

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
7.30PM via ZOOM online



**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), T Hales, G Boney, F Parr  
R Foord, I Bell, J Leslie, H Jackson

T Ward

**Apologies:** Cllr D Halle

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Three

**C/20/165** **Apologies**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Halle. The Clerk noted to the Council that Councillor Taylor had resigned and that TVBC had been informed.

**C/20/166** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**  
There were none.

**C/20/167** **Public Participation**  
i The first member of the public wanted to talk about item 17d on the agenda. The Chair agreed to move the item up the agenda.

**C/20/168** **The Milsoms**  
The member of the public said that the houses in the Milsoms were part of the affordable housing stock and she noted that one had now been sold (subject to contract). She said the houses were owned by Aster Housing, a registered social landlord. She said that many people in Stockbridge shared the view that there needs to be more affordable homes in Stockbridge, and if the houses that do exist are sold off and improved they would no longer be affordable. She wanted to know what body regulates and can stop this. She urged the Council to make enquiries in order to stop the sale of other properties. Cllr Lawrence said he had written to TVBC to ask if they were aware of this matter. Cllr Ward said he used to sit as a non-exec on the board of Aster as a representative of TVBC however, now they are a private company this control had gone. He said that Aster would be looking at unprofitable isolated homes to sell off and invest the money in housing stock elsewhere. He said Aster would get a good return for a property in a poor state. He said it would be worth engaging with Aster to find out their rationale and he agreed to contact Aster through his channels.

**Action: Cllr Ward**

**C/20/169** **Public Participation**  
ii A second member of the public was a Governor of Test Valley School and noted that the Headteacher would be happy to attend the APM and give a

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presentation. He also said that the school was keen to position itself as a high performing school in rural location and it wanted to work with local businesses to provide opportunities for work experience.

- iii Another member of the public wanted to talk about item 15b on the agenda. The Chair agreed to move that item up the agenda.

## C/20/170 **Lilly's path**

The member of the public lived close to the path and brought to the Council's attention the state of the path which was very muddy due to the high number of people using it. He said the path was deteriorating and needed attention. The Clerk had circulated before the meeting an opportunity for a grant from HCC for work on the path. It was agreed for the Clerk to ascertain from HCC if improvement work would be covered by a grant and to get quotations from suppliers. Cllr Boney expressed concern regarding the bridge and wanted the HCC Countryside team to attend and to give their opinion. Cllr Leslie agreed to follow-up with the Cllr Gibson. He said that he felt that the Parish Council should take the lead otherwise the situation would just get worse.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Leslie**

## C/20/171 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

### **a. To approve and sign the minutes**

The minutes 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 the matter of the re-design of the High Street was still ongoing. HCC were taking the matter to TVBC planning to ensure they were in agreement with any plans. The Clerk had approached Cllr Ward regarding a grant for a consultant. Cllr Ward needed it confirmed that HCC were in agreement before he could agree a grant.

### **c. To deal with any correspondence.**

The Clerk announced that she had been contacted by TVBC planning regarding the CIL application that had been made to make Old London Road one way. She had been told approval of the CIL grant for this project had been referred to cabinet and it was highly unlikely that it would be turned down at this stage. Members of the Council were pleased that the grant was likely to be awarded. Cllr Foord queried if the feasibility study had been done by HCC. The Clerk confirmed that it had not.

## C/20/172 **Code of Conduct**

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting the Council's code of conduct. She reminded councillors that the code needed to be abided by and she offered to arrange training should any councillor require it.

## C/20/173 **County and Borough Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Gibson did not attend the meeting. Cllr Ward said that Ms Colley from TVBC had written to the Council offering to work with the Council to help with any problems Stockbridge might have as the lockdown was lifted. She wanted

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to arrange a meeting to understand the issues that Stockbridge was facing and said that TVBC staff had been patrolling TVBC owned places to encourage social distancing. Cllr Lawrence acknowledged that he had been pleased to receive the email and was setting up a meeting. Cllr Leslie volunteered to be join the meeting.

