

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> May 2021  
7.30PM via ZOOM online



**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), D Halle, F Parr, T Hales  
J Leslie, S Hill, G Boney

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Two

**C/21/022** **Apologies**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Jackson, Cllr Bell and Cllr Foord

**C/21/023** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**  
There were none.

**C/21/024** **Public Participation**  
Ms Jean Boney spoke to the Council asked that her name be recorded. She said she felt that the Council had done a good job in the difficult times of Covid and that it could not have been easy having meetings and carrying on the functions of the Council. She said the Clerk had done a good job and so had the Chair. She thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair. She also thanked Cllr Bell who she said had done a brilliant job with the school safety project and organising the cleaning of the High Street. She thanked the Council for organising and erecting the barriers so speedily. She thanked the Council on her own behalf and on behalf of the local group, SOS.

**C/21/025** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council**  
Cllr Hales nominated Cllr Lawrence as Chair of the Council. Cllr Leslie seconded the nomination, echoing Ms Boney's comments. Cllr Lawrence was elected as Chair with 6 votes and one abstention. Cllr Halle nominated Cllr Leslie as Vice Chair, Cllr Lawrence seconded. Cllr Leslie was elected Vice-Chair unanimously.

**C/21/026** **Finance**

- a. To approve Accounts from 2020-2021**  
These were approved.
- b. To Approve Annual Governance Statement**  
This was approved.
- c. To Approve Annual Account Statement**  
This was approved.
- d. Internal Auditors Report**  
The Council noted the comments of the Internal Auditor in her report.

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**C/21/027**      **Date of next meeting of Councillors and items for the agenda**

The Council acknowledged that it could not officially meet as a Council, Virtually, after 8<sup>th</sup> May but agreed to continue to meet as a group of Councillors until July. The Chair confirmed that the Clerk had delegated authority of the Council and was therefore able to make any decisions that needed to be made. Cllr Leslie urged Councillors to comment via NALC on the Gvt consultation regarding continuing with virtual meeting. Cllrs agreed to write to Caroline Noakes MP in support of virtual meetings. The Council agreed to meet next as a group of Councillors 20<sup>th</sup> May via Zoom. Cllr Boney asked that issues with social media be put on the agenda.

**Action: All Cllrs, Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....