

# Stockbridge Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

**Present:** Cllrs J Leslie (Chair), R Foord, G Boney, M Porter,  
D Halle

Cllr D Drew (late)

**Apologies:** Cllrs H Jackson, F Parr, A Lawrence  
T Ward, A Johnston

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Five and Mr B Powell

### **C/22/137** **Apologies**

Cllrs Lawrence, Jackson, Parr and Johnston sent their apologies. Cllr Bell had resigned to the Clerk and she had asked him to resign to the Chair (as is legally required to do) which he had not yet done.

### **C/22/138** **Co-Option of Councillor**

Mr B Powell put himself forward to be a Councillor. He had circulated before the meeting an explanation as to why he felt he could contribute. The Council agreed unanimously to co-opt. Cllr Powell signed his declarations and was welcomed to the Council. The Clerk was asked to set up a Cllr email address.

**Action: Clerk**

### **C/22/139** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

There were none. Cllr Foord said he was recording the meeting.

### **C/22/140** **Public Participation**

i One member of the public queried the removal of the trees on the A3057. Cllr Foord said he believed it was because the trees were Ash trees and were diseased. He said it had been done by HCC.

ii The Chair agreed to allow the other members of the public to address the Council when the part of the agenda they were concerned with, was being dealt with by the Council.

### **C/22/141** **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

#### **a. To approve and sign the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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

#### **b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**

Cllr Foord confirmed that the cemetery gate had not yet been repaired.

#### **c. To deal with any correspondence**

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There was none.

Cllr Drew joined the meeting.

### **C/22/142      County and Borough Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Ward had circulated a report before the meeting. There were no comments.
- ii Cllr Drew had circulated a report before the meeting. He said there were changes to upholstered seating disposal and it needed to be separated from other refuse. He said HCC Highways was rated third in the country for public satisfaction in Highways. He said HCC recognised that there were pockets of deprivation and that money was available for warm hubs. He said gritting was underway and staff had even been taken from the back office to do the gritting. He encouraged residents to use "Report It" to notify HCC of any problems.

### **C/22/143      Trout n' About**

Mr R Gueterbock said that the event had started as part of the Market Towns initiative as a promotion for local food producers and Stockbridge. He said the number of stalls had built up from the initial 40 to the present 100 attracting 8000 visitors. He said that TVBC saw it as an important event which put Stockbridge on the map. Last year £6000 was raised for good causes. He said it was now time to pass the event on to a younger more diverse management team. He acknowledged that Cllr Powell had put himself forward. Mr Candler spoke to say that the community needed to get involved to keep the event going. He said that he felt the event would crash unless the Council ensured there was a suitable committee. He said things needed to be in place by April because bookings would need to be taken after that. Mr Gueterbock agreed to return to the February meeting.

### **C/22/144      Stockbridge Business Assoc.**

No one attended and there was no report.

### **C/22/145      Town Hall "pop-up" shops**

Cllr Boney had circulated a letter addressed to the Town Hall before the meeting. He said that 3 businesses had now closed on the High Street which was worrying and another long-term trader was preparing to close his 3 shops because he was felt that he was being undercut by a "pop-up" shop in the Town Hall. The pop-up shop took place for 2 days before Christmas with advertising on the roundabouts. The quality of this product was inferior to the High Street trader's. Mr Candler and the committee were not sympathetic to his position because the similarity between the 2 offerings was only generic. Cllr Boney said he felt that the economic argument for the High Street was important. A member of the public said that due to higher costs across the board the High Street would be less robust than it has been in the past and he felt that the loss of three shops wasn't worth the cost of £300 (the cost of 2 days rental). Cllr Foord opined that this was dangerous grounds for the PC because it wasn't in

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the its remit to tell the Town Hall committee how to behave. Cllrs Powell and Halle agreed.

The Chair brought item 12 up the agenda.

### **C/22/146      Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project**

The Clerk and Cllr Boney had had a meeting with HCC. The Clerk explained what HCC were proposing to do; install a left turn onto OLR from the White Hart turning; widen the pavement opposite the White Hart to reduce the road to one lane; put in parking bays on each side of the road on OLR to force the traffic round chicanes. HCC believed this would achieve the objective of a safe road outside the school and would remove the chaos. If this was not the case HCC was prepared to implement the one-way street but they cautioned that there were other factors such as a cycle lane to consider and the legal process would take time. The Clerk said a letter from HCC would be laying out the options. The Council recognised the benefit of getting the process started and unanimously agreed in principle (subject to the letter) with HCC's proposal.

**Action: Clerk**

### **C/22/147      Infrastructure Issues**

#### **a.      Phone Boxes**

Cllr Halle's proposal was for an extra £300 over the agreed budget. The Council agreed the extra funding. The Clerk was asked to place the order.

**Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk**

#### **b.      Trout Pond**

The Clerk explained that the contractor had applied to the EA for a licence to start the project in March, which was a date put forward by the Fishing Club. The licence had not yet been granted.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **c.      Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets**

Cllr Halle was meeting the TVBC community liaison officers for a walkabout on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

#### **d.      Cycle Path**

The Clerk had asked the lengthsman for a quotation so she could apply for a grant from HCC.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **e.      Progress on the Lantern Arch**

The specification of the glass in the lantern was causing the delays.

### **C/22/148      High Street**

The Council agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.

### **C/22/149      Stockbridge Recreation Grd Trust and Playground**

#### **a.      Consider changing SPC Trusteeship to the Corporate Body**

The Clerk explained that the Charity commission preferred that the

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trusteeship was not in the name of individual Cllrs. This would mean that the names would not need updating when the Cllrs changed. It would also enable the trustees to take the view of the Council. This was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

### **b. Matters arising from recent playground inspection**

A report from Vitaplay had been circulated before the meeting. There was fungal growth on the posts that needed treatment. There were 2 quotations provided. The Council agreed to go with the lengthsman's quotation. The Clerk noted to the Council that the new sign had now been ordered.

