

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2020
7.30PM via ZOOM online



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

Apologies: Cllr V Vere Stokes, S Taylor, A Gibson, T Ward,

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Four

Cllr Lawrence could not get internet connection so Cllr Halle started the meeting as Chair.

C/20/067 **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Cllr Vere Stokes, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Ward and Cllr Gibson.

C/20/068 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Boney declared a DPI for planning item 20/01428/Treen.

C/20/069 **Public Participation**
One of the members of the public was part of the Town Hall committee, he assured the Council that it would be safe to hold Council meetings there. Another member of the public was a newly appointed Governor to Test Valley School he said he was there to understand the issues in Stockbridge and in particular parking concerns.

C/20/070 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 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**
There were no matters arising not on the agenda.
- c. **To deal with any correspondence.**
There were none

C/20/071 **County and Borough Councillor Reports**
Both Cllr Gibson and Cllr Ward had sent in reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting but neither could attend the meeting. The Councillors did not have any comment to make on the reports.

Cllr Lawrence joined the meeting.

C/20/072 **Covid 19**

- a. **Barriers on the High Street**
Cllr Halle informed the Council that comments to him made were mostly supportive, although there had been a few saying that they were ugly or unnecessary. The Clerk had forwarded a spreadsheet of expenditure for

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the barriers. The amount spent was close to the agreed budget. She explained the reasons for this was that the Council had to pay the pick up costs up front and that the Council had not been allowed to install cheaper barriers. Mr Harvey from HCC had promised to underwrite the extra cost. She explained that she had been in contact with Mr McCarthy of TVBC regarding the "Opening up the High Street Fund" and it was plain that although the Council would meet the criteria of that fund neither Mr McCarthy nor the Clerk were confident that the fund actually existed because it seemed to be a vague allocation of old EU money. The Clerk was asked to write to the MP Caroline Noakes to ask for her assistance. The Council agreed £1000 to fund the barriers for another month.

Action: Clerk

b. Parking Issues

Cllr Boney gave an overview of the parking issues pre barrier installation (see C/19/103/172 & C/20/010). Cllr Halle commented that he hoped the installation of the barriers would open the door with HCC to make some of the current schemes permanent. Cllr Lawrence commented that Mr John Harvey of HCC had been very helpful with the barrier installations. He had also agreed to fund a temporary TRO for the A30 laybys, which were now being used by lorries. Cllr Bell commented that it was positive to maximise the use of the outside space on the High Street. Cllr Lawrence said that Mr John Harvey was willing to work with the Council to come up with such a plan to do so. Cllr Hales said that the pressures on the High Street was also due to increased traffic and footfall due to staycationing. Cllr Leslie thought it was important to get the PC's message across and suggested using FaceBook. Cllr Lawrence felt this could be explored further.

c. Council Meetings

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting advice from NALC that said Council meetings should remain online where possible. The Council agreed to meet remotely in October.

Cllr Lawrence took over as Chair of the meeting.

C/20/073 War Memorial – update on developments

A member of the public was invited to update the Council on this matter. He said that a visit to the stone masons had gone well with the cutting of slots on the new stone work. However, the stone mason was not prepared to rush things and so the reality was that the new cross would not be ready by Remembrance Sunday. He said it was likely to be installed in the Spring. The Council thanked the member of the public for his attention in this matter.

Cllr Lawrence moved item 15 up the agenda

C/20/074 Planning

a. TVBC Local Plan Consultation to agree response

Cllr Lawrence had circulated a submission to TVBC, in the DropBox, before the meeting and he asked Councillors for their comments. Cllr Bell raised

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2 points; that the chalk streams were unique to Stockbridge's heritage and ground water contamination would pose a risk to the water supply. Cllr Hales commented that the submission was a good overview. Cllr Lawrence stated that it was a summary document and that was built on previous surveys of local people. The evidence from these surveys concluded that 80% of respondents didn't support building outside the settlement boundary. His report referenced a document, also submitted to TVBC, from local group SOS. Cllr Foord queried the input from this group, and said that the issues of flooding were overblown since there had been no serious occurrences since before Trafalgar Way was built. Cllr Hales commented he felt that the report dealt with climate change issues. Cllr Lawrence noted that the submission had to be sent to TVBC the following day and asked the Council to approve the submission. The Council agreed to approve with Cllr Foord dissenting.

