

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
7.30PM via ZOOM online



**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), T Hales, V Vere Stokes  
R Foord, I Bell, J Leslie

A Gibson, T Ward

**Apologies:** Cllr S Taylor, G Boney, D Halle, F Parr

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Two

**C/20/086** **Apologies**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Boney, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Halle and Cllr Parr.

**C/20/087** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**  
None were declared

Cllr Vere Stokes joined the meeting

**C/20/088** **Public Participation**  
Both members of the public who attended were there to talk about items on the agenda, therefore it was agreed that they should be invited to talk at that point on the agenda.

**C/20/089** **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- a. **To approve and sign the minutes**  
These were approved as a true record of the meeting.
- b. **To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**  
The Clerk notified the Council that the discussion on next year's budget would need to be postponed until after resolution of the "Opening Up the High Street" grant application C/20/092
- c. **To deal with any correspondence.**  
The Clerk notified the Council that the light at the Milson's was owned by Aster Homes and the tenants of the housing were best placed to report that the light was not working. The Clerk has reported the problem to Aster Homes via email.

**C/20/090** **County and Borough Councillor Reports**  
i Cllr Ward had circulated a report before the meeting. He said that the new masterplan for Andover was exciting and will be undertaken in stages. He understood that the development does not require TVBC to buy any new land. He pointed to the consultation on the Gvt planning white paper which he said

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was important to respond to because it would change the influence of local plans. It would also mean that the requirement to build 550 new homes in Test Valley would be increased to 850. He said that Covid 19 infections in Test Valley were creeping up and now stood at 83 per 1000 which is getting close to the National average. He was asked if the number of infections in Stockbridge was known but he did not have that data but said that Test Valley was slightly above Hampshire average. He had had a meeting with Donna Jones, the prospective Conservative candidate for the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner, to draw her attention to an increase in burglaries in local villages and he wanted to encourage a greater focus on rural policing.

- ii Cllr Gibson informed the Council that Hampshire Highways had two new heads of highway looking after Romsey and the New Forest area and the rest in the North Hants
- iii Cllr Bell brought the state of Stockbridge's streets to Cllr Ward's attention, because he felt that the leaves were not being cleaned away and were being washed down the drains leading to potential blocking. Cllr Ward agreed to look into the schedule. Cllr Bell also enquired if the new Gvt initiative for Unitary authorities would effect Hampshire but Cllr Ward thought this unlikely.

## C/20/091 Speedwatch

A representative from Speedwatch informed the Council that the Police had confirmed that this could now continue. An updated risk assessment including Covid measures had been completed by the Police and had been circulated to the Council before the meeting. The representative thanked the Council for the purchase of a new battery but warned that the batteries were deteriorating rapidly. He said that last year they sent out 161 warning letters and these drivers were typically caught on the A30 between the two roundabouts and on Winton Hill. He occasionally put up the device on the High Street but speeding was rare there. The other location the device was used was on Steepleton Hill. He said he needed more volunteers and the Clerk was asked to advertise for this in her Benefice magazine article. The representative moved the device from post to post himself.

**Action: Clerk**

The member of the public left the meeting.  
The Chair agreed to bring item 15c up the Agenda.

## C/20/092 Grant Application for Trout n'About

The representative from Trout n'About explained that in order to maintain the brand they had decided to hold a virtual Trout n'About this year. The grant money would go towards the expense of the website and logo development. The fact that the grant was being request retrospectively was acknowledged but he said that Covid had made things very difficult and he hoped that the Parish Council recognised the value of Trout n'About to the community. The

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grant was unanimously approved. The Council also agreed to allocate the amount each year in the budget, going forward.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/093**

