

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 15th JULY 2021 AT 7:30PM
AT THE STOCKBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD
OLD LONDON RD STOCKBRIDGE



Present: Cllrs J Leslie (Chair), D Halle, H Jackson, S Hill,
I Bell,
D Drew

Apologies: Cllr T Hales, F Parr, R Foord, A Lawrence, G Boney
T Ward

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Four

C/21/067 The Clerk explained that the Council was quorate with 5 Councillors, therefore the meeting continued.

C/21/068 **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hale, Parr, Boney, Lawrence, Foord and Ward.

C/21/069 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
There were none.

C/21/070 **Public Participation**

i A member of the public addressed the Council regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She asked the Council to encourage the planting of trees and asked the Council to look into providing Jubilee mugs as a gift to the Primary School children and the community. It was agreed that this should be explored.

ii Two members of the public were there to address issues regarding Test Valley School, the Headteacher Toni Wilden and David Hall a member of the Governing Body. Ms Wilden said that parents had been told that the safety measures that TVS had put in during Covid were to continue when restrictions were lifted. She said that it was possible that this was causing problems in Stockbridge and she wanted to engage with the community and find a way forward, but safety had to be paramount. She explained that the allowing cars onto the school site increased the danger to the children. Cllr Leslie enquired the feasibility of a one way circuit, but this was not an option because the car parks were not linked. Ms Wilden said, ideally, they were looking for separate outside space. Cllr Hill commented that this was unlikely to be practical. Cllr Halle commented that parents parking was lousy, and that their doing so on both sides of the Test River bridge made a narrow road even narrower. He said that an ambulance had had difficulty getting through last week. He was clear

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that he felt this was Test Valley School problem and should not become one for Stockbridge. He pointed out that the children would need to cross a major trunk road on exiting the school to reach any parking in Longstock. Cllr Bell agreed that this A30 corner was dangerous. A number of suggestions were discussed; opening up the lower car park on a time basis; looking at additional space in the school ground; looking at additional land in Longstock; or using land to the north of the school. Ms Wilden commented that HCC was cutting back on finances.

The Chair agreed to bring item 16d up the agenda

C/21/071 **Test Valley School PTA Book Sponsorship**

Ms Wilden explained that the school was looking for sponsorship from the local parishes so they could hand out books to the new starters to get them going on their set texts in the holidays. The Council agreed to donate £150 to the PTA.

C/21/072 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2021**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 17th June 2021

The minutes were agreed and noted as a true record of the meetings.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

There were none

c. To deal with any correspondence

The clerk notified the Council that:

- She had received an email from a resident regarding a dangerous traffic safety issue on the White Hart Crossing to Old London Rd.
- She had written to the residents of the property, that was displaying a sign saying that the passage between Old London Rd and the A30 was privately owned, to ask for information as to who was the owner so she could enquire regarding granting permissive rights.

C/21/073 **County and Borough Councillor Reports**

i Cllr Ward did not attend the meeting but had forwarded a report.

ii Cllr Drew said that he was chasing the Lancaster House matter with HCC. He was liaising with Nether Wallop Council on the lengthsman matter. That there was a new Chief Executive at HCC who would need to balance the budget with a £30 million gap in adult social services. Glass recycling was no longer available at Timsbury Recycling Centre. TVBC had successfully prosecuted a flytipper who had been sent to jail. Covid cases were now rising in the area and in hospital.

The Chair agreed to bring item 10a up the agenda

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C/21/074

Traffic Safety

a. **CIL award and Safety measures around Stockbridge Primary School**

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting an email from Ms Ware that pointed out that the implementation for the one way street would take time. The example she gave of a legal hurdle would take a year to clear. Cllr Drew conceded that it would be helpful if HCC could provide a timeline.

C/21/075

Welcome Back fund for the High Street

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Cllr Halle had circulated a proposal for spending the £20,000 funding from the Welcome Back fund for the High Street on measures that improved the safety of the High Street post- Covid. The pinch point around Beccys and the Co-Op was discussed and it was acknowledged that this was an important crossing point for some elderly residents. Cllr Halle suggested that those with mobility issues would appreciate the use of bollards to maintain wider pavements and stop cars parking over the pavements. Cllr Bell said that residents should be consulted on what would be perceived as permanent measures. The Clerk said that consulting on this matter had not been discussed. The Council voted on the parts of the proposed scheme. The Council agreed unanimously to use the fund to aim to create a safe passage from Beccy's to the Co-Op. The Council did not agree to bollards in between the fire station and the Whisky shop. Cllr Bell, Hill and Jackson voted against, Cllr Leslie and Halle voted for. No other measures were voted on.

Action: Clerk. Cllr Halle

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The Clerk had circulated before the meeting and email from HCC which notified the Council that the licence for the scheme was going to be removed and asking for the barriers to be taken down. The Council agreed to a two stage approach. The pedestrian barriers should be removed as soon as possible along with the water filled barriers around the Co-Op and Beccy's. Thyme & Tides and Pregos would be allowed a 3 week adjustment period to allow for adjustment. The Clerk was asked to contact SafeSite.

Action: Clerk

C/21/076

High Street Design Update

Cllrs Bell, Boney and Halle and the Clerk had met with HCC. HCC's Ms Nicola Waight explained that her team produces infrastructure designs for Councils. Her team could be engaged to produce the design of a new layout of the High Street but would also take the lead with the consultation with the community. It was agreed that the Traffic WP would produce a brief for the project with which Ms Waight's team could provide a formal quotation for the Council to agree.

Action: Traffic WP

C/21/077

Littering Issues

a. **Gutter Cleaning**

This matter was ongoing and there was nothing to report

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b. Steepleton Hill Layby

The Clerk had written to the owner of the part of the layby.