Action: Clerk

b. Consultation on the Reform of the Planning Process

Consultation documents from NALC regarding the proposed Gvt reform of the planning process had been circulated to the Council. The Clerk was asked to collate any comments that Councillors wished to make and submit them by the end of the following week.

Action: Clerk

c. To provide an update on Village Design Statement Working Party

There was no update

Action: Cllr Taylor

d. Parish Infrastructure Prioritisation

Cllr Lawrence asked that this should be referred to the Planning WP. This was agreed.

Action: Cllr Taylor

Cllr Lawrence left the meeting, Cllr Halle resumed as Chair

C/20/075

Christmas

The member of the public told the Council that an installation of the Christmas lights would be going ahead but due to Covid there would be no "turning on" event. He asked the Council if it would be contributing £500. The Clerk confirmed that this contribution was already budgeted for. The member of the public said it was likely that there would be further contributions from other Stockbridge groups, but this year they were only concentrating on the lights anything else would have to be co-ordinated independently. The Clerk to supply details of the PC bank account.

Action: Clerk

C/20/076

Recreation Ground and Recreation Ground Committee

Cllr Halle confirmed that currently he and Cllr Lawrence were the representatives of the Council on the Recreation Ground Committee. The Recreation Ground committee had been asked to allow parking at the recreation ground whilst the Covid Barriers were up in the high street. This had been re-buffed by the recreation ground committee. The conveyance

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document which established the recreation ground required 2 Councillors to be trustees which had not been the case since September 2019. Cllr Halle conceded that there were a number of inconsistencies with the way the trust was being run and how it was intended to be run as set out in the Trust document. The AGM had not been advertised or held correctly and co-opted members had not been constituted properly. The Clerk counselled that the Charity Commission had advised her that arbitration was the preferred way to sort these inconsistencies out. Cllr Boney said that the Parish Council were the freeholders of the land which was held in trust for the Football club to operate. He said he had experience of dealing with the Football club and he felt that the club had everything sewn up and it was well run. Cllr Foord agreed. The Clerk brought the S106 money, which needed to be spent, to the Council's attention, but which the recreation ground committee had shown disinclination to use. Cllr Halle did not see this as a problem. Cllr Parr wondered what was to be gained from rocking the boat.

C/20/077

Swift Boxes

Cllr Halle proposed that the installation of Swift Boxes should be made a condition of planning permission in Stockbridge. Cllr Foord commented that the numbers of Swifts was noticeably down in recent years. Cllr Boney queried whether everyone would like these birds. The Council unanimously agreed to the proposal and the Clerk was asked to include swift boxes on TVBC planning consultations responses.

Action: Clerk

C/20/078

Digital Accessibility Regulations

The Clerk informed the Council that new accessibility regulations came into force on the 23rd September 2020. Hugo Fox, who hosted the site, had made some changes to make the site compliant and the Clerk said she had been through the Council's website to check accessibility using a tool suggested by Hugo Fox. She confirmed that although there appeared to be no infringements, Hugo Fox would need to install a search engine. She noted that this was a difficult task because she had little experience in this area but she had done her best. She had prepared a Digital Accessibility Statement to be posted on the website. This was agreed by the Council.

Action: Clerk

C/20/079

Resilience Planning

Cllr Hales confirmed that he had met with a member of the Houghton Resilience Planning working party and he was happy to co-ordinate with them but he notified the Council that he felt forward planning for flooding and managing the environmental impacts needed more energy and time than he could give the role. Cllr Halle confirmed that Houghton Fishing Club Head Keeper had agreed that one of their members would sit on the joint Working Group. Cllr Hales expressed concern regarding updating the vulnerable persons list but suggested that Neighbourhood Care had all this information and the Council could use this. However, the Clerk said that unless permission had been given

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to Neighbourhood Care, by the persons concerned, for the data to be shared, then this would be against data regulations. She said that an article was going in the Benefice Magazine regarding data collection for the vulnerable persons list. Once the list had been compiled it would be held by HCC.

