

Meeting of Stockbridge Councillors



NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF STOCKBRIDGE COUNCILLORS
THURSDAY 20TH May 2021
7.30PM via ZOOM online

Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), F Parr, T Hales
R Foord, J Leslie, H Jackson, S Hill
D Drew

Apologies: Cllr T Ward, D Halle, I Bell

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: One

MoC/21/028 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bell, Cllr Halle and Cllr Ward.

MoC/21/029 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 application 21/01328, Cllr Hill declared an interest in planning application 21/01171.

MoC/21/030 Public Participation

Mr Nigel Melville (he required his name to be recorded) spoke to the Councillors to say that the draft minutes did not record what he had said accurately and he asked for the minutes to be corrected. He commented on how building the A303 had affected Stockbridge positively. He said that he had made a recent FOI request because he felt that information was being deliberately withheld from the public. He urged the Council to instruct the Clerk to provide the information.

MoC/21/031 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th April 2021

a. To note the minutes

There were no objections to the minutes of 15th April.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

The Clerk informed the Council that:

- That she had received an FOI request. She had sought clarity with the applicant and the response time would start when she received the answer.

c. To deal with any correspondence.

There was none.

MoC/21/032 County and Borough Councillor Reports

Cllr David Drew, who had recently been elected as HCC Councillor, introduced himself to the Councillors. He explained he was still a Borough Councillor at

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TVBC and the cabinet member for Tourism and the Economy. He said he recognised the importance of Parish Councils and that he regarded them as the eyes and ears of the community. He said that TVBC had a discretionary spend of £12 million with the key responsibilities of planning, leisure and rubbish collection whilst HCC has a discretionary spend of £2 billion, the key issues being education, children services, adult social care and highways. He said that the TVBC visitor guide would be promoting the 3 towns – Andover, Romsey and Stockbridge and the intention was to get more people to visit more often to spread the load across the towns. He said that he was there to serve Stockbridge and wanted to put the families and community first.

MoC/21/033 Covid 19 – Opening Up as restrictions ease

Cllr Hales explained that he was the only Councillor present who had been part of the original team that set the barriers up. He said he felt they had worked well, considering the plan had been put together fast and in limited circumstances. He said he had received more support than annoyance with the scheme and he hoped that they could be used to make the High Street more pedestrian friendly. Cllr Lawrence said that a disabled resident had commented to him that she found them a godsend. Cllr Foord said he wanted a date set for their removal. He commented that their implementation was done outside the Council meetings. The Clerk disagreed saying barriers were discussed in the Council meetings, were properly agreed and minuted. Cllr Jackson queried if the barriers were still needed outside Woodfire and Thyme and Tides, Cllr Leslie agreed that these barriers may become entrenched. Cllr Lawrence said that the pedestrian barriers to prevent parking too close to the pavements were still necessary. Cllr Boney drew everyone's attention to the fact that the barriers were put up with the primary duty of safeguarding residents but he said the barriers must go and he felt that the date of June 21st was difficult to argue with. Councillors acknowledged that the area outside Pregos was useful to their business because he did not have an alternative outside area, which Thyme and Tides did, and there was an argument for this area to remain at this stage. Cllr Hales cautioned against acting too quickly because he felt that it was important to see what the new normal was going to be. Cllr Parr felt there should be one decision for all. Cllr Lawrence said he felt there was consensus that the safety pedestrian barriers should remain but the outside area in front of Thyme and Tides should be pushed back to create a wider pavement there. It was recommended that the Clerk should contact HCC's John Harvey as HCC's agreement would be needed.

Action: Clerk

MoC/21/034 High Street Design Update

Ms Mandy Ware's email, circulated to the Councillors, confirmed that no parking survey has yet been carried out and that the intention was to undertake one in the Autumn. Cllr Lawrence expressed concern that this seemed to

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suggest a gearing up, by HCC, to impose parking meters. Cllr Boney agreed and said he thought HCC regarded Stockbridge as a cash cow. Cllr Lawrence stressed that there was no design in the background and that HCC had offered to create one, when they had undertaken a walk around with Councillors.

