

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7:15PM AT THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs M Porter (Chair), A Marshall, A Lawrence
H Jackson, A Parr, B Powell, M Norton

Cllrs D Drew (late)

Apologies: Cllrs D Halle, D Smith

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Four

C/24/093 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Halle and Smith. The Clerk notified the Council that Cllr Nadal had resigned from the Council. TVBC had supplied the notices of resignation which were to be displayed.

Action: Clerk

C/24/094 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda

None were declared

C/24/095 Public Participation

One member of the public was from the Football Club and wanted to speak about placing temporary netting at the back of the football pitch to stop the ball exiting the recreation ground.

C/24/096 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th July 2024

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 18th July 2024.

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

TVPTA conference was taking place on 21st September.

c. To deal with any correspondence

- The Clerk drew Cllrs attention to the available training from HALC. She was asked to circulate the training schedule.
- An email from a resident landowner had been circulated that asked Cllrs not to access their land without obtaining permission first.

Action: Clerk

C/24/097 Borough and County Councillor Reports

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Cllr Drew had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting. There were no questions.

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- ii Cllr Jeffery did not attend but provided a report. There were no questions.

C/24/098

Housekeeping

a. **Council emails**

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that Council emails should be used for all Council matters and emails should not be deleted for at least a year. Cllr Lawrence pointed out that the content of Council emails belonged to the Council.

b. **DPI forms**

TVBC were chasing up to date DPI forms. The Clerk asked Cllrs who had not done so to provide them.

Action: Clerk

c. **Agree recording of meetings as an aide memoire only**

The Council agreed to the recording of the meetings to assist in the taking and agreeing of the minutes. It was agreed the recordings would be deleted as soon as the minutes were agreed at the subsequent meeting.

Action: Clerk

C/24/099

CIL Payments from TVBC

The Clerk had written to TVBC (C/24/073) and had received a reply to say that the outstanding CIL payment for the Tallet would be made in October. Payment for the house in Little Dean was yet to be agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/24/100

Old London Rd – Traffic Safety Project

Emails from HCC detailing the proposals that HCC was offering, the legal advice (C/24/74) and a proposal from the WG to install speed bumps had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Jackson said it was important to move forward with the original proposal to install a one way street. Cllr Powell commented he felt HCC had an entrenched position but he recognised that HCC would only let a one way street be installed if phase 1 of the proposal had taken place. Cllr Porter said he believed the installation of a more right-angled corner into Old London Rd would be dangerous. Cllr Norton said that HCC would not be changing its position, he recognised that the solution wasn't perfect but it was time the Council made a decision. It was noted that HCC would consult with residents. The Council took a named vote on the options that HCC put forward. The proposal to install staggered parking in Old London Rd was rejected by 1 (Cllr Norton): against 6. The proposal to narrow both entrances to the White Hart roundabout was carried unanimously. The proposal to install a corner into Old London Rd as the first phase of a possible installation of a one way street was agreed 4: 3; Cllrs Lawrence, Jackson, Parr and Norton approved, Cllrs Porter, Powell and Marshall against. The Council

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agreed to forward the WG's proposal for their preferred solution of speed bumps.

Action: Clerk

C/24/101

Stockbridge High Street

a. Installation of crossing between Co-op and Greengrocer

This had now been installed. Two planters had been destroyed by a car in August and the Clerk had started a claim on the Council's insurance. The two remaining planters had been moved to the QE II memorial garden. HCC was due to return to paint white lines around the new crossing and the motorcycle parking bay.

Action: Clerk

b. Update on HCC's parking survey

There was no update.

c. Update from VDS WG

There was no update. It was noted that Cllr Nadal would no longer be leading the project. The Clerk was asked to go back to TVBC to check that factual amendments could be made with minimal cost.

Action: Clerk

d. To agree setting up WhatsApp group for communication to High Street residents

The Council agreed the proposal to set up a resident's WhatsApp group as a means of communicating information like road closures or gully cleaning. It was agreed that this objective should be made clear and any abuse would not be tolerated.

Action: Clerk

e. Update in funding for Christmas lights project

The Clerk and Ms Lownie had applied for a grant from HCC. £500 had been awarded which was less than was hoped for. Cllr Lawrence pointed out that TVBC was promoting Stockbridge as tourist destination and he felt that they should be more helpful with funds.