**Action: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Leslie**

- ii Cllr Ward noted that TVBC planning had 93 outstanding applications for over 500 homes which were being held up due to the nutrient neutrality issue. TVBC were aiming to buy land to turn into a nature reserve in order to offset the neutrality credits to the developer. He acknowledged this was taking land away from food production but said that unless this was done the neutrality issue would drag on. He said that TVBC had identified the land they needed and were in discussion with the landowners. Once the land was acquired then a large number of applications would be released. Cllr Bell queried this strategy and said surely what was needed was more treatment plants. Cllr Ward explained that TVBC had thought of that but there is legislation to stop public bodies investing in water companies.

- iii Cllr Ward said that the grant applications that he had mentioned at the last meeting had been swamped with requests but he would hold back £1000 for drawings of the High Street.

## C/20/174 Covid 19

- i The Chair thanked members of the Council who had been tidying the barriers. It was agreed that a rota would be drawn up by Cllr Bell. Cllr Lawrence commented that some of the water filled barriers had been moved and people had been sitting on them. Cllr Bell commented that the Co-Op had had issues with the barriers because of their deliveries and therefore the barriers had now been re-positioned to facilitate deliveries. He also pointed out that the barriers would need to be moved back after the road sweeper moved through twice a week and he asked for volunteers. Cllr Leslie agreed to help.

**Action: Cllr Bell, Cllr Leslie**

- ii The Clerk informed the Council that she had been notified by TVBC that the application for the "Opening Up the High Street fund" had been made and it was likely that payment would be made in 8 weeks.

- iii The Clerk brought to the Council's attention that the APM was due to take place in April but due to the current restrictions it was unlikely to do so. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting could not be held virtually. Cllr Lawrence proposed that the meeting was postponed until September. This was agreed. The Clerk was asked to check availability with the Town Hall.

**Action: Clerk**

## C/20/175 Recycling Centre – update on progress for new site

The Chair said that there was no update. Two sites had been put forward but the A30 layby site had been deemed unsuitable because it would be difficult to collect the bottles. The Trafalgar Way site was positioned on a grass verge

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which would mean there would be access issues for some residents. Cllr Leslie suggested yellow lines to ensure that the road in front was kept clear. Cllr Lawrence agreed this would help but he said it was important to consult with residents before the site was agreed. Cllr Leslie said that he felt the proposed site was not practical and said he was happy to meet with TVBC to talk it through. A member of the public pointed out that the proposed location in Trafalgar Way was the only part of the road that only had pavement on one side. He said that he often saw people walking in the road in consequence, he said that a bottle bank would only exacerbate the problem. He also suggested making Trafalgar Way one way access only. This was referred to the Traffic Safety WP. Cllr Lawrence agreed to contact TVBC.

**Action: Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Leslie**

**C/20/176**      **Resilience Matters**

Cllr Lawrence confirmed that both he and the Clerk had received a number of forms from residents who considered themselves vulnerable in the event of a flood. No further problems with flooding were reported.

**C/20/177**      **Littering Issues**

These were discussed in reverse order.

**c. Steepleton Hill Layby**

It was acknowledged that there was a problem with vans dumping rubbish and using the area as a toilet. It was suggested that the best way to avoid this was to close off access to the layby with boulders. The Council believed the land belonged to HCC and the Clerk was asked to contact HCC to find out if this was possible.

**Action: Clerk**

**b. A30 Layby**

The Clerk had circulated an email from a resident drawing the Council's attention to the problems of noise and littering, caused by lorries parking overnight on the A30 layby. The Clerk explained that the temporary TTRO that HCC had agreed to place last summer had not actually happened. She said that he had spoken to John Harvey and he was looking into it. She said that HCC may waive the fee for the TTRO but the issue of the signage would need to be considered.

