industry**

Going forward Cllr Richard Hills will be taking over responsibility for reporting and co-ordinating matters under this heading following the resignation of Iain Bell

(g) **Lengthsman Work in Stockbridge – Cllr Frances Candler**

Cllr Frances Candler advised members that she was sharing this workload with a view to handing it over to another member in due course due to her other commitments

(h) **Lengthsman Scheme Administration – Cllr Alyson Lownie**

Cllr Alyson Lownie had supplied members with a written report prior to the meeting, which showed expenditure to date by Parish

(i) **Cemeteries – Cllr Alyson Lownie**

Cllr Alyson Lownie had supplied members with a written report prior to the meeting, which included an update on income v expenditure plus details of the possible siting of the War Graves Commission plaque.

Cllr Alyson Lownie also drew members attention to the deteriorating condition of the driveway up to the Winton Hill cemetery, whereby some future expenditure could be anticipated.

(j) **Parish Council website – The Clerk**

In view of the potential usage that there might be through the website because of the forthcoming consultation, it was considered that any further work on this would be held in abeyance. The Clerk did however advise members that he had been provided with details of the supplier who provides and maintains a nearby Parish Council's website.

(k) **Trout 'n About – Cllr Sally Smith**

Cllr Sally Smith advised members that preparations were well underway for this year's event

84 Agenda Item No 16 – To receive an applicant for co-option as a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors. A resident had volunteered his services as a Parish Councillor by co-option. The applicant had declared that he is eligible and not disqualified from being a Parish Councillor. The applicant had submitted written statements about himself. The Clerk had confirmed that the process of co-option could be utilised.

The Parish Council's Standing Orders were suspended in order for the Parish Council to consider the application received. The applicant gave a brief presentation about himself.

Standing Orders were reinstated after the presentation had been made.

85 **Confidential Business – to consider the exclusion of the press, public and the applicants for the following item 16(a) on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.**

Resolved to exclude the press, public and the applicant for the following item 16(a)

86 **Agenda Item No 16(a) - To discuss the application received and resolve as to whether to accept or decline the application for co-option as a member of the Parish Council.**

Members resolved to accept Derek Hallé as a Parish Councillor. He was invited back into the meeting and welcomed as Parish Councillor by co-option

87 **Agenda Item No 17 – Correspondence**

All correspondence and e-mails received by the Clerk had been forwarded onto Members of the Parish Council.

88 **Agenda Item No 18 - Potential agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting**

Councillors can use this item to put forward suggestions for items that they would like to see included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting, which will be on Thursday 20th September 2018

No items were suggested

MM/24/07/2018

These minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council at its meeting on Thursday 20th September 2018 as being a true record of the proceedings of the Parish Council's meeting of Thursday 19th July 2018. An original signed copy is kept in the Parish Council's Minute Book.