

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2022 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
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Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), H Jackson, R Foord, S Hill,
G Boney, T Hales, F Parr, J Leslie

Cllr D Drew

Apologies: Cllr D Halle, I Bell, T Ward

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: 4

C/21/209 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Halle and Bell and TVBC Cllr Ward.

C/21/210 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

Cllr Foord declared an interest in planning item 22/00363.

C/21/211 **Public Participation**

No one who attended wished to speak.

C/21/212 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2022**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 17th February 2022

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

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

There was none

c. To deal with any correspondence

The Clerk said that NALC had recently circulated new pay rates for the financial year 21-22 which needed to be back paid. The Council agreed to make the appropriate back payment by the end of the financial year.

Action: Clerk

C/21/213 **County and Borough Councillor Reports, PCSO report**

i The Borough Councillor and the PCSO reports had been circulated before the meeting but neither attended. There were no comments.

ii Cllr Drew had circulated a report before the meeting. He commented that HCC was inviting comments on the adult social care savings. He said savings of £80million were needed. He said that this year 92% of children got onto the school of their choice. He said the 20mph campaign was being taken seriously and HCC was looking to take further evidence. He said HCC was keen to hear what communities thought but he did admit that the evidence was that a 20mph made communities feel safer.

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C/21/214

Infrastructure Issues

a. **Phone Boxes**

The Council had received the documentation to say the phone boxes had been decommissioned and handed over to the Council. The Clerk was asked to check the insurance. It was suggested that the phone boxes could be used by the community as an information exchange

Action: Clerk

b. **Defibrillator**

The suppliers were in contact with the Fire Station.

c. **Trout Pond**

Cllr Jackson had circulated a number of petitions. The petitions expressed overwhelming support for the project. The Clerk was asked to start the application for a community asset grant with TVBC.

Action: Clerk

d. **Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets**

The Working Group agreed to start the project. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC to ensure that if they would be Ok with the Council getting things moving.

Action: Clerk, Pocket Park WG

e. **Cycle Path**

There was no update but Cllr Drew was asked to chase with HCC.

Action: Cllr Drew

C/21/215

Traffic Safety

A meeting was due to take place with the TSWG and Hampshire Services.

C/21/216

High Street Concerns

a. **Update from Traffic Parking WP**

The minutes of the March meeting of Traffic Parking WG had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Boney briefed the Council with the thinking of the Working Group. He asked that the actions agreed at the meeting, should be agreed by the Council. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Boney asked for volunteers to act as interviewers for the survey. Cllrs Jackson, Parr, Hill and Leslie agreed to take part.

Action: Traffic Parking WP

b. **Update regarding High Street Re-Design Project**

The Clerk had circulated a two stage designs for the High Street. Cllr Hales said the intention of stage 2 was to make an area for pedestrians which would provide a "centre" for Stockbridge. He said that stage 2 was a logical development but at this moment it was aspirational and long term. He said he felt that it should go into the TVBC Local Plan. Cllr Foord said he was not in favour of stage 2 but agreed the pavements in stage 1 should be extended. Cllr Hill felt there would be traffic problems with stage 2. The Council agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

c. **20 is plenty scheme**

An update had been provided by Cllr Drew in C/21/213 ii.

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Cllr Drew left the meeting

C/21/217 Welcome Back fund for the High Street

a. Agree plan for installation of the planters

The Clerk confirmed that HCC had now issued the licence for the installation of the planters. She said that the delivery could be late in the following week or soon after. She was still trying to confirm supply of the top soil and the planting.

Action: Clerk

b. Agree purchase and payment plan for the other agreed items

Cllr Foord confirmed that the majority of the Christmas tree holders were 52mm and were therefore able to hold flagpoles of 50mm diameter. He said that 30 flagpoles would be appropriate. The Council agreed the flags should be Union Jack flags and angled so the flags would hang appropriately from the flagpoles. The Clerk was asked to order these. Cllr Lawrence agreed to purchase the other items from the spreadsheet.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Lawrence

C/21/218 TVBC Local Plan Consultation

The Working Group to provide feedback for the consultation was agreed to be Cllrs Hales, Bell and Lawrence.

