

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 2021
7.30PM via ZOOM online



Present: Cllrs D Halle (Chair), T Hales, G Boney, F Parr
R Foord, I Bell, J Leslie, S Taylor
A Gibson, T Ward

Apologies: Cllr A Lawrence

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Six

C/20/142 **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Cllr Lawrence.

The Chair agreed to move the co-option of the Councillor further down the agenda

C/20/143 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Foord declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda (C/20/150). Cllr Hales declared an interest in planning application 20/02975.

C/20/144 **Public Participation**
i The first member of the public asked about the street sweeper from TVBC. She said formerly residents would be informed which side would be swept so that they could park their cars on the other side. She said that the man who emptied the bins did a good job. Cllr Bell answered this query by explaining that due to covid he was uncomfortable knocking on doors to talk to residents. It was suggested that a note through the door would suffice. Cllr Bell agreed.

Action: Cllr Bell

ii A second member of the public commented that the barriers were being moved by members of the public which meant that social distancing was now not possible around the CO-OP and Thyme and Tides. This was acknowledged to be the case and Councillors agreed to establish a rota to check the barriers regularly.

Action: Cllr Halle

iii Another member of the public who was a governor of Test Valley School, proposed that the Headteacher gave a presentation to the Council regarding the latest developments at the school. It was suggested that the APM would be a suitable occasion.

Action: Clerk

iv Another member of the public wanted to ask about the cop-option of a new councillor. He queried if the returning officer had been notified and he criticised the advertising of the vacancy.

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- v Another member of the public, who had been present at the December meeting, was insistent that the minutes had not been recorded properly. She said that Cllr Lawrence had inappropriately interjected into a planning matter. She wanted it recorded that she was complaining about this. This issue was dealt with under C/20/145 a.

C/20/145 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2020

a. To approve and sign the minutes

Cllr Foord objected to items C/20/125 and C/20/140. C/20/125 - Cllr Foord said he expressed concerns regarding Cllr Lawrence submitting planning comments to TVBC before Council had discussed them. It was explained that Cllr Lawrence is allowed to submit comments as a member of the public provided he does not take part in the discussion at Council. It was not noted on the minutes, that he therefore had a DPI re the planning, because at the time he was not present at the meeting. C/20/125 - Cllr Foord maintained that Cllr Lawrence took part in this matter. Cllrs Hales, Boney and Bell did not object to the minutes, saying that the decision taken was not affected. Cllr Taylor said the discussion between him and Cllr Lawrence was on another matter and not concerning planning. Cllr Halle put it to the Council that the minute was changed to read "Cllr Lawrence did not take part in this part of the agenda because he had already posted comments to TVBC". This was agreed.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

The Clerk notified the Council that:

- The Andover Town Design statement had been circulated for local comment.
- The Christmas accounts stood at £564.54 going forward into 2021.
- The policy review was ongoing.

c. To deal with any correspondence.

There was none that were not on the agenda.

C/20/146 Co-Option of new Councillor

A vote had been taken prior to the meeting via email, that because the Council had no policy on advertising a co-option as well as the formal notice of councillor resignation, it was inappropriate to defer the co-option once candidates had come forward. This vote, not to defer, had been carried by 5-3. Despite this, Cllr Taylor moved to defer the co-option. The Clerk raised the fact that the Council's standing orders say that resolutions cannot be re-voted on within 6 months. Cllr Taylor dismissed the fact of this vote without explanation. He said that he had asked for a deferral before he had seen the applications. He said the statutory notice was regarding a by-election. He said that everyone interested should have the same opportunity to come forward. Cllr Boney expressed reservations about deferring because applicants had already come forward. He said that deferring the co-option would feel like the goalposts had been shifted for the present applicants and he said that they may feel aggrieved. Cllr Bell commented that the precedent had been set with the co-option of Cllr Parr and it would be inappropriate not to follow precedent if the

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policy had not been changed. The Council voted again whether to defer the vote. Cllrs Taylor, Foord, Parr and Leslie voted to defer. Cllrs Halle, Bell, Hales and Boney voted not to defer. Cllr Halle used his casting vote not to defer. It was agreed to hold the co-option at the end of the agenda.