## **Covid 19**

### **a. Barriers on the High Street**

- i Cllr Lawrence informed the Council that he, Cllr Halle, Cllr Boney, and Cllr Bell had met with Mr J Harvey of HCC and other members of HCC highways to inspect the barriers. He said that HCC regarded the scheme as a success and they were complimentary that Stockbridge had just got on and done it on their own. They used Stockbridge as an example of what worked and what did not. He said that HCC recognised that the barriers were not attractive and that they were experimenting with the idea of using planters. He thanked Cllr Vere Stokes and Cllr Hales for their work in getting the project going. Both Cllr Hales and Cllr Vere Stokes were pleased to hear Cllr Lawrence's feedback but expressed concern that the barriers were still being misplaced. Both Cllrs felt that the maintenance rota needed to be revived. Cllr Lawrence said that HCC was drawing up a design as if there were no budget constraints which would then be forwarded to Stockbridge for consideration. It was commented that builders at Lillees were not replacing the barriers in the evening and Cllr Lawrence agreed to write to them.
- ii The Clerk informed the Council that the "Opening up the High Street Fund" now looked more promising. She had been asked to provide information to TVBC for costs up until 30<sup>th</sup> September. She said funding appeared to be available until 30<sup>th</sup> March. She asked the Council to continue to fund the barriers until the "Opening Up the High Street fund" was forthcoming. The Council agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

### **b. Council Meeting**

The Council agreed that the foreseeable future meetings should be held via Zoom.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/094**

## **Recycling Centre – update on progress for new site**

Cllr Lawrence confirmed TVBC were now indicating that they were looking at a site on Trafalgar Way. Cllr Lawrence was keen to emphasise that the installation here should also accompany the siting of a recycling centre in Longstock. This will keep the noise of the bottle disposal to a minimum. This was agreed by the Council.

**C/20/095**

## **Resilience Planning**

The Clerk confirmed that she had approached HCC resilience Forum for a template form for information for the vulnerable persons list but she was yet to receive one. Cllr Lawrence stressed that all that was required at present was the names and details of persons at risk to be collected. In an emergency these

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names would be passed to the emergency services. He said that it was highly unlikely that Stockbridge itself would need to raise the alarm. Cllr Foord said he felt that a lot in the HCC Resilience Forum did not apply to Stockbridge but said that the data collection would enable the vulnerable persons to be contacted prior to the emergency services being involved. Cllr Bell said he was willing to get involved and Cllr Hales said he would get in contact with the Resilience Forum.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Hales, Cllr Bell**

**C/20/096**

## **Cemetery**

### **a. Headstone Restoration**

The Clerk supplied one quotation in the DropBox and said that Lockerly Stone was due to provide another but had not been able to attend before the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

### **b. Signage**

The Clerk had circulated some examples of signage and some quotations but the Council agreed to defer the matter until Cllr Boney and Halle were present.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/097**

## **Town Hall**

The Council was asked to re-appoint Cllr Vere Stokes as the Council representative on the Town Hall committee. As Cllr Vere Stokes confirmed she was happy to continue, the Council agreed to do so. Cllr Vere Stokes was thanked for her attention in this matter.

A member of the public left the meeting.

Councillor Lawrence left the meeting. The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Vere Stokes as Chairman for the rest of the meeting.

**C/20/098**

## **Lengthsman legacy funding**

The Clerk explained that the Internal Auditor in her report had drawn attention to the amount of legacy funds in certain Parishes lengthsman accounts. She had asked that the Parishes should be contacted to encourage them to use up the funds. The Clerk notified the Council that she had now done this. Some of the Parishes had replied that they had plans for when to use the funds.

**C/20/099**

## **Traffic Safety**

The Clerk had circulated by email to the Councillors notification from HCC highways that HCC was undertaking the safety improvements around the Primary School. These had been agreed by Council in November 2019, C/19/101. However, the requirement for the one way street in Old London Rd was not included. The Clerk informed the Council that she had altered the TVBC CIL application accordingly. Cllr Bell notified the Council that he had been contacted by HCC regarding the one way street and he had requested a copy of HCC's methodology of their review of this matter.