MoC/21/035 Littering Issues

a. **High Street – Gutter Cleaning schedule and coffee vendors**

The Chair expressed praise and gratitude to Cllr Bell for tirelessly putting out notices to residents and getting out each morning to move the barriers. He said that everyone agreed that the High Street was looking clean and that TVBC recognised the importance of keeping the gutters clean to avoid flash flooding.

b. **Steepleton Hill Layby**

Cllr Hill had confirmed that part of the layby belonged to the Fishing Club and that they were agreeable to logs or stones being placed to stop it being used as dumping ground. The other landowner would need to be approached.

Action: Clerk

MoC/21/036 Planning – update of Village Design Statement WP

There was no update for the Council.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

MoC/21/037 Traffic Safety

a. **CIL award and Safety measures around Stockbridge Primary School**

Councillors were of the opinion that a timeline for the implementation was required. Cllr Drew was asked to take this up with HCC.

b. **Proposal to make New Street one way**

Cllr Bell was not in attendance so there was no update.

MoC/21/038 Infrastructure Issues

a. **Lily's Path**

Cllr Boney explained to Cllr Drew the history of this matter and Cllr Drew was asked to take it up with HCC to find out what HCC intended to do.

b. **Cycle Path – Test Valley Way**

Cllr Lawrence explained that the Council had received a quotation for the work and the Auditor had commented that the Council was taking over too much money. Cllr Foord commented that he felt that TVBC should contribute. The Clerk suggested that she should approach Cllr Ward for what he could contribute and put together a budget with possible financial solutions for the work.

Action: Clerk

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c. Land behind the toilets on the High Street

Cllr Halle had circulated before the meeting a proposal that the Council should make the small area of disused land behind the public toilets an open community area. S106 money was available to be used. A Working Party was suggested to develop a plan, this was agreed to be Cllr Hill, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Halle.

Action: Cllr Hill, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Halle

McC/21/039 Council Communications

The Clerk confirmed that she was aiming for the next newsletter to go out at the beginning of July. The articles agreed were two introductions for the two new Councillors, Recreation Ground AGM, the installation of the repaired War memorial, an update on the progress of Lily's path repair. Cllr Lawrence agreed to write about the introduction of Swift Boxes in the area.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Lawrence

MoC/21/040 Social Media Issues

Cllr Boney said he felt that things were taken up on social media and it was important to make clear that if something is discussed on social media it would not necessarily come to the Council's attention. He stressed that the Council can only deal with issues that are brought up at the public section of the meetings or are sent in to the Clerk. The Clerk suggested that Cllr Boney wrote a small piece about this for the newsletter.

Action: Cllr Boney

MoC/21/041 CCTV for High Street – to consider setting up a Working Party

There was no update.

MoC/21/042 Village amenities

a. Lengthsman Update

Weeding around the telephone boxes was put forward.

b. Lancaster House

Cllr Lawrence explained the proposal to Cllr Drew who was asked to chase this with HCC.

c. Rights of Way

There was no further update.

d. Playground Inspection

The playground inspection report was circulated before the meeting. The items that needed fixing could be done by the Lengthsman.

e. Benches on the Marsh

In response to a request by a resident Cllr Lawrence had checked with National Trust to see if a bench could be placed there. The NT confirmed

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this was no possible not only was the area protected but the ground was too soft.

MoC/21/043 Finance

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

Income and payments 1-10 were circulated ahead of the meeting. It was recommended to approve the expenditure at the next Council meeting.

Opening bank balance		68692.60
S J Maddock (cemetery)	income	220
HCC (Lengthsman)	income	16500
AH Cheater (cemetery)	income	430
HCC (Lengthsman)	income	1100
ADH Printing (newsletter printing)	1	160
M Younger (newsletter distribution)	2	100
Safesite	3	1146.82
Shane Ling (cemetery)	4	280
Shane Ling (barriers on HS re-fill)	5	240
YMML	6	14
Play Inspection Co	7	108
HCC (Lighting)	8	838.82
B Baker (Zoom Licence)	9	143.88
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman)	10	663.78
Closing Balance		83244.55

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, and recommended to be approved at next Council meeting.

