

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
7.30PM via ZOOM online



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**Present:** Cllrs D Halle (Chair), T Hales, G Boney, F Parr  
R Foord, I Bell, J Leslie, S Taylor  
A Gibson, T Ward

**Apologies:** Cllr A Lawrence

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Two

**C/20/124** **Apologies**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Lawrence. The Clerk told the Council that the resignation of Cllr Vere Stokes had been received. The Council noted the resignation with regret and asked that she should be thanked for her efforts for the Council.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/125** **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 item 8 on the agenda (C/20/132).

**C/20/126** **Public Participation**  
i The first member of the public wanted to speak about the barriers on the High Street. She commented that the barriers generally worked well but they did not exist between the Co-Op and the Grosvenor which often meant that cars were parked too far forward into the pavement thereby reducing the space for pedestrians to walk freely. She suggested placing planters to stop this. She also commented that the A30 lay-by was rarely full.

ii A second member of the public wanted to talk about item 10 on the agenda. She said that Cllr Walters had written to the Council and Cllr Lawrence had now responded and she asked that the matter would be dropped. She said that she had been telephoned by a journalist. She said she felt it was important that the two councils worked together. Cllr Taylor commented that the HALC advice was that there should be an apology from Longstock PC, and that this was not forthcoming. He agreed that the Councils should remain friends.

**C/20/127** **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
a. **To approve and sign the minutes**  
These were approved as a true record of the meeting.  
b. **To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**  
The Clerk notified the Council that:

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- The matter of the cemetery signage and the headstone restoration had been moved to the January agenda.
- There was no update on the trout pond renovation.
- The policy review was ongoing.
- There was a Resilience meeting to be held by TVBC on 16<sup>th</sup> December via Zoom, Cllr Leslie had confirmed he was attending. Cllr Halle confirmed that he and Cllr Lawrence would too.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors to use their Council email for all Council matters.

**c. To deal with any correspondence.**

There was none that were not on the agenda.

**C/20/128**

**County and Borough Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Gibson informed the Council that Hampshire's Covid cases had dropped to 40 per 100,000 and he queried whether the County would remain in tier 2 for much longer. He informed the Council that HCC was fighting a proposal to create a refugee camp for 500 male Afghan and Syrian refugees. He explained that HCC had a good record with settling refugees and part of the budget was geared towards helping others, however, this proposal was effectively to place the refugees in the middle of a field, where there are no public transport links and where the nearest town would be a 5 mile walk away.

Cllr Bell brought to Cllr Gibson's attention that the A30 layby was very overgrown. It was agreed that this could be a job for the lengthsman but Cllr Gibson said he would look out for extra budget if this was needed. Cllr Bell also asked Cllr Gibson about the land fill site at Timsbury because he was concerned about water contamination. Cllr Gibson commented that he felt the HCC enforcement office was robust but he agreed to assist in seeking confirmation of the measures taken to ensure both the sealing and topping of the closed land fill site.

- ii Cllr Ward's report had been circulated before the meeting. There were no questions.
- iii Cllr Boney queried the Covid figures for Hampshire and asked if it was possible to separate Test Valley from East Hampshire which had higher numbers. Cllr Gibson was sympathetic to this wish and said this has been presented to the Government but did not know if it was being listened to.
- iv The Council thanked Cllr's Gibson and Ward for their work and support in 2020.

**C/20/129**

**Covid 19 – Barriers on the High Steet**

- i Cllr Halle commented that there were a few damaged barriers and these would need repairing/referring to SafeSite. Cllr Bell said he could be included on the rota for checking them. Cllr Hales said he felt the metal barriers would have

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fares better and that he agreed with the point that the north side of the high street was too narrow.