Action: Cllrs Lawrence, Bell, Hales

C/21/219 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

a. Update on the Lantern Community purchase

- i Cllr Lawrence updated the Council that Mr Tym was dealing with the necessary planning application. He said that a number of donations from the community had already been received. He said that the PCC had agreed the project but the vicar preferred to make the payment from the PCC account. Cllr Lawrence said he was resisting this because the Council could claim back the VAT. The Council agreed that it would be appropriate for the Council to make a donation to the project.

- ii Cllr Foord asked about the having a beacon on Stockbridge Down which had been lit there in previous jubilees. He said that Mr Candler was prepared to do the paperwork. The Council agreed that the holding the beacon could be explored with the landowners, the National Trust.

b. Jubilee Mugs

The Clerk had brought samples of 2 mugs from different suppliers. The Council agreed that the mug from Impact China to include the Parish Council shield on the reverse was suitable. This was unanimous.

Action: Clerk

C/21/220 Cemetery – recent tree works after Storm Eunice

Cllr Boney explained that the recent named storm Storm Eunice had taken down a number of trees around the cemetery. He thanked Cllr Foord for

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arranging their removal. He said that the fence would need to be repaired but this was something the lengthsman could do. He said the iron gates had minor repairs required but he felt these could be done locally. He asked the Clerk to check the Council's insurance to see if a claim could be made.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Drew returned to the meeting

C/21/221 Issues concerning @stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk reaching HCC

The Clerk had brought to the attention of HCC that her emails were either being lost or stuck in spam which was making communication with HCC difficult and unreliable. HCC had made it clear that they were not prepared to solve the problem, dismissing it as one of security. Although the Clerk had taken the matter up with the Chief Executive and had pointed out that the community of Stockbridge had a democratic right to communicate to the County Council through their Parish Council the Chief Executive had also refused to help. Cllr Foord addressed Cllr Drew to say that it should be of concern if emails from residents were not being received by HCC. He said if residents didn't know they were being blocked they would simply think that the Cllr was just being rude. Cllr Drew said he had spoken to the IT dept who said they could not do anything else. The Clerk pointed out that the Microsoft community had suggested appropriate action. Cllr Drew was unprepared to take the matter up. Cllr Lawrence said that the Chief Executive had been asked for the complaint policy and it had not been received. He said this would be grounds for a complaint to the LGO.

C/21/222 Speed Indicator Device

Mr Jackson had notified the Clerk that he would be unable to continue to manage the speed indicator device. Cllr Leslie put himself forward to take over but said he would consider replacing the present device. The Council agreed this course of action.

Action: Cllr Leslie

C/21/223 Council Communications

a. Annual Parish Meeting

The Primary School, the Scouts, and Stockbridge Cinema had responded positively to speak at the meeting, on 28th April.

Action: Clerk

b. March edition of the Newsletter

The draft of newsletter, as circulated by the Clerk, was agreed by the Council. Cllr Hales, Jackson and Leslie agreed to proofread.

Action: Clerk, Cllrs Hales, Leslie, Jackson

C/21/224 Village amenities

a. Lengthsman Tasks

There were no suggestions for lengthsman work in April.

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b. Lancaster House

There was no update from the solicitors

c. Council Noticeboards

These were on order.

d. Assets of Community Value

Confirmation that TVBC was considering the application had been received.

C/21/225

Finance

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

Income and payments 108- 115 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as a payment for Lengthsman work from Mottisfont PC, repayment of share of costs for SLCC membership from Headbourne Worthy PC and 7 contributions for the Jubilee Lantern appeal.

Opening bank balance		51241.18
Mottisfont PC	income	37.15
Headbourne Worthy PC	Income	72
S Milligan	income	300
John Robinson	income	500
Faull	income	10
Coleman	income	50
Cottam	income	100
Williams	income	50
Boney	income	500
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman + TPWG)	108	718.81
STHC (Meeting Room)	109	24
ICO (membership)	110	35
B Baker (MS Office)	111	79.99
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	112	810
TVBC (Dog Bin emptying)	113	246.52
HCC (licence)	114	200
YMML (Clerk's office)	115	16.80
Closing Balance		50729.21

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. New rates for street lighting

The new rates for street lighting were noted. It was acknowledged that the lights were set for the most economical setting.

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d. Clerk's monthly office and expenses allowance

Due to the increase in the cost of heating and consumables the Clerk's office allowance was agreed to be increased to £25 a month.

