

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7:15PM AT THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs M Porter (Chair) H Jackson, D Smith, L Ellis
M Norton

TVBC, HCC Cllrs None attended

Apologies: Cllrs D Halle, A Marshall. B Powell, A Lawrence
D Drew

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

C/24/161 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Halle, Marshall, Lawrence and Powell and Cllr Drew. Cllr Parr did not attend.

C/24/162 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda
None were declared

C/24/163 Public Participation
None attended.

C/24/164 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st November 2024

- a. To approve and sign the minutes of 21st November 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**
The next River Test Pan Parish Forum was due to be held 14th January. Cllrs Ellis and Jackson agreed to attend.
Action: Cllrs Ellis & Jackson
- c. To deal with any correspondence**
There was none.

C/24/185 Borough and County Councillor Reports

- i Cllr Jeffery had sent a report. There were no questions.

- ii Cllr Drew had sent a report. He asked that the Council should be aware that there were rumours circulating that HCC was going to go bankrupt. He had made it clear that this would not be happening to HCC.

C/24/186 Cemetery

- a. Confirm return of donation for cleaning of Lutyens Memorial**

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The Clerk had written to the donor and had arranged for the money to be returned in the December payment run.

Action: Clerk

b. Note confirmation tree work

The tree work had been confirmed with the supplier but no date had been put forward.

Action: Clerk

C/24/187

Lancaster House

a. Consider setting up Trust for the site

There was no update.

Action: Clerk

C/24/188

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden

The Clerk explained that TVBC were now saying that not all the S106 monies would be available for the project. She said she was being told that “informal recreation” money needed to be spent on a MUGA for teenagers despite the fact that there was no requirement for a MUGA for teenagers and the Council did not have land to put it on. The Clerk said she and Cllr Lawrence had written robustly to TVBC to dispute this position. She had asked for the remainder of the funds to be used for the kissing gate on the Marsh path (C/24/152a). The Council agreed that the matter should be taken up with TVBC and that any remaining money should be put forward for the kissing gate.

Action: Clerk

C/24/189

Christmas Lights Project

The Council agreed that the “turning on event” had gone well and it was a positive event for Stockbridge. Cllr Norton said it had been well attended. Cllr Smith provided an update from the WG. He said that extended thanks to Dave and Mandy Pregos who had worked hard to ensure the Christmas market was a success and had raised funds for the children’s presents. The Council passed on thanks to the organising WG especially Alyson Lownie and Cllr Derek Smith and sent extended thanks to Dave and Mandy of Pregos who organised the activities in the Town Hall.

Action: Clerk

C/24/190

Infrastructure Projects

a. Gate at Marsh Field

The supplier had confirmed that work would take place in March

Action: Clerk

C/24/191

Council Communications

a. Report from engagement surgery at the Community Market

Cllr Powell had taken the surgery. There were no comments to report.

b. Agree December’s newsletter

The draft newsletter was agreed unanimously. It was agreed to continue

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to deliver to the shops.

Action: Clerk

C/24/192

Village Matters and Maintenance

a. Lengthsman and Maintenance

Cllr Ellis agreed to take over the lengthsman co-ordination in March. It was agreed that the cycle lane needed sweeping, and that the Clerk would contact TVBC to see if their sweeper could do the work regularly.

Action: Cllr Ellis, Clerk

b. Update on grants from HCC for RoW

The Council had now received a grant from HCC's countryside services. The Clerk said she would purchase the equipment in the new year. Mr McLoughlan had agreed to house the equipment.

Action: Clerk

c. VDS – agree new WG

Cllr Jackson agreed to help with this project. The Council recognised that the project would be important because of the increased need for new housing.

Action: Cllrs Lawrence, Jackson

C/24/193

Finance

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

Income and payments 103-118 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Income was from Mottisfont PC for lengthsman overspend, and from two sources of grant funding HCC for the RoW equipment.

Opening bank balance		54909.78
HCC (RoW equipment)	Income	500
Mottisfont PC (lengthsman)	Income	70
HCC (RoW equipment)	Income	830.64
STHC (room hire)	103	16.5
Jacobs (playgrd clearance)	104	20
D Smith (Boundary rope)	105	24.26
Waitrose (Q E II garden deposit)	106	4248.97
HCC (streetlighting)	107	762.82
HMRC (Clerk's tax and Emp NI)	108	270.79
STHC (room hire)	109	21
Danebury PTA (prize giving)	110	30
OVO Energy (Milsom)	111	46.76
B Baker (condolence card)	112	3.84
YMML (Clerk's office expense)	113	36

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Shane Ling (lengthsman Oct)	114	2587.5
Hugo Fox (website)	115	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension + Staff Comm + back pay)	116	861.43
Unity Bank (service charge)	117	6
Standard Life (pension both)	118	24.26
Closing Balance		49982.62

Savings Account

Opening Balance		44414.74
Closing balance		44414.74

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

C/24/194

Planning

a. Agree response to TVBC's enforcement consultation.

The Council had no comments to the consultation but asked that the communication of enforcement matters should be like the communications for Winchester City Council.

b. New Applications – To agree

Number	Address	Description	Date
24/02849/TPON	Cannon House, Old London Road, Stockbridge,	T1 - Horse Chestnut sp. (TPO.TVBC.0188A) - Cut back to pre-existing cuts 3m epicormic growth. Clean up stub cuts.	7/01/24
The Council had no objection			

c. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Result
24/2155/FULL	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire	Replacement windows and enlargement of one window opening	Permission
24/02315/TREE N	Mulberry House High Street Stockbridge	T1 - Arbutus - Fell	No Objection
24/02338/TREE N	Land Adjacent To Providence House , High Street,	T1 - Norway spruce - Prune branches overhanging garden room back to boundary and up to 3m above the roof ridge, reduce the length of branches	No Objection
24/02328/FULLN	Highfield House, Steepleton Hill, Stockbridge,	Single storey rear extension, new entrance and porch, timber cladding to first floor, associated alterations	Permission

d. To note decisions awaited

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24/02359/FULLN	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge	Erection of wooden pergola (retrospective)	29/11/24
24/02444/FULLN	Water Meadows, High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Alterations to fenestration - replacement of all UPVC windows with timber casement windows, replacement of concrete roof tile with a standing seam zinc, decking	29/11/24
24/02543/LBWN	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Removal of modern timber panelling to internal walls of treatment room within stable block,	29/11/24
24/02594/TREE N	Public Toilets High Street Stockbridge	Tree works as detailed on Application Form	29/11/24
24/02593/TREE N	Springfield Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	T1 - Cherry - Crown thin by up to 20%, reduce any overextended Sycamore - Fell to ground level	29/11/24

e. **Enforcements**

There were none.

C/24/195

Health and Safety

There were none reported

C/23/196

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next Council meeting is due to be held on 16th January 2026 at the Town Hall. Items for the Agenda:

HCC's Parking Survey. The Council agreed that the views of the community should be heard but that the Council would need to have an agreed position.

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....

Date.....