C/24/102

Trout 'n About

Cllr Powell said the event with the road closure had been well received. He had been no complaints about paying for the parking. He said that £10K had been raised and that he understood that £3K would go to SPC. He recognised that there was a degree of inconvenience for residents but hoped that this donation would provide a degree of mitigation. He said it was likely that £500 would go to the Christmas fund.

Action: Cllr Powell

C/24/103

Recreation Ground

a. Update on storage container

Cllr Powell that he was waiting for the ground to harden but said he felt realistically the container could not now be installed until next June.

Action: Cllr Powell

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b. **Receive inspection report for playground**

The inspection report highlighted no concerns. Cllr Porter said the Recreation Grd Comm. had taken advice regarding possible other uses for the Recreation ground but the advisor had been unable to suggest other practical uses given the restrictions. Cllr Lawrence recognised the work the Football club did in setting up the ground but said the use of the ground should be for the benefit of the residents of Stockbridge.

c. **Repairs to the Playground**

These had now been completed. The Clerk said she had applied to the Town Hall for a grant for the costs. The Town Hall had said the grant application was appropriate. Cllr Lawrence said that the Town Hall's funds were for the benefit of the residents of Stockbridge.

Action: Cllr Parr

Councillor Drew joined the meeting

C/24/104 Infrastructure update on Council projects

a. **Cycle Path**

The work on the cycle path had been completed. The Clerk confirmed that on-going maintenance should be manageable.

Action: Clerk

b. **To agree appropriate gate at the entrance to the Marsh Field**

The Council agreed that the metal gate would be more durable and cost effective. The Clerk was asked to make the grant application to HCC.

Action: Clerk

c. **To agree repairs to the Marsh Field bridge**

Photos of the disrepair of the bridge had been circulated before the meeting. It was noted that the bridge was now in a dangerous condition. The Clerk had reported the matter to HCC, the responsible authority.

Action: Clerk

C/24/105 Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden

The Clerk and Cllr Jackson had met twice with Longstock Park Landscapes. The grant application for the Rural England prosperity fund had been made to TVBC. The response was awaited.

C/24/106 Cemetery

a. **Cleaning of the Lutyens Memorial in Winton Hill Cemetery**

£100 had been donated to the appeal for cleaning the memorial. A member of the Lutyens family was approaching Marsh Court for a donation. The Clerk had approached TVBC to check if planning permission was required.

Action: Cllr Powell, Clerk

C/24/107 Lancaster House

a. **Marking of boundary and hedging**

The boundary stakes had been purchased (C/24/084).

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Action: Lancaster House WG

b. Consider setting up Trust for the site

Cllr Lawrence said he understood it had always been the intention of the Council to set up a Trust for the site. He asked that Thrings should be approached for a quotation for the transfer work and for their advice on what type of Trust would be beneficial. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/24/108

Council Communications

a. Report from engagement surgeries at the Community Market

Cllr Jackson had taken the surgery. She said that there had been a positive response to the new crossing (C/24/101a)

b. Anti-Cyber crime presentation

It was agreed to invite Longstock and Houghton residents.

Action: Clerk

c. Approve September newsletter

The draft newsletter had been circulated before the meeting. The Council approved the newsletter. Cllr Parr said it was positive.

Action: Clerk

d. Consider change to newsletter delivery

The Council did not agree to any change to the newsletter delivery. The fee of £100 was agreed. It was agreed to deliver to the High Street shops as well. The Clerk was asked to arrange the extra printing.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Lawrence left the meeting

C/24/109

Village Amenities to provide update

a. Lengthsman and Maintenance

As Cllr Nadal had resigned another Cllr was asked to volunteer. Until a Cllr stepped forward the Clerk was asked to submit the tasks from the agreed annual schedule (C/24/086). A gardener had been engaged to maintain the beds in the High Street. He was asking for direction regarding the plants. Cllr Jackson agreed to help in this respect.

Action: Clerk

b. Equipment and training grants from HCC for RoWs maintenance

The Clerk had liaised with the volunteer regarding the specification of the equipment (C/24/088c). She had asked HCC for a grant for one brush cutter and two hedge cutters plus the batteries and the re-charging equipment and funding for the training.

