

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
STOCKBRIDGE



Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), S Hill, H Jackson, G Boney
I Bell, R Foord,
Cllrs D Drew (late)

Apologies: Cllr D Halle, F Parr, J Leslie, T Hales. T Ward

Clerk: Belinda Baker
Public attendance: Two

- C/21/131** **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Halle, Parr, Leslie, Hales and Ward.
- C/21/132** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Lawrence declared an interest in planning 21/03103 and Cllr Foord in planning 21/03318
- C/21/133** **Public Participation**
Only one member of the public wanted to speak. Mr D Hall was a governor of Test Valley School and he spoke to update the Council on three matters on going at the school; the project to retain the swimming pool was now focused on building another pool in the school grounds because the present pool was unsuitable for public access; promotion of the broader use of the school facilities by the community; and an Xmas fair on 27th Nov. Cllr Boney commented that there had been no further incidences of anti-social behaviour at the Stockbridge Recreation Ground.
- C/21/134** **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2021**
a. To approve and sign the minutes of 21st October 2021
Cllr Boney asked for his apologies to be noted. The rest of the minutes were agreed and noted as a true record of the meetings.
b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda
The Clerk noted that
 - Cllr Leslie was due to update the Council on a HCC Resilience meeting so the Resilience item had been deferred to December.
 - Cllrs were asked to provide comments on two TVBC consultations.**c. To deal with any correspondence**
Victim support had thanked the Council for the donation of £50.
- C/21/135** **Trout N'About – Update from Committee**
No one attended so the matter was deferred.

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Cllr Drew was delayed so the Chair brought the next item up the agenda.

C/21/136

Infrastructure Issues

a. Lily's Path

HCC had emailed to say a contractor was now appointed and the work was due to take place after the salmonid spawning season in February.

b. Cycle Path – Test Valley Way

HCC Highways had advised that they will undertake the works to cut back the vegetation but did not think work was needed on the surface. Cllr Bell did not agree that this was the case.

c. Drain Report

Cllr Drew had chased the report (C/21/115c) but HCC had not yet been supplied with the report from the contractor.

d. Phone Boxes

The cheque for the payment for the phone boxes had not been cashed and the telephones were still operational even though BT had written to TVBC in 2019 to say they could be handed over. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

Action: Clerk

e. Defibrillator

The Clerk said she was hoping to place the order within the week. She had spoken to Hants Fire and Rescue and they had confirmed they were happy with the new defibrillator being installed on the wall of the Fire Station.

Action: Clerk

f. Trout Pond

Cllr Hill had met with a contractor (C/21/115f) and with Dan Hawkins of the Houghton Fishing Club to agree the project. Dan Hawkins had asked that the work to the rendering should not take place until October 2022 at earliest, because the water will then be at its lowest level. The contractor had said the work would take a week or less and was due to provide a quotation. The Clerk was asked to identify suitable grants.

Action: Clerk

g. Land behind the toilets on the High Street

The Clerk said she had been assured by Mr Tasker of TVBC that this project could be funded by grants from TVBC. An initial plan from a landscape architect had been circulated to general approval. It was agreed to re-instate the WP of Cllr Bell, Jackson and Hill. The Clerk suggested asking for ideas from the community in the newsletter, this was agreed.

Action: Pocket Park WP, Clerk

C/21/137

Traffic Safety

The Clerk circulated before the meeting a proposal by HCC for a feasibility study for the Old London Rd project. Cllr Bell said that the proposal did not

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acknowledge any of the work previously done by the Traffic Safety WP. He said he wanted a meeting with HCC because a lot of the required research had been already undertaken.

Action: Clerk

C/21/138

Littering Issues

a. High Street

Cllr Bell said the High Street cleans had been re-instated by TVBC and would take place every 3 weeks. Monday south side and Tuesday northside. He felt that advance publicity was important.

Action: Cllr Bell

b. Steepleton Hill Layby

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the other owner of the layby (C/21/097b) who gave the Council permission to do whatever was necessary to stop the littering. Cllr Hill agreed to talk to the Fishing Club regarding blocking off the parking.

Action: Cllr Hill

Cllr Drew joined the meeting

C/21/139

County and Borough Councillor Reports

i

Cllr Ward did not attend but had circulated a report. There were no questions.

ii

Cllr Drew had circulated a report. He drew the Council's attention to the Climate Change action initiative; the announcement that HCC is providing hire of electric scooters to young people; that HCC was undertaking a major improvement of bus services; and that HCC needed to close a budget gap of £80 million, the biggest challenge being in adult social care. He assured the Council that in his meeting with Ms Ware he got no sense that there was a plan by HCC to impose parking charges for financial gain and that the survey (C/21/091iv) was only a matter of data collection to inform any way forward. He said HCC was aware it was a sensitive matter.

