

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH HCC
HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JULY 2022
AT 3.00PM AT STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL,
STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET, STOCKBRIDGE



Present:	Mr	David Wilson	HCC
	Mr	Jon Sorrell	HCC
	Ms	Nicola Waight	HCC
	Mr	Casper Van Winkelen	HCC
	Cllr	Guy Boney	SPC TPWG
	Cllr	Derek Halle	SPC TPWG
	Cllr	Alex Lawrence	SPC Chair & TPWG
	Cllr	Iain Bell	SPC TSWG
Clerk:		Belinda Baker	SPC

The purpose of the meeting was to start a process by which HCC could work with Stockbridge Parish Council to develop and enhance the area.

TP/22/012 The meeting addressed the feasibility study conducted by HCC looking into the proposal of making Old London road a one way street. Cllr Bell said he appreciated the work that HCC had done on the study and that a response from the Traffic Safety WG would be forthcoming. Ms Waight said that the study had been issued in draft and that the one way option was potentially viable but there were still a few issues to be discussed. She said that HCC was not opposed to a one way street. She said that there was a grand ambition to reduce dependency on cars. She acknowledged that the option of a two way cycle contraflow for cyclists had not been explored in the study and she agreed that it would be appropriate for the study to consider this option. Cllr Bell queried the sentence in the report “not currently supported by HCC” but Mr Wilson made it clear that HCC was not against the proposal but would want to support the community.

TP/22/013 Cllr Halle listed the objectives of any improvement of the High Street as speed reduction, parking improvement and ensuring that Stockbridge worked best for the community.

TP/22/014 Cllr Halle said that the speed of traffic using the High Street in an evening was a concern and that the pedestrian crossing, which was not obvious, had been the site of close collisions with pedestrians. He said an introduction of

20mph would help and that the crossing by the Co-Op was helping pedestrians.

- TP/22/015** Cllr Halle noted that there were 300 parking spaces on the High Street and he felt that marking out the parking spaces out would improve their availability. He also suggested reverse angle parking to allow for more spacing. Mr Sorrell was unenthusiastic about either suggestion. He said that marking the bays in his experience reduces the number, though he conceded this might not be the case in Stockbridge. He said that there were a number of difficulties with reverse angle parking and he advised against this option.
- TP/22/016** Mr Sorrell said that the idea of a mini roundabout at the junction with Houghton and Longstock would not be successful at slowing down traffic because there was insufficient traffic coming from Houghton or Longstock.
- TP/22/017** Cllr Boney said that he did not think that dormitory parking was an issue that needed to be considered.
- TP/22/018** Cllr Halle suggested putting an experimental TRO outside the Co-Op to encourage parkers to move away quickly and TRO to stop long term parking on Trafalgar Way.
- TP/22/019** Mr Sorrell was unenthusiastic about these options. He said that the parking enforcement, due to the different times of the parking restriction, would be difficult to manage. He noted that the survey that Stockbridge had held on the High Street (with interviewers) was very similar to the one that he had intended to hold. However, he would prefer to re-commission the video survey that HCC had wanted to hold. He said the video survey would note the time that cars stayed on the High Street and where the cars were coming from. He said this information would inform any proposal for High Street improvements. He said that this was the process that had been followed in Fareham and Lea-on-Solent. He said that HCC had no hidden agenda.
- TP/22/020** Mr Sorrell acknowledged that marking out the parking bays would work better for the community if the pavements were wider and the issue of parked cars overhanging the pavement was addressed. The widening of the pavements was agreed as an option that would enable Stockbridge work better for the community. It was acknowledged that the idea of moving the pavement to the edge of both sides of the road outside the Town Hall to create a “town square” would enhance the community feel.
- TP/22/021** Ms Waight said that her team would work with engineers, landscape architects and specialist consultants to work with the Parish Council in order to identify areas of improvement. The aim was to take a “healthy street” approach to make the high street greener and to provide seating areas in order to give a community feel. Her team would present the study to the community in order to engage and collect feedback. She said the cost for this kind of study would be around £35,000.

- TP/22/022** Mr Wilson said that the cost of a re-design of Stockbridge High Street would be close to £1million. He said that HCC would provide some of that funding but TVBC would be an important source of funding as well.
- TP/22/023** Mr Sorrell agreed that HCC would want to work with the Parish Council but noted that any paid parking would be done on a cost recovery basis. That would not include the implementation costs.
- TP/22/024** Cllr Boney drew HCC's attention to the parking on the Test bridge which reduced traffic to a single lane and caused problems with farm traffic. Dealing with this problem was acknowledged to be a priority.
- TP/22/025** **Actions from the meeting**
- Mr Sorrell would look to re-commission the visual survey at a cost of £50,000.
 - The PC's S106 money held by HCC, would not be used for this.
 - The PC will discuss commissioning a study by Ms Waight's team to re-design the High Street to facilitate one that works better for the community.
 - HCC would work with the Parish Council and with the community.
 - TVBC was an important component to any outcome.