

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2020
7.30PM AT STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL



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

Apologies: Cllr D Halle, A Johnston
A Gibson

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Eleven

C/19/149 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Halle, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Johnston

C/19/150 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
None were declared.

C/19/151 **Public Participation**
Several member of the public said that they were there concerned with items 7 & 8 on the agenda and asked the Chair if they could speak when those matters were discussed. The Chair agreed that they could do so. Another member of the Public brought the Council's attention to the fact that 2020 is the 300th anniversary of Gilbert White's birth. He urged the Council to start a project to plant more trees in recognition of the tri-centenary. The Council was positive about this idea and agreed to give it consideration.

Action: Chair, Clerk

C/19/152 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020**

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 of a number of matters:

- The Traffic Parking report was being deferred until the March meeting to give the Working Group time to collate the results of the recent survey.
- Update on the Traffic Safety letter to HCC would be deferred until next month after a meeting between the Council and HCC Highways would have taken place. Cllr Bell wished it to be noted that Stockbridge Parish Council has never been asked to fund the alteration of Old London Rd to be one way, only the alteration of the kerb on the roundabout.
- Stockbridge Surgery has agreed to do a presentation at the Annual parish meeting on 23rd April.

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- A resident had asked the Council in the January meeting to look into ways of developing communications to the community via email. The Clerk said that the best way to do this was via the website. Residents can receive email notifications of news or events which have been posted by the Clerk. She encouraged everyone to sign up.

c. To deal with any correspondence.

There was no correspondence

C/19/153

Borough and County Councillor Reports

There were no Borough or County reports to discuss.

C/19/154

Community Groups Liaison

Cllr Vere Stokes updated the Council on the village groups that she has been working with. She highlighted the Stockbridge Town of Culture initiative that is putting on a number of cultural events in Stockbridge throughout the year to tie in with 2020 Test Valley Year of Culture. The events include plays, music recitals, drawing classes and participation events. The Clerk noted that the events were now posted on the Council website.

C/19/155

Busk Development Near Test Valley School

The Chair notified the Council that the matter on the agenda was regarding how the Council would like to reply to the request, from WYG, for a meeting with Councillors to brief them on the development proposal. The Chair pointed out that the Clerk's advice was that in the interests of transparency the Council should ask for a public meeting instead. The Council unanimously agreed to this approach, and that there should be one public meeting with the residents from all three parishes invited. The Council also agreed to work with Longstock and Houghton Councils should they also agree to do so. The member of the public who had requested to speak, gave her support for this approach and said the development would affect everyone. Cllr Walters, from Longstock Parish Council who was present, confirmed that Longstock had agreed to work with the other parishes. The Clerk suggested that Test Valley School Hall was an appropriate venue. Cllr Taylor drew the Council's attention to the fact that the original email from WYG suggested that they were looking to progress the application through the TVBC Local Plan process. He put forward that the Clerk should seek explicit confirmation from WYG that this remains the case and that they will not be submitting a planning application. The Council agreed to this unanimously.

There was discussion on how the TVBC Local Plan could be used protect Stockbridge from any new large-scale development. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC planning to enquire when input from Councils would be required in the development of the update to the TVBC local plan. Concern was expressed that the plan operated on a 10 year cycle and so therefore every 10 years, when the plan was being updated, the community was vulnerable to development plans.

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Action: Clerk

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Planning Committee Report

In the Council meeting held on March 19th Cllr Taylor requested the Council to note that the Planning Report, published at

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be regarded as the more reliable source of information on this matter.

Cllr Taylor had provided a report from the Planning Working Group which had been circulated before the meeting (available under Working Party/Planning). The Working Group had been asked to look at the options available to best influence the future planning policy framework for Stockbridge. Cllr Taylor stated that he felt the Council was in a strong position because it was in a conservation area and already had a Village Design Statement (VDS) in place at TVBC. He talked through the options now available to the Council.