C/19/080

Cemetery

a. Headstone Restoration

The Clerk supplied one quotation in the DropBox and said she had another company that was due to come back to her with a date for a visit. She said it would need to be locally based, in order to keep down costs.

Action: Clerk

b. Signage

Cllr Halle proposed that the Council erect a sign directing visitors to the cemetery. It was agreed that a unobtrusive sign would be appropriate. The Clerk was asked to put forward some suggestions.

Action: Clerk

C/20/081

Recycling Centre – Update on progress for new site

There was no update to report but the search for a site was on-going.

C/20/082

Village amenities

a. Lengthsman update

It was suggested that the gutters on the side of the road needed cleaning out. The Lengthsman had been asked to do a small amount but Cllr Halle agreed to contact HCC Streetscene to do the rest.

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Lancaster House

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

c. Community use of phone boxes including de-fibrillator

There was no update but the Clerk confirmed that the cheque (C/20/031c) had not been presented to the bank.

d. Electric Charging

There was no update.

C/20/083

Finance

a. Picnic benches on the High Street

The Council agreed via email to purchase 2 picnic benches for the area outside the church which was protected by water based barriers.

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

Income and payments 48-69 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		80966.41
123 REG	48	287.86
Safesite Facilities	49	2808.00

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Oliver Hawkins	50	190
Stockbridge Pharmacy	51	180
Stockbridge PCC	52	22.80
Derek Halle	53	100.78
Shane Ling	54	47.50
B Baker	55	10.80
B Baker	56	503.77
Shane Ling	57	1584.45
Victim Support	58	50.00
Vitaplay	59	513.12
Shane Ling	60	380
YMML	61	16.80
Safesite Facilities	62	116.20
New Forest Fencing	63	324.00
Derek Halle	64	94.42
B Baker	65	503.77
YMML	66	16.80
Kim Candler	67	30.00
Shane Ling	68	1376.00
Safesite Facilities	69	1200.76
Closing Bank Balance		70698.58

c. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted. The budget for the barriers was included.

d. Extra hours worked by the Clerk

The Clerk asked the Council to pay the 10 extra hours she had worked organising the hiring, communication and installation of the barriers. The Council agreed to pay the extra hours.

C/20/084

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

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

The Council has a neutral stance

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/01857/RDCAN	Blandford House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB	Demolition of garage	Withdrawn

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20/01221/FULLN	Grosvenor Hotel, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6EU	Erection of brick and flint walls to replace fencing. erection of pergola and fixed seating, and erection of bread and pizza oven	Permission
20/02222/LBWN	Grosvenor Hotel, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6EU	Erection of brick and flint walls to replace fencing. erection of pergola and fixed seating, and erection of bread and pizza oven	Consent
20/01140/Treen	Drovers Way Old London Road Stockbridge SO20 6EL	Beech (T1) - Fell, Cherry x 2 (G2) - Crown reduce to previously reduced points (Reduce by c.2m leaving trees 5m high and 3m wide), Ash (T3) - Crown reduce to previously reduced points (Reduce by c.2m to 4m), Cherry and Willow (G4) - Crown reduce by c.1m	No Objection
20/01179/FULLN	Courtyard Cottage, New Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Single storey rear/side extension to provide kitchen, infill entrance porch and insert rooflights	Permission
20/00815/FULLN	Old Bridge House, High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EX	Erection of replacement brick and timber garden shed (Retrospective)	Permission
20/00666/FULLN	Nomads House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Change use to restaurant on the ground floor with living accommodation above	Withdrawn
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	Consent
19/03027	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	External works comprising new lighting and replacement fire doors onto High Street	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
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	30/07/20
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

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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
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
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	24/08/20
Cllr Foord queried why a response to this application had not been posted on the planning portal. The Clerk said that the Cllr Lawrence had wanted to raise a query with the planning officer. She apologised for not posting the response she had although it had not been quorate.			

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were no enforcement issues

C/20/085 Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 15th October 2020. This will be held via Zoom.

Items for the agenda:

Cemetery Headstone restoration

Cemetery Signage

Lancaster House

Re-Cycling Centre

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm

Signed.....

Date.....