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## C/20/100 Village amenities

### a. Lengthsman update

The Clerk asked if there was any area that Councillors were aware of that needed maintenance. Cllr Foord suggested on the A30 around the Primary school.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

### b. Lancaster House

TVBC had not yet come back to Cllr Lawrence so there was no update.

### c. High Vis jackets

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting a number of suggestions for the purchase of High Vis jackets. The Council agreed the purchase of waistcoats rather than jackets.

**Action: Clerk**

## C/20/101 Finance

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

Income and payments 70-76 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

|                      |    |          |
|----------------------|----|----------|
| Opening bank balance |    | 70698.58 |
| B Baker              | 70 | 622.77   |
| SSE                  | 71 | 2808.00  |
| Unity Bank           | 72 | 18       |
| Shane Ling           | 73 | 1315.50  |
| Shane Ling           | 74 | 400      |
| R D Jackson          | 75 | 43.64    |
| YMML                 | 76 | 16.80    |
| Closing Bank Balance |    | 79604.55 |

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

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

### c. Grant application for Trout n' About

This was dealt with under C/20/91

## C/20/102 Planning

### a. New applications – to agree responses

| Number                       | Address  | Description  | Date     |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------|
| 20/02368/TREEN               | The Guardhouse, 20<br>Trafalgar Way,<br>Stockbridge                            | T1 - Maple - Prune back to previous<br>growth points   | 21/10/20 |
| The Council has no objection |  |  |          |
| 20/02354/LBWN                | Fairways Off The<br>Grosvenor Hotel, High<br>Street, Stockbridge,<br>Hampshire | Works involve the removal of a<br>rotten modern casement window<br>and replacement with a like for like<br>casement window | 30/10/20 |

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| The Council has no objection |   |   |          |
| 20/02248                     | Stables House, Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL | T1 - Holly - Reduce height by up to 2m, crown lift lower branches slightly and tidy overall appearance.T2 - Cherry - Remove lowest dying limb and tidy overall appearance | 21/10/20 |
| The Council has no objection |   |   |          |

## b. To note recent decisions

| Number  | Address                                       | Description   | Date         |
|---|---|---|--------------|
| 19/01884  | Foxleas House Winton Hill                     |   | Dismissed    |
| The Clerk noted that this had been dismissed by the Secretary of state. |   |   |              |
| 20/01527/TREEN  | Mulberry House, High Street, Stockbridge      | Grey poplar (T1) - Fell tree and poison stump to prevent regrowth of suckers in order to halt direct damage to the adjacent boundary wall being caused by root growth directly beneath wall   | Consent      |
| 20/01799/Treen  | Fire Station High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HF | T1 - Tilia - Prune to clear away from adjacent butchers shop and service wires, crown raise to allow 3m over footpath and 5m over appliance entrance/exit, T2 - Tilia - Prune to allow 3m over footpath and 5m clearance over site entrance, T3 - 8 Willows and 3 Alders - Repollard to original pollard points | No Objection |

## c. To note decisions awaited

| Number         | Address   | Description   | Date             |
|----------------|---|---|------------------|
| 20/01633       | Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY            | Erection of timber outbuilding for use as an ancillary store to The Greyhound, side shed and gas tank enclosure (Retrospective) | 29/09/20         |
| 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         |
| 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 |
| 20/01037/FULLN | Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY            | Demolition and replacement of existing fishing hut to provide a rural office workspace comprising of 3 no. independent units    | 19/06/20         |

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| 20/01482/TREEN | Kings Head House, High Street, Stockbridge | T1 - Willow - Fell, T2 - Ash - Fell, T3 - Ash - Fell | 27/07/20 |
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**d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters**  
There were no enforcement issues

**C/20/103**

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

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 19<sup>th</sup> November. This will be held via Zoom.

Items for the agenda:

Budget for next year

Cemetery Headstone restoration

Cemetery Signage

Re-Cycling Centre

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm, Cllr Vere Stokes was thanked for Chairing the meeting.

Signed.....

Date.....