**Action: Clerk**

**a. High Street**

Cllr Bell confirmed that information regarding the weekly cleaning of the High Street had been delivered to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one side of the street. He also pointed out that businesses could play their part by encouraging less use of throw-away cups. Cllr Leslie suggested that the High Street could be seen as an environmental management project by Test Valley School. The member of the public who was a governor at TVS was enthusiastic about this idea but asked Cllr Leslie to scope the project. Cllr Leslie agreed.

**Action: Cllr Leslie**

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- C/20/178**      **Town Hall and Trout n'About Representation**  
Cllr Jackson agreed to represent the Council to Trout n'About. Cllr Leslie agreed to represent the Council to the Town Hall committee.  
**Action: Cllr Jackson, Cllr Leslie**
- C/20/179**      **Cemetery**  
The Clerk had circulated proofs of the proposed signage supplied by HCC. The Council agreed the proof no4 but noted that the name of the cemetery was Winton not Wilton. The Warning sign with a border was preferred and it was agreed that there should be two of them.  
**Action: Clerk**
- C/20/180**      **Planning – update of Village Design Statement**  
As the previous Chair of the WP had now resigned the Working Party needed an update. Cllr Lawrence put himself forward to Chair the WP. This was agreed. The Council agreed that an update would be needed rather than minutes so a secretary was not required.  
**Action: Cllr Lawrence**
- C/20/181**      **Policy Review**
- a. **New Co-Option policy**  
It was noted that a policy for the co-option of a new Councillor had been agreed and was posted on the Council's website.
  - b. **Working Party for the Review of Standing Orders**  
It was agreed to form a WP for the review of the standing orders. The WP would be formed with Cllr Bell, Cllr Foord and the Clerk.  
**Action: Clerk**
- C/20/182**      **Infrastructure Issues**
- a. **Trout Pond**  
Cllr Lawrence confirmed that quotations were still outstanding. He explained that repairing the rendering was a complicated task and it was necessary to work closely with the Houghton Fishing Club.  
**Action: Cllr Lawrence**
  - b. **Lilly's Path**  
This was dealt with under C/20/170.
- C/20/183**      **Council Communications**
- a. **Agree look/layout of the Newsletter**  
The Clerk had circulated before the meeting some examples of layout for the Council to consider. The Council agreed option 3. Cllr Hales suggested sans serif as a typeface at 12points. He also suggested keeping the newsletter to 2 columns. This was agreed as appropriate,  
**Action: Clerk**
  - b. **Articles for the newsletter**  
A member of the public suggested approaching Mr Herry Lawford for

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suitable photographs. It was agreed that as well as the articles that had already been supplied; an article about making Old London Rd one way, one about parking too close to the barriers, a welcome from the Chair, a council news roundup from the Clerk would be appropriate.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Bell, Cllr Lawrence**

**c. Delivery Options**

It was agreed that since the delivery would not be done by volunteers it was allowed under current restrictions. The Council agreed £80-£100 for delivery. It was considered appropriate to engage a young person to do the work.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/184**

**Village amenities**

**a. Lengthsman update**

Cllr Foord asked that the Lengthsman attend to the layby next to the school playing field which was overgrown and littered. Cllr Bell asked that the footpath/cycleway beyond the A30 laybys should be cleared of vegetation as the quality of the path was deteriorating.

**b. Lancaster House**

Cllr Lawrence said he had chased TVBC but had got no further.

**c. Rights of Way**

Cllr Lawrence proposed that the Council approach the Romsey Ramblers and ask if they could provide feedback on the rights of way in Stockbridge so the Council can be made aware of any maintenance issues. This was agreed.

**d. The Milsoms**

This was dealt with under C/20/168.

**e. Hanging Baskets**

TVBC were able to supply the baskets but could not arrange for them to be watered regularly. Since there was no alternative the Council noted that there would again be no hanging baskets in Stockbridge.