Action: Clerk

C/24/110

Finance

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

Income and payments 60-82 were circulated ahead of the meeting and

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were reviewed and approved. Income was from TVBC for the Precept and the Lutyens memorial appeal.

Opening bank balance (minus cheque)		76337.12
TVBC (Precept)	Income	12,160
Bathurst (Lutyens Memorial)	Income	100
Transfer to Saving Acct		30,000
YMML (Clerk's Office)	60	35
Hugo Fox (website)	61	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	62	646.44
Standard Life (Pension- Both)	63	24.26
Hattie Oliver-Hawkins	64	208
YMML (Clerk's Office)	65	35
OVO Energy (Milsoms light)	66	22.35
Shane Ling (Cemetery)	67	322
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	68	2351
B Baker (Clerk's email hosting)	69	117.32
STHC (Room hire)	70	21
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI)	71	170.6
Hugo Fox (website)	72	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	73	646.44
Standard Life (Pension- Both)	74	24.26
Shane Ling (Cemetery)	75	322
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	76	1819.5
M Younger (planter clearance)	77	400
BDO (External audit)	78	378
YMML (Clerk's Office)	79	35
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI)	80	180.8
B Baker (boundary stakes)	81	89.64
OVO Energy (Milsoms light)	82	23.01
Closing Balance (minus cheque)		50699.52

Savings Account

Opening Balance		0.00
Transfer from Current Acct		30,000
Closing balance		30,000

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

c. To approve external audit report

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The report was approved. The Clerk confirmed it was published.

C/24/111

County Councillor report

Cllr Drew said HCC's Children Services had been rated outstanding by Ofsted. He said there was a 37% increase in annual road repairs undertaken. He recognised that HCC was focusing away from temporary repairs. He commented that only a very small proportion of the money motorists paid in fuel duty and road tax actually went towards the roads. He highlighted the Solar Together initiative which was aiming to reduce carbon emissions. HCC was trying to improve school attendance. He noted that the Government was targeting TVBC with over 900 new homes each year. He said that prospective areas identified in the SHELAA did not provide the space for this amount. He pointed out that infrastructure was an important consideration for new housing developments. He recognised that the bus provision was a challenge.

C/24/112

Planning

a. New applications – there were none

Number	Address	Description	Date
24/02134	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Vary condition 02 (approved plans) of 24/01566/FULLN (Replace boundary fence with a wall) to increase the height	11/10/24
The Council had no objection			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Result
24/01359	White Hart Inn, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Fir - Fell	No Objection
HCC/2024/0154 24/00616/HCC3N	Stockbridge County Primary School, Old London Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Replacement of the school's playfield access gates	Decided for the Objections from HCC
24/01475/AAQS	Land South Of Winton Hill Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Application under Regulation 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 to allow permitted development of tent	Refused
24/01510/TREEN	Stockbridge Recreation Ground Trust High Street Stockbridge Hampshire	17 x Willow - Pollard by up to 7m	No Objection
24/01566/FULLN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Replace boundary fence with a wall	Permission subject to conditions
24/01567/LBWN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Replace boundary fence with a wall	Permission subject to conditions

c. To note decisions awaited

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Number	Address	Description	Result
24/01456/FULLN	The Red Barn Somborne Park Road Stockbridge Hampshire	Installation of package treatment plant, erection of fencing and gates, replace metal sheeting on external walls and roof, insert doors and windows, replace guttering and downpipes and hard surfacing and landscaping provisions	29/08/24
24/01545/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Temporary canopy	19/08/24
24/01931/TREEN	The Guardhouse 20 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	(T1) Sugar Maple in front garden - Prune by up to 4m	11/09/24
24/01845/FULLN	Green Place Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Alterations and extension to existing pool house	06/09/24
23/03063/FULLN	Penny Lane Barn Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Conversion of agricultural barn to form a single dwelling (amended scheme to 18/01196/FULLN including alterations to fenestration, materials and car port (retrospective) and change of use of land to residential garden)	09/08/24

e. Enforcements

There were none.

C/24/113

Health and Safety

There were none reported

C/23/114

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next Council meeting is due to be held on 17th October 2024 at the Town Hall. Items for the Agenda:

Budget WG

Rights of Way cutting back

Financial Regulations

Standing Orders

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....