MoC/21/044 Planning

a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/01171/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Erection of three tourist accommodation units	21/05
<p>Stockbridge Parish Council is concerned that there is a risk of danger to people as well as to the listed building itself should the archway (the only vehicular access to the proposed site) be knocked by vehicles. The Council supports the request for a structural surveyors report in order to assess the stability of the archway and any mitigating measures that could be implemented in order to ensure the safety of people and the listed building.</p>			

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The Council made enquires with the Planning Officer to ascertain if the area in front of the archway, which is currently being used for tables and chairs for the commercial businesses, is within the lease agreements of these tenants. The Planning Officer has confirmed via the Agent this not to be the case and that the commercial tenants are only using this area on a temporary and informal basis and that it would be clear of any furniture if planning permission is granted and development work starts.

Stockbridge Parish Council request that should permission be granted, a condition is imposed to ensure that this area is kept free at all times so access to and from the site is not impacted. This is to ensure that additional pressure is not placed on High Street parking, although it is noted that the very nature of the restricted access would likely discourage tenants of the proposed holiday lets from parking on site. It is our understanding that any enforcement action taken, due to the access is not kept clear at all times, can only be enforced by TVBC if a specific condition to this effect is imposed.

21/01328/FULLN	1 Test View , Old London Road, Stockbridge, SO20 6EJ	Modification and alterations to existing lean-to conservatory to form habitable space to include removal of sections of external wall, replacement roof, modify and raise existing conservatory walls with double glazed sliding doors	4/06
The Council has no objection			
21/01313/FULLN	2 Winton Hill Cottage, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, SO20 6HJ	Two bay single story timber frame garage with pitched roof over existing concrete hard standing	31/05
The Council has no objection			
21/01420/FULLN	Sheriff House, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6EX	Erection of garden store/outbuilding	11/06
The Council has no objection			

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/00495/RESN	Land Adjoining The Tallet, Manor Farm, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge	Approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the demolition of farm buildings and the erection of 3 dwellings and garages pursuant to outline planning permission 19/01914/OUTN	Withdrawn
21/00960/TREEN	Kings Head House, High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	G1 - Cypress - Reduce height by up to 4m and cut back side growth	No Objection
21/00627/CLEN	Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB	Application for a lawful development certificate to establish that planning permission 17/02350/FULLN has been implemented in accordance with the permission	Issue Certificate

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21/00719/TREEN	New House, Winton Hill, Stockbridge	T1 - Sycamore - Reduce crown by up to 2m and install brace, T2 - Sycamore - Reduce crown by up to 2m	No Objection
21/00499/TREEN	Little Dean House Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL	17 - Beech - Crown reduce by up to 4m, T18 - Dismantle to 4m monolith/habitat pole	No Objection
21/00489/TREEN	Manor Farm House Trafalgar Way Stockbridge SO20 6ET	1, T2 - Ash - Fell, T3 Sycamore - Pollard at approx. 4m, T4 Thuja - reduce by 50% and reshape, T5 Yew - reduce by 50% & reshape, G1 Lime - Pollard linear group of trees to approx. 6-7m, G2 - Prunus - Fell	No Objection
21/00346/FULLN	8 New Street Stockbridge SO20 6HG	Replace conservatory frame and roof structure with new white UPVC frame & grey slate solid roof	Permission
21/00322/FULLN	Fishmore House High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY	Demolish garage and summer house, construct a studio / home office with access across footbridge from main garden	Disqualified

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
21/00289/FULLN	High Firs Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EL	Amendments to approved plans of 10/01600/FULLN to include rear gable, fenestration, removal of catslide roof, new balcony and additional chimney	05/03/2021
21/00322/FULLN	Fishmore House High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY	Demolish garage and summer house, construct a studio / home office with access across footbridge from main garden	12/03
20/02643/FULLN	Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6H	Construction of a detached dwelling with garage, parking, garden and new access (Resubmission 17/02350/FULLN)	28/10/20
20/01722/FULLN	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 4 two bed dwellings with associated access, parking	20/08/20
19/02505	Land South West of Little Dean, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage.	22/11/19

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19/02508	Land South West of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19
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d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

A resident had notified Cllr Lawrence that the accommodation at the Vine was being used for more than temporary accommodation. He had notified TVBC.

MoC/21/045 Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 17th June to be held as a meeting of Councillors or outside as a full Council meeting. Weather dependent.

Items for the agenda for the May meeting:

- Cycle Path
- Village Design Statement WP
- Cemetery
- Lilly's path
- High Street Design
- Newsletter

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....