C/21/140

Parking in Stockbridge

a. Update on Working Party

Cllr Boney said the WP had not arranged to meet yet but would do so before Christmas. He said the general feeling seemed to be that there should be a public meeting before HCC came back to do the survey again. He felt the purpose of the public meeting would be to understand what the public wanted. There were three possible outcomes; remain as is; restrictive parking; or a list of regulations. The WP would need to decide the mechanics of the public meeting.

Action: Cllr Boney

b. To resolve the Council's position on parking on the High Street

Cllr Boney commented that feedback from the previous survey was that on the whole residents were against parking controls. Cllr Foord said that

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the second stage of this survey for those off the High Street had not taken place. Cllr Lawrence said that the second stage was only promised, if the first stage had been inconclusive. Cllr Boney suggested asking visitors their opinion but this was deemed impractical. The Council agreed that it had no stated position at the present time.

C/21/141

Welcome Back fund for the High Street

a. Update on progress of use of the fund for High Street

The Clerk informed the Council that final diagrams of the crossing and technical detail regarding the planters had recently been received from TVBC. She was now in a position to apply to HCC for a licence. Cllr Bell said he would again liaise with Beccy's and the Co-Op. Cllr Boney had met with the Chair of SBA who was still unhappy about the crossing. Cllr Bell said he would go to meet with him. Cllr Hill pointed out that the rest of the fund was available to be used by SBA. Cllr Lawrence said it was important to be clear that any other use of the fund by SBA would need to include all businesses.

b. To consider other appropriate uses of the fund

The Clerk said that TVBC had confirmed that it could be used for street furniture. Cllr Bell agreed to discuss with the Chair of SBA when he met with him.

C/21/142

High Street Design Update

A brief for the High Street design had been passed to Cllr Bell for circulation to the Traffic Parking WP.

Action: Cllr Bell

C/21/143

Planning – update of Village Design Statement WP

Cllr Lawrence said that he wanted to look at funding for re-doing the Village Design Statement. This was agreed.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

C/21/144

Stockbridge Recreation Ground

a. Trust AGM

No date had yet been set for the Recreation Ground Trust AGM C/21/121b. Cllr Foord said he would call Mr Barker to ask him to set a date for holding the meeting.

Action: Cllr Foord

C/21/145

Cemetery – to consider projects for the cemetery grant

Cllr Foord queried if further land could be purchased for extending the cemetery because he said there was a bore hole on that land. The Clerk said that new proposed legislation meant that cemeteries had to be kept away from ground water and the graves were to be a minimum of 5m x 5m. The Chair proposed the Working Party should be agreed when more councillors were in attendance.

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C/21/146 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Jackson had researched the provision of jubilee mugs for the community (C/21/125) but said that all the mugs seemed to be blanks from China. Cllr Lawrence said he had details of a supplier in the UK.

Action: Cllr Jackson, Cllr Lawrence

C/21/147 Council Communications

The Clerk said she was aiming to get the next newsletter out in mid-December so it should be ready for sign off at the December Council meeting. Cllr Boney asked that the proof reading should be done thoroughly. Mr Hall suggested including the community use of the TVS facilities. The scouts had asked to include their fundraising event. These were agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/21/148 Village amenities

a. Lengthsman update

Cllr Drew commented that he thought the scheme would be continuing. Cllr Hill asked if the area around Rosalind house could be weeded.

Action: Clerk

b. Lancaster House

Cllr Lawrence informed the Council that a solicitor, Thrings, to arrange the legal side of the transfer, had now been appointed and the Clerk would provide the identification documentation. Cllr Foord queried if the site had been surveyed to ensure there were no liabilities the Council should be aware of. The Council agreed to consider environmental searches at that point in the legal process.

Action: Clerk

c. Council Noticeboards

The Clerk provided 3 quotations of notice board of the style agreed (C/21/128d). She suggested that it would be possible to obtain funding for the noticeboards from TVBC. The quotation for 2 oak noticeboards with magnetic panels from Fitzpatrick Woolmer were agreed. The Clerk said that delivery appeared to take 14 weeks.