Action: Clerk

e. Grant application for the Recreation Ground Trust

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the fact that the awarding of the grant would be against the Council's grant policy and that the Trust had surplus funds available. She said the Council needed to be mindful of public funds. Cllr Foord said he felt the Recreation Grd Trust did good work for the community. The Council agreed 7:1, with Cllr Parr dissenting, to award a grant of £398.47 to cover for the capital expenditure part of the application.

Action: Clerk

3 members of the public left the meeting.

C/21/226

Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JH	Change of use of pumphouse to create a new dwellinghouse and use of land for ancillary parking and garden space (Retrospective)	Fri 08 Apr 2022
<p>Stockbridge Parish Council objects to this application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no application form, no Design and Access Statement, no flood risk or sewage assessment and no Nutrient Neutrality assessment. A recent bat survey has not been provided with the application and the survey submitted relates to the previous owner's application from 2019. This survey recognises that some of the trees have bat roosting potential.. At present, the application is contrary to policy E5 of the RLP. The site is outside the settlement boundary and within countryside. TVBC Conservation described the Pump House in a previous planning application as a "non-designated heritage asset" - and a building of local interest. It is understood the pump house was built to pump water to the Stockbridge Down Camp, and remains possibly one of the last remnants of this camp. It appears that the current owners have removed the roof mounted tank, installed a roof light and inserted a window into walls which were characterised by their lack of windows. As a result, the undesignated heritage asset has been damaged. The whole site has been cleared and trees removed with no regard to this site being within a conservation area resulting in unacceptable habitat loss which included mature Yew trees. It is our view that the existing building is not suitable in terms of size and the quality of living accommodation it would provide to inhabitants. The application does not accord to policy LE16 of the RLP, and neither does it accord to policy E1 by virtue of its poor quality design. No detailed parking plan has been provided. <p>The Council also took issue with the supporting letter submitted on a number of points.</p>			
22/00522/FULLN	Lillies Coffeeshop At High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Erection of timber clad outbuilding	Fri 25 Mar 2022
<p>Stockbridge parish council object to this application on the grounds that the building appears too large for its plot, and the design is totally out of keeping with the conservation area. The marsh path is a prominent location and is used heavily, and the design of the proposal will damage this sensitive location. The parish council do not object to an outbuilding/serving area in principle, but we object to the current design and size. We would prefer to see a traditional timber framed building with weather boarding and a</p>			

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clay tiled pitched roof to allow it to blend into its location. In addition to a change of design, we encourage a reduction in size. We note the concerns of the adjacent residential property and both the risk to the historic chalk and flint wall, and the possible lack of access for future maintenance to it. A reduction in the building's size might allow it to leave adequate space between it and the adjacent residential property and allow the building to integrate better into its plot size.

22/00382/TREEN	The Garden Cottage High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	T1 and T2 - Willow - Fell	Tue 08 Mar 2022
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Stockbridge Parish Council requests more information on the position of the actual trees in question.

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/00622/DDCA	Wild Cherries High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	To remove a fallen Birch tree in front garden. To fell a dangerous Willow tree, sited alongside a stream in the north east corner of the property, leaning due to significant decay at the tree base and roots.	Fell Dangerous CA Tree DD
22/00116/TREEN	Dean View Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	GP.1C - Yew - Removal of limbs that overhang neighbouring property , G9.5B - Beech - Fell, G9.6C - Yew - Crown lift to 5 metres over road access	No Objection
22/00149/TREEN	Dean View Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	GP.1C - Yew - Fell	No Objection
22/00203/TREEN	The Guardhouse 20 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1 - Sugar Maple - Prune by up to 4 metres	No Objection
21/02928/LBWN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Installation of stair lift	No Objection
22/00088/Treen	The Old Police House, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Lime - Reduce crown by up to 2.5m and thin crown by up to 10%	No objection
21/01171/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge,	Erection of three tourist accommodation units	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/00262/FULLN	1 The Mount Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EL	Two storey extension and associated alterations	04/03/22
21/02776/Fulln	Land At The Rear Of Greyhound Inn High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	Erection of fishing hut	12/11/21
21/02413/TREEN	5 Nelson Close Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ES	T1 - Rowan Tree - Fell	05/09/21
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

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20/01722FULLN	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 4 x 2 bed homes with assoc. access, parking	20/08/20
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d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none.

C/21/227

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21st April 2022 in the Town Hall. Items for the agenda for the March meeting:

TPWG Survey

APM

Welcome Back Fund

20 is plenty campaign

Jubilee celebrations

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....