C/20/147

County and Borough Councillor Reports

- i Cllr Ward made it known that grants were available for village halls and for community projects. He encouraged applications. He said there was now a Covid testing centre in an Andover car park. He said that the green waste bin take up had increased and therefore the collection dates were being revised.
- ii Cllr Gibson's report had been circulated before the meeting. He said that there was concern regarding flooding in the next few months. He noted to the Council that the Police Council tax was rising by £15 in order to recruit local rural police officers including Stockbridge. He said that Test Valley School was being encouraged to open the school for community use including the swimming pool and gym and he wanted to hear ideas as to how these facilities could be used. He said that a number of local villages would be having referenda on their Neighbourhood plans in May. The Clerk enquired if the cutting back of the rights of way would take place this year but Cllr Gibson said he could not confirm because of budgetary cutbacks.
- iii Cllr Taylor enquired who would be responsible for opening the weirs and draining the surface water in the event of flooding. Cllr Gibson informed him that he understood that the Houghton Fishing Club had undertaken this responsibility. Cllr Halle commented that the rise in the ground water could become a problem. Cllr Leslie said he had attended a very good Resilience Forum which included presentations by the Environment Agency and the Met. Office. Cllr Ward encouraged all to follow alerts from the EA.

C/20/148

Covid 19

a. New Lockdown Measures

No issues were reported with the current Covid 19 restrictions.

b. Barriers in the High Street

Concerns were expressed at the number of barriers that were damaged and moved out of place. Cllr Bell said he would straighten them this week but he suggested a rota. Cllr Foord felt the barriers should be removed because people were touching them. Cllr Leslie asked if there was any authority to stop the cafes selling coffee, but he was told there was none. He said that he felt that concrete barriers would be more effective. Cllr Halle commented that the contractors could be asked to remove the barriers but they would charge to bring them back. Cllr Hales noted that when the barriers were removed to allow deliveries they were not being replaced. Cllr Bell enquired whether HCC was working on more permanent barriers because in some Hampshire towns the temporary barriers had been removed. Cllr Halle said that he would speak to Mr John Harvey regarding the plan. Cllr Hales said it was important not to lose sight of the fact that

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the barriers had been installed to protect the elderly residents of Stockbridge and to ensure there was enough space for social distancing. Cllr Boney commented that HCC had been complimentary about Stockbridge but now help was needed from HCC as to how things could be improved.

- C/20/149** **Recycling Centre – update on progress for new site**
Cllr Halle agreed to meet with Cllr Gibson to look at other possible sites other than the one offered by TVBC. Cllr Halle said he did not feel that the site in Trafalgar Way by the pumping station was appropriate, as it did not allow parking and had no pedestrian access.
Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Gibson
- C/20/150** **Rubbish bins at Thyme and Tides**
The Clerk had written TVBC planning with photographs of the bins. TVBC were unable to provide enforcement support because the bins were not required to be kept in their bin store. The Clerk confirmed that she had been provided with the evidence that it should be considered an untidy site.
- C/20/151** **Town Hall Representation**
It was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.
- C/20/152** **Cemetery**
- a. New signage**
 The Clerk provided an updated quotation from HCC printing services. She explained that once the quotation was agreed then she could ask for mock-up of what the signs would look like. The quotation was agreed.
 Action: Clerk
- b. Headstone replacement**
 The Clerk asked to defer this until June because no one was willing to supply another quotation when they were so busy.
 Action: Clerk
- C/20/153** **Planning – update of Village Design Statement**
Cllr Taylor confirmed that he had held the first meeting of the village design statement working party. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary had been appointed. He said the WP sought authority from the Council to appoint a consultant from a local design company to be part of the WP. This was agreed by the Council. Cllr Leslie asked if it was possible to look for sponsorship for this work, and was informed that a proposal would be forthcoming. The next meeting was due to be held on 17th February.
Action: Cllr Taylor
- C/20/154** **Infrastructure Issues**
- a. Trout Pond**
 Cllr Halle proposed that this matter should be deferred since 3 interested Parties had not yet provided a quotation. He brought it the Council's

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attention that Houghton Fishing Club had stipulated that the work should be completed by April.