1. Use of the Parish Community Plan. This was considered weak because the plan offered no protections and was not a planning document
2. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The group considered the sites for development which might be appropriate to be put forward under such a plan. In doing so the group considered the funding issues, leading times and resources etc that would be required. They also stated that moving forward on this option would require considerable community support. Cllr Taylor stated that the Working Party had differing views on the merits of a NDP but the majority were not positive.
3. Using the present VDS and the Test Valley District Plan (TVDP) to protect Stockbridge. The VDS is set up to control the essential character of the village and can be used as a supplementary planning document and be linked to planning decisions. The current TVDP is in the process of being revised and SPC can input into the process. However, this approach would mean that SPC would have to rely on TVBC to stick to their own policies. It was this option that had found most favour with the Working Party, including reviewing the VDS.

Cllr Taylor emphasised that relationships with the other local Councils, namely Houghton and Longstock was important because although both Councils were developing NDP's (Houghton's being further advanced than Longstock's, having commenced earlier) Stockbridge was the key local centre that any new development would use. Finally, Cllr Taylor thanked the Working Party members.

A member of the Working Party then addressed the Council, she stated that she agreed with the findings of the Working Party but had felt that the remit should have been wider to look at a vision of what Stockbridge could be in the future. She gave an example of a village organising a by-pass as part of a housing development and felt that much could be achieved with a NDP that could help the community. She said that surveying the needs of the community would provide powerful evidence for TVBC or a developer to consider.

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Members of the Council recognised that Stockbridge is a destination centre for other villages and it was queried that a new TVDP would take this into account. Another member of the public commented that a NDP needs to be reviewed in 4-5 years and a lot can happen in that time. He commented that he agreed with the aim to ensure Stockbridge's aims were within the Local Plan. Other members of the Public commented that the VDS was a strong statement of what Stockbridge was all about and it could be fed into the Local Plan. A member of the public was of the opinion that there were only on 2 or 3 sites in Stockbridge and those only suitable for small development, whilst a NDP is really aimed at inhabitants of over 5,500, therefore developing an NDP would be a waste of resources. Cllr Foord agreed that Stockbridge needed to look to the future but a NDP was not appropriate. Cllr Taylor proposed that the Council formed a working party to look at representation into the Local Plan. The Chair then put the motion that Council should update the Village Design Statement and appoint a Working Party to work with TVBC to contribute to the updated Local Plan. The motion was unanimously carried. The Clerk was asked to enquire of TVBC planning what the Local Plan update timetable was.

Action: Clerk

C/19/157

Resilience Issues

Cllr Hales had written a report that was circulated before the meeting. Cllr Hales noted that the recent rainfall had been heavy. He thanked Cllr Foord for his reports on the spillways and he thanked Houghton Fishing Club for their looking after the river. He commented that surface water drainage on the High Street was still a problem because the debris coming down from the hills at either end of the High Street will block the drains and the backup of water will cause surface flooding on the High Street. It had been reported by Cllr Lawrence to HCC Highways that drains and pipework on the south side were heavily silted. Cllr Hales would be interested in seeing the plans the surface water drainage system so he could understand where the problems lie. A member of public commented that Southern Water should be able to supply such a plan. Cllr Hales said that sandbags were provided free of charge from TVBC to homes that were of significant risk of flooding only. Houghton Fishing Club were unconcerned by a flooding risk at present because there was still capacity in the weirs. Cllr Foord commented that he felt that the Environment Agency's warnings were being very cautious because the ground water at present was not close to that of 2014.

Action: Cllr Hales

Cllr Vere Stokes left the meeting

C/19/158

Lengthsman Administration Insurance

The Clerk had circulated to the Council before the meeting an email from the Council's insurers to say the Lengthsman co-ordination, that the Council at present outsources, is not covered by the Council's present insurance. Certain conditions would need to be met for it to do so. There was discussion as to whether this was the case. Cllr Leslie expressed concern that there was no

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contract between the Council and the co-ordinator. Cllr Foord asked that Cllr Gibson be asked his opinion of the matter at the next meeting.