C/21/078 Planning – update of Village Design Statement WP

There was no update.

C/21/079 Traffic Safety

a. CIL award and Safety measures around Stockbridge Primary School

This had been dealt with under C/21/074

b. Proposal to make New Street one way

The Council agreed to include this proposal in the design for the High Street (C/21/076)

C/21/080 Infrastructure Issues

a. Lily's Path

There was no update from C/21/059.

b. Cycle Path – Test Valley Way

The Clerk notified the Council that new grants were available for the work on the cycle path. Cllr Drew was working with TVBC and HCC to arrange for some of the cutting back to be undertaken.

c. Land behind the toilets on the High Street

This was agreed to be considered as part of the Welcome Back Fund C/21/075i.

d. Plant a tree for the Jubilee

This was agreed under C/21/070i.

e. High Street Drains

The Clerk had been notified by HCC that they intended to jet clean the drains on the High Street and to carry out investigations on the drains the 9th & 10th August. Cars would need to be cleared off the High Street on those days. The Council agreed that communication to the residents was very important.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Bell

C/21/081 Council Communications

The July newsletter had been distributed. The Clerk suggested that the next edition should be printed in mid-September to allow for a mid-December Christmas issue. She said the article for the next edition should include a piece on Resilience explaining the attenuation lakes and weirs that Stockbridge now has available as protection. This was agreed. Also to be included was agreed as "Plant tree for the jubilee", how the Council had continued to meet in the Spring and the grant to TVS for the books.

Action: Clerk

C/21/082 Twining for Stockbridge

Cllr Halle informed the Council that there was a proposal from the Stockbridge Business Assoc. to twin Stockbridge to a town in Italy. The Council agreed that

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it was not against the suggestion and would be interested any further proposals from the SBA.

C/21/083 **CCTV for High Street – to consider setting up a Working Party**

It was agreed to defer this matter until 2022.

C/21/084 **Village amenities**

a. Rights of Way

The Clerk asked the Council for information on any rights of way that needed cutting back. Cllr Bell indicated the Penny Lane ROWs and he agreed to provide detail on a map.

Action: Cllr Bell, Clerk

b. Lengthsman update

There were no suggestions for lengthsman work this month other than the rights of way C/21/084a

c. Lancaster House

This matter was discussed under C/21/073ii

d. Council Noticeboards

The Council noticeboards were deteriorating. The Town hall had complained that the felt had shrunk and the Clerk said that one of the locks had broken. The Council agreed to look at replacing them.

Action: Clerk

C/21/085 **Finance**

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

Income and payments 24-39 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		78022.36
R Steel & Partners (Cemetery)	income	3298.60
Shane Ling (Lengthsman – Nether Wallop)	25	80
B Baker (McAfee Licence)	26	59.99
B Baker (salary + lengthsman)	27	663.73
Unity Bank (Service Charge)	28	18
Shane Ling (Lengthsman June)	29	1500
Safe Site Facilities (Barriers June)	30	1109.84
SSE (Milsoms Light)	31	17.69
Oliver Hawkins (weedcut)	32	127.50
D Halle (signage)	33	60
YMML (Clerk's office)	34	16.80
HALC (Membership)	35	290.70
Shane Ling (Cemetery May & June)	36	460

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Came & Co (Insurance)	37	1003.55
D Younger (newsletter delivery)	38	50
E Van Sante (Newsletter delivery)	39	50
Closing Balance		75893.16

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. External Audit

The Clerk informed the Council that she had submitted all the required information to the external auditor and the exercise of rights was taking place. The Clerk asked the Council to check the new insurance policy changes.

d. Test Valley School Book Sponsorship

This was dealt with under C/21/071.

e. Extra hours for the Clerk due to FOI request

The Clerk brought to the Council's attention that she had now received a further FOI request. This was now requesting less information so it fell within the time limit of 18 hrs. She said that in order to fulfil the request she would have to do a search in the Councillors emails and then go through each of the emails to check it is relevant to the information requested. Any redactions and collating would be extra time to this. She warned the Council that it could take up to 25hrs. The Council agreed that there was no choice in this matter but asked that the final tally of hours and expenditure should be minuted.

C/21/086

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
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	Appeal to Secretary of State
The Council did not wish to change the previous comments			
21/01891/OELN	River Test SSSI Near Longstock Mill, Longstock,, Atners Tower And Lodge House, Leckford, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Replace four 11kV overhead line wood Poles	16/07/21
The Council had no objection			

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/01313/FULLN	2 Winton Hill Cottage, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, SO20 6HJ	Two bay single story timber frame garage with pitched roof over existing concrete hard standing	Permission
21/01420/FULLN	Sheriff House, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6EX	Erection of garden store/outbuilding	Permission

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21/01328/FULLN	1 Test View , Old London Road, Stockbridge, SO20 6EJ	Modification and alterations to existing lean-to conservatory to form habitable space to include removal of sections of external wall, replacement roof, modify and raise existing conservatory walls with double glazed sliding doors	Permission
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)	Withdrawn

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/01705/FULLN	Larksleve, Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of single storey garden room (previous garage) and erection of single storey extension to provide lounge and WC with alterations to the property including insertion of external doors	09/07
21/01705/FULLN	Larksleve, Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of single storey garden room (previous garage) and erection of single storey extension to provide lounge and WC with alterations to the property including insertion of external doors	09/07
21/01171/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	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 two bed dwellings with associated 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 Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none reported.

C/21/087

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 16th September 2021. It was agreed to hold the meeting at the Town Hall since restrictions should be lifted. Items for the agenda for the May meeting:

Cycle Path
Policy Review

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High Street Design
Newsletter

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....