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Lillee's Path

Cllr Halle noted that there was deterioration in the first part of this path as the stream was starting to undermine the path. Further along the path was now very muddy and wet. Cllr Gibson commented that HCC would define the responsibility for the path as being if it was tarmacked it was Highways and it wasn't it was rural affairs. Cllr Gibson agreed to meet with Cllr Halle and the rights of way team to bring the matter to their attention. Cllr Leslie pointed out that the concrete bridge at the end was now collapsing and there were large holes in it. Cllr Halle agreed to meet with Cllr Leslie to inspect it. Cllr Boney queried the liability attached to the bridge and suggested it most likely lay with the National Trust or HCC. HCC as the highway authority has a statutory duty to maintain the path. Cllr Gibson confirmed that the path could not be closed because it was a statutory right of way, but it could be closed if SPC informed HCC that it posed a danger to users.

Action: Cllr Gibson, Cllr Halle, Cllr Leslie

C/20/155

Council Communications

a. Date and Production of first newsletter

The Clerk put forward late March early April as the earliest date. This was agreed.

b. Articles for the newsletter

The Clerk had received one article from Cllr Bell regarding the cleaning of the High Street. Cllr Boney agreed to provide one about Traffic parking. Cllr Bell said he would provide one on the Traffic safety measures around the primary school. An article on Resilience was agreed to be appropriate.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Boney, Cllr Bell

C/20/156

Budget for 2021/2022

Cllr Taylor proposed that the Precept should go up by the RPI. He said that it was important that the precept was kept in line with inflation. The Clerk asked for definition as to what RPI figure should to be used. The Council agreed that the Precept should go up by 1.5% to £20,300. The Clerk brought to the Council's attention that editing the newsletter would require an extra half an hour a week. The matter of the Clerk's hours was agreed to be deferred. Cllr Taylor said he would like to be involved.

Action: Clerk

C/20/157

Village amenities

a. Lengthsman update

No one had any suggestions for the lengthsman's tasks.

b. Lancaster House

Cllr Foord noted that HCC had been on site marking down the Ash Trees.

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c. Rights of Way

This was agreed to be deferred to February meeting.

C/20/158

Finance

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

Income and payments 88 - 100 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		74050.67
HCC Lights	88	700.53
Geosphere Ltd	89	72
Test Valley School PTA	90	25
PKF Littlejohn	91	240
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	92	1473
Shane Ling (cemetery)	93	19
YMML	94	16.80
B Baker (salary + lengthsman co-ord)	95	514.39
Unity Bank	96	18.00
YMML	97	16.80
Safesite Facilities	98	1200.76
Shane Ling	99	652.50
Icthus Event Solutions	100	3475.20
Closing Balance		65626.69

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

C/20/159

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/00094/TREEN	Old Rectory High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	T1 Weeping Willow - Reduce by up to 2m from pavement side	03/02/21
The Council has no objection			
20/03251	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge SO20 6HF	Change of use of part of existing building to single dwelling	29/01/21
The Council had no objection but wanted it brought to the planning officer's attention that the building was a significant building of some age. The Council also wanted the parking requirements to be taken into consideration.			
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	22/01/21
The Council strongly objected to this application because it was building outside the settlement boundary. The Clerk was asked to refer the Council's objections to the objections by Cllr Lawrence and SOS already posted on the TVBC site.			

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20/03151	Larksleve Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Demolition of single storey garden room	22/01/21
The Council has no objection			
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	22/01/21
The Council has no objection			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/02844/FULLN	New House, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, SO20 6HL	Erection of garage	Permitted

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/03051/Treen	14 Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Alder - Remove deadwood and thin south side by 10 per cent	04/01/21
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	04/01/21
APP/C1760/W/20/ 3260349	The Vine, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF	Appeal: Change of use of carport to A1 retail with associated external works	05/01/21
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	18/12/20
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.	18/12/20
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
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

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

The Clerk noted that the post planning WP had taken up a parking issue

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with TVBC planning.

C/20/160 Cllr Foord brought the Council's attention to an email he had received from Cllr Lawrence, in response to an email he had sent out during the meeting. Cllr Halle said this was not a matter for discussion at this time.

C/20/161 **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18th February. This will be held via Zoom.
Items for the agenda:
Newsletter
Southern Water
Village Design Statement WP
Lilly's path
Cemetery signage
Rights of Way

Action: Clerk

C/20/162 **Co-Option of new Councillor**
One of the candidates was unprepared to talk to the Council after 9:30, and as another could not be reached, the third candidate agreed to defer the co-option until the following Thursday. The Council expressed gratitude for her understanding. The Clerk was asked to organise an extra-ordinary Council meeting for Thursday 28th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....