C/19/159

War Memorial

Cllr Foord confirmed that the grant application to the War Memorial Trust had now been completed and submitted. Cllr Food thanked Mr K Candler for all his efforts in completing the form, he confirmed that the closing date for the application is at the end of March so the Council will likely hear if the application is successful after that.

C/19/160

Village amenities

a. Update on village walk around with Cllr Gibson

Cllr Halle was unable to attend the meeting so there was no update.

b. The lengthsman update and community land

Cllr Halle was not present at the meeting but Cllr Lawrence updated the Council on the community land discussed at January's meeting (C/19/143a). He had spoken to HCC and the County archaeologist and neither party was against the scheme. Consideration was given by the Council that the site could be used for planting trees for GW 300 (C/19/151).

Action: Cllr Lawrence

c. Community use of phone boxes including de-fibrillator

Cllr Halle was unable to attend the meeting so there was no update.

d. Trout Pond

Cllr Halle was unable to attend the meeting so there was no update.

e. Electric Charging

Cllr Halle was unable to attend the meeting so there was no update

f. Recycling Centre

There was no update.

g. N16 Bus

The Clerk updated the Council on a meeting that had taken place at HCC. HCC is putting the route out to tender but the Clerk confirmed that it is unlikely that the new timings will be able to provide a link with the N15 bus to Andover during the week. This is because there are few passengers using the N15 bus to Andover. HCC had confirmed that a connection to Andover would be available on a Saturday.

h. Hanging Baskets

An email that had been received by a member of the public regarding the lamp stands that have held the hanging baskets. SSE will no longer allow their cast iron street lights to hold hanging baskets. The street light by the Co-Op is cast iron so can no longer be used.

i. Village Bench Policy

Cllr Lawrence said he had received 3 requests for a memorial bench this year. The Council conceded this was a difficult issue but there was maintenance of the bench to be considered and it was not easy to find a place to put them. The Council felt it was important to look at other ways that the commemoration could take place.

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C/19/161 Annual Policy Review

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting an update of the Council's Complaint Policy and a new Data Protection Policy. The Clerk confirmed that the Council were now registered with the ICO. It was agreed that the Complaints policy would be open to non-residents. The Council agreed to refer the policies to next month's meeting. The Clerk said she had spent 4 extra hours on this work (C/19/144) and the Council agreed the extra payment. The Clerk reminded the Council to use their Stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk emails for Council business.

Action: Clerk

C/19/162 Finance

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

Income and payments 94 -100 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved.

Icthus	94	359.02
Stockbridge THTC	95	22
B Baker	96	42.80
B Baker	97	476.41
YMML	98	16.80
Shane Ling	99	1038.50
Shane Ling	100	38

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

C/19/163 Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/00285/	The Homestead High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Demolition of rear extension, erection of single storey rear sitting room extension and provision of replacement windows	06/03/20
The Council has no objection			
20/00278/Treen	Mulberry House High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY	Magnolia T2 - Fell	26/02/20
The Council has no objection			
20/00280/Treen	Mulberry House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Poplar T1 - Overall crown reduction, removing up to 3m from extremities,raise crown to give 6m clearance from ground level.	27/02/20
The Council has no objection			

b. To note recent decisions

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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)	Withdrawn

c. To note decisions awaited

19/03027	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	External works comprising new lighting and replacement fire doors onto High Street	22/01/20
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
19/02924	The Vine High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HF	Change of use of carport to A1 retail with associated external works	17/01/19
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
19/02505	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
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
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

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d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

The Clerk was requested to follow up on the enforcement issue on the site on the A3057 just off the A30 roundabout.

Action: Clerk

C/19/164

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next meeting would be March 19th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Town Hall.

Items for the March agenda:

Traffic Safety

Traffic Parking

Lengthsman Co-ordination

Busk Land Development

Policies

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed.....

Date.....