Action: Clerk

C/21/149 Budget for 22/23

The proposed budget, as agreed by the budget WP, had been circulated before the meeting. There were no comments. The Clerk said that she needed to allocate funding from the reserves for proposed projects. She would present this at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

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C/21/150

Finance

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

Income and payments 73 -77 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as from The Neighbourly, Cleverly WRA Ltd, Arms Par Ltd, S Ltd T/as SW, George Clerk for the Xmas fund; TVBC for the Opening Up the HS fund; a refund from Came & Co; and Headbourne Worthy PC as a share of the Clerk's training courses.

Opening bank balance		74143.16
The Neighbourly (Xmas fund)	income	500
Headbourne Worthy PC (Clerk crse)	Income	30
TVBC (Opening Up the HS fund)	Income	5446.30
Came & Co (insurance overpayment)	Income	109.47
Cleverly WRA Ltd (Xmas fund)	Income	25
Arms Par Ltd SW (Xmas fund)	Income	69
S Ltd t/as T SW Xmas fund)	Income	50
George Clark Xmas fund)	Income	30
STHC (Room hire)	73	24
Kudos Coffee (coffee at DL event)	74	84
Hurst Pierce Malcolm (War memorial	75	1480.8
Helen Jackson (expenses DL visit)	76	76.06
B Baker (salary + lengthsman)	77	663.73
Closing Balance		78065.34

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. Xmas Fund Budget

The funds available for the Christmas lights were noted.

d. War Memorial Budget

The budget for the repair of the war memorial, as prepared by Mr Candler was noted.

Action: Clerk.

C/21/151

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Cllr Lawrence left the room for discussion of application 21/03103/VARN

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/03313/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HF	Change of use of two rooms previously used as shop to residential	10/12/21
Stockbridge Parish Council support this planning application. The building is an historic one and it is likely receive more investment compared to a commercial unit, and the building does require some			

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work. Parking would be improved due to the net reduction in spaces generated by a commercial unit compared to a dwelling. A number of High Street dwellings in recent years have been lost to retail units, and reconvertng this building back fully to residential (which it was prior to 1992) will help restore the balance between residential and retail. It is felt that because the building is already a dwelling with only two rooms with retail use that this loss will be outweighed by the reasons above.

21/03318/PDRN	The Dutch Barn Somborne Park Road Stockbridge Hampshire	Notification for Prior Approval under Class R - Change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial space	
The Council has no objection			
21/03138/TREEN	Checkpoint High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HB	T1 - Mature Sycamore - Reduce crown by up to 2m.	17/11/21
The Council has no objection			
21/03150/TREEN	Wild Cherries High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	T1 and T2 - Ash - Fell, T3-T6 - Spruce - Fell	18/11/21
The Council has no objection			
21/03103/VARN	The Barn New Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HG	Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of 17/03160/FULLN (Change of use from ground floor restaurant and first floor flat and erection of extension to provide two terraced houses and one flat) - to allow amendments to unit arrangements and the addition of rooflights	19/11/21
The Council had no objection			
21/03139/TREEN	North Meadow To The Rear Of Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge	T1, T2 - Ash - Fell	17/11/21
The Council had no objection			

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/02973/Treen	Fishmore House High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	T1 - Canopy raise mature London Plane Tree to 4 metres	No Objection
21/02979/Treen	2 Clarendon Terrace Room 2 High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY	T1 - Cherry - Fell	No objection
21/02842/Treen	The Garden Cottage High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EX	G1) Willow - remove small diameter saplings, remove growth up to 100mm from previous pruning points (T1) Willow - Remove collapsed stem	No Objection
21/02884/Treen	3 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge SO20 6ET	T1) Pear - Crown reduce up to 1m (T2) Crab Apple - Crown reduce up to 2.5m (T3) V Plum - Crown reduce 1m	No Objection
21/02500/RESN	Land Adjoining The Tallet Manor Farm Marsh Court	Approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the demolition of farm	Approved

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	Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JH	buildings and erection of 3 dwellings and garages pursuant to outline	
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	Permission
21/02732/ADV	Lane End High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	1 non-illuminated hand painted sign and 1 non-illuminated hanging sign	Consent
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	Withdrawn

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/02798/Fulln	Green Acres Old London Road S'bridge SO20 6EL	Erection of residential dwelling	Not known
21/02958/Fulln	Shepherds House Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL	The installation of an air source heat pump on the north side of house	12/11/21
21/02959/LBWN	Shepherds House Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL	The installation of an air source heat pump on the north side of House	12/11/21
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
21/01171/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hants	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 x 2 bed homes with assoc. 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	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none reported.

C/21/152

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 9th December 2021 in the Town Hall. Items for the agenda for the December meeting:

Use of Welcome Back Fund
High Street Design
Newsletter

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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