**C/20/185**

**Finance**

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

Income and payments 101-106 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		65626.69
Shane Ling	101	76

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B Baker (salary + lengthsman co-ord)	102	514.39
SLCC membership	103	120
Safesite facilities	104	1200.76
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	105	1016.50
B Baker (MS Subscription)	106	79.99

**b. To review budget year to date.**

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

**c. Increase in Clerk's hours**

The Chair explained that he had asked the Clerk to review the hours that she worked and whether the present number of hours reflected the work that she did. She had acknowledged that this was rarely the case and the newsletter would increase the workload. The Chair proposed to increase her hours to 10 a week going forward from the meeting. This was agreed. The Clerk thanked the Council.

**d. Grant application for play equipment at Stockbridge Primary School**

Cllr Parr explained that the friends of Stockbridge Primary School were trying to raise £17,000 to provide more playground facilities to allow for more children to use the play equipment at one time. The Clerk explained that she had hoped to use the S106 money but TVBC has confirmed that this was not possible. Cllr Leslie proposed that the Council granted £500. This was unanimously agreed.

C/20/186

**Planning**

**a. New applications – to agree response**

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/00289/FULLN	High Firs Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EL	Amendments to approved plans of 10/01600/FULLN to include rear gable, fenestration, removal of catslide roof, new balcony and additional chimney	05/03/2021
The Council has no comment to make			
21/00346/FULLN	8 New Street Stockbridge SO20 6HG	Replace conservatory frame and roof structure with new white UPVC frame & grey slate solid roof	05-Mar-21
The Council has no objection.			
21/00196/TREEN	The White House, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Yew - Reduce Crown by up to 2m, T2 - Sycamore - Fell	Extension requested
This had been already decided.			
21/00322/FULLN	Fishmore House High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY	Demolish garage and summer house, construct a studio / home office with access across footbridge from main garden	12/03
The Council strongly objected to this application on vote of 8:1 with Cllr Foord dissenting. Cllr Boney addressed the objection on the grounds that the proposal was for an ancillary building which was being built in style of, and with the space of, a separate building. It was noted that the proposal was partly outside the settlement boundary and it was felt that this was an example of boundary creep. It was noted			

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that Fishmore house was already a large property and the floor plan of the proposal included a kitchen, bathroom and office which was capable of being turned into a separate building. The Council agreed to make clear these objections on the TVBC planning portal.

## b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/02975	The Garden Cottage High Street Stockbridge SO20 6E	Extension to existing garage/car port to provide guest accommodation and additional window to store	Withdrawn
APP/C1760/W/20 /3260349	The Vine, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF	<b>Appeal:</b> Change of use of carport to A1 retail with associated external works	Dismissed
21/00094/TREEN	Old Rectory High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	T1 Weeping Willow - Reduce by up to 2m from pavement side	No Objection
20/03251	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HF	Change of use of part of existing building to single dwelling	Withdrawn
20/03151	Larksleve Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Demolition of single storey garden room	Withdrawn
20/03146	Larksleve Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Demolition of single storey garden room and erection of single storey extension to provide lounge and WC with alterations to the property including insertion of external doors	Withdrawn
20/03039/TREEN	18 Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	T1 - Twisted Willow - Reduce the height of twisted willow by 1.5 meters and shape remaining canopy	No Objection
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	Refuse
20/02683/FULLN	Nelson House And Hamilton House, Trafalgar Way , Stockbridge, SO20 6ET	Single storey rear link; demolition of one garage and extension of another garage.	Permission

## c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/02643/FULLN	Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6H	Construction of a detached dwelling with garage, parking, garden and new access (Resubmission 17/02350/FULLN)	28/10/20
20/01722FULLN	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
19/02508	Land South West of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19

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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
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**Due to a technical fault the meeting temporarily closed**

**d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters**

This was not discussed.

**C/20/186**

**Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18<sup>th</sup> March. This will be held via Zoom.

Items for the agenda:

Newsletter

Queen's Birthday celebrations

Village Design Statement WP

Policy Review

Lilly's path

Cemetery signage

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....