**Action: Clerk**

### **C/22/150      Resilience – areas of concern**

It was noted that water was rising but not doing so critically at the present. The Clerk showed the Council the updated part of the website concerning flooding matters. TVBC would have a resilience event in March.

### **C/22/151      Council Communications**

#### **a. Items for the March newsletter**

The topics of Trout n'About, the Trout Pond, High Street design, Elections and voter ID were agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

### **C/22/152      Village Amenities**

#### **a. Lengthsman tasks**

The lengthsman had been ill over Christmas and was returning to work slowly.

#### **b. Lancaster House**

The solicitor had emailed with some questions which had been referred to Cllr Lawrence.

**Action: Cllr Lawrence**

#### **c. SID/SLR**

Cllr Halle said he had spoken to Longstock and Houghton about sharing an SLR rotation. Houghton were not interested with this proposal. Longstock PC were interested in pursuing the idea. Cllr Halle said he wanted to restart the traffic awareness group. He agreed to retrieve the SID from Mr Jackson.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

#### **d. Coronation mugs**

There were no prices available. It was agreed that a celebratory mug was traditional for Stockbridge.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Jackson**

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C/22/153

### Finance

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

Income and payments 103 -119 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as Lengthsman funds for Abbots Ann from HCC; an outstanding payment from the Re-Opening the High Street Safely Fund from TVBC; a S106 payment for signage in the playground; and two payments for the cemetery.

Opening bank balance		82027.93
HCC (Lengthsman)	Income	550
TVBC (RHSSF)	Income	9828.97
Co Op (Xmas fund)	Income	500
TVBC (playground)	Income	453.87
S J Maddocks (cemetery)	Income	145
S J Maddocks (cemetery)	Income	220
R Foord (Xmas lights)	103	59.96
B Baker (travel expenses)	104	38.4
HMRC (Clerk Tax)	105	49.80
Geosphere (Parish Online)	106	72
Shane Ling (Awbridge Lengthsman)	107	800
YMML (Clerk's Office)	108	30
Shane Ling (Lengthsman November)	109	350
Ovo Energy	110	31.4
STHC (Room Hire)	111	24
L Henderson (newsletter delivery)	112	100
Standard Life (Clerk's Pension)	113	17.66
B Baker (salary Lengthsman – pension HMRC)	114	888.22
Unity Bank (Service charge)	115	18
Vitaplay (Playground Inspection)	116	58.2
Shane Ling (Lengthsman December)	117	728
Ovo Energy	118	34.4
ADH Printing (newsletter printing)	119	150
Closing Balance		90275.73

#### b. To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

#### c. Add thank you gift provision to the budget

It was agreed to include £25 for thank you gifts to be taken from the general reserve.

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### Planning

#### a. VDS and conservation area

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Stockbridge's VDS. She explained that in order to update the VDS, the Council would need to liaise with TVBC and the project may take over a year to complete. She said the upgrade would need to take into account the new Local Plan for TVBC. The Council agreed to wait until the Local Plan was updated before starting the project to upgrade the VDS.

#### b. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00097/TREEN	Brookside, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Birch - Reduce height by up to 3m, T2 - Birch - reduce crown by up to 3m around, T3 and T4 - Spruce - Fell, T5 Pittosporum - Reduce by up to 1m around	03/02/23
The Council has no objection			
22/03309/FULLN	Land Opposite 1 Marsh Court Cottages Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JB	Change of use of and development of mezzanine/first floor of garage/store to create two en-suite bedrooms to be used ancillary and incidental accomodation to main house, installation of eight roof lights and installation of mansard roof (retrospective)	03/02/23
Stockbridge Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that the property has not been built as per the submitted plans and that the property is outside the settlement boundary.			
22/03339/TREEN	1 The Milsons Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JA	T1 (2291) - Ash - Fell, T2 (2288) - Popular - Sever and strip climbing plant, remove vegetation and debris, T3 (2833) - Ash - Clear ivy up to 3m 2. Remove deadwood	18/01/23
The Council has no objection			
22/03326/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Two new and two enlarged dormers, along with new infill door and side windows on rear porch	27/01/23
The Council has no objection			
22/03045/ADV N	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Display of externally illuminated fascia sign and illuminated display board	20/01/23
The Council has no objection			

#### c. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02980/TREEN	Test Valley Way Footpath Adj Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Dig a trench along the footpath up to 53m long and 300mm wide in close proximity to trees	No Objection



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22/02833/TREEN	Salar House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	2 x Ash trees to front of dwelling - Fell	No Objection
22/02917/TREEN	Seven Gables , Winton Hill, Stockbridge	Line of conifer trees between graveyard and garden - 50% reduction of height to previous cut points	No Objection
22/02889/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm , Penny Lane, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Veranda, french windows, enlarged window on west elevation, and bay window on south elevation of barn wing	Permission
22/02931/TREES	20 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	X1 - Fig - Prune by up to 4m	No Objection
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Appeal to secretary of State	Refused

### d. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	18/11/22
22/02647/FULLN	1 Winton Hill Cottage , Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Construction of two storey side extension, replacement pitched roof from flat roof to rear single storey	04/11/22
21/02064/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Demolition and replacement of existing fishing hut (re-submission of 18/01444/FULLN)	24/08/21

### e. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none.

**C/22/155** **Health and Safety**  
There were none.

**C/22/156** **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**  
The next meeting is due to be held 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Items for the agenda:  
Risk Assessments, Old London Rd  
High Street Design

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....