- ii The Clerk brought it to the Council's attention that payment from the "Opening Up the High Street Fund" was likely in December and that she had been able to claim all outlay up to the end of November. She expressed concern that the fund might be less forthcoming when the UK had left the EU and she asked the Council to consider how long they wanted to keep the barriers up. Cllr Gibson and Cllr Ward agreed to look into other sources of funding. The Council agreed unanimously to continue with a £3000 budget to be reviewed at the January meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

## **C/20/130 Proposal for the High Street**

An outline proposal for the High Street, which was a summation of a meeting held with HCC, had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Halle said the proposal was concerned with how the high street could be changed and pavements widened, without losing parking. He said the development of the plan would likely rest on whether it was possible to get funding. HCC had queried at the meeting whether the bus stop space was necessary and they suggested permanent paving of the area. Cllr Foord emphasised the need to put any plan to the residents before any decision was made. Cllr Ward suggested that CIL funding would be applicable for this project. Cllr Halle asked the Council to forward to him any comments Cllrs had, regarding the plan. He would go back to HCC to enquire if a plan from them was forthcoming or should the Council engage a consultant to provide a plan.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

## **C/20/131 Recycling Centre – update on progress for new site**

Cllr Ward confirmed that TVBC was proposing to place a new recycling centre in Trafalgar Way, but he cautioned that although this was a residential area and the bins have been removed from one before, there was no other option available. He also confirmed that the bins would be sound proofed with foam around the outside of the bins. He said that these bins have been placed in residential areas elsewhere without complaints. Cllr Taylor noted that the proposed site had had an issue with cars being parked in front of it and he urged Cllr Ward to ensure that access to the front of the bins was secured. Cllr Halle asked for the plans for the installation.

Cllr Lawrence joined the meeting

## **C/20/132 Rubbish bins at Thyme and Tides**

Cllr Halle confirmed that he had met with the owner of Thyme and Tides who had accepted there were issues with the bins. He had asked the landlord of the Old Police House if he could leave the bins at the back of this building but had been refused. He had, however, put a sign up asking people not to use the side street. Cllr Halle felt the Council had done all it could. Cllr Lawrence said

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he felt that the original planning permission was at fault because it was given on the understanding that there was a bin store included, but this was now being used for other kinds of rubbish. Cllr Taylor suggested approaching TVBC Planning to enquire if planning was needed to leave the bins in the side street. This was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

## **C/20/133**      **Complaint regarding Longstock Parish Council**

Cllr Halle confirmed that Cllr Walters, of Longstock PC, had written to the whole Council and that Cllr Lawrence had replied. Cllr Halle made it clear that he considered that the matter was now closed. Cllr Foord expressed dissatisfaction with the contents of the letter and that Cllr Lawrence had written the letter and not the Clerk. Cllr Lawrence said that there was nothing in the content of the letter that had not been agreed at November's meeting.

Cllr Foord left the meeting

Cllr Taylor expressed dissatisfaction that Longstock PC would not apologise as advised by HALC but agreed that the Councils should move on. Cllr Boney felt that the letter sent by Cllr Lawrence was appropriate. Cllr Hales said he felt the matter was trivial and he wanted it to cease.

## **C/20/134**      **Christmas Plans**

The Councillors expressed appreciation of how well Stockbridge looked with the Christmas lights. It was confirmed that a number of compliments had been received and thanks was extended to the Christmas Working Party. The request from the Working Party, that next year, £1000 would be contributed from the Council, for the Christmas lights was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

## **C/20/135**      **Dates for Meetings 21/22**

The Clerk had circulated the meeting dates for 2021-2022. She brought to the Council's attention that the April's dates, including the APM, had had to be moved back a week, due to a booking conflict at the Town Hall. It was noted that Covid could still be an issue in April and that the APM may need to be postponed. The Clerk was asked to publish the dates.

**Action: Clerk**

## **C/20/136**      **Council Communications**

Cllr Halle put forward the proposal that the Council produced its own newsletter. He said he had been disappointed that the Benefice Magazine had not published recent communications regarding resilience planning and he felt that the Council was unnecessarily criticised by the residents for not making enough information available. Cllr Boney said that he had been taken aback when complaints were made to him that the Council wasn't doing anything regarding parking. Cllr Lawrence noted that the Benefice magazine was for the three parishes and Stockbridge was the only one that contributed a Council article. He said that having a newsletter would enable the Council to own the message and to let the community know what the Council was doing. The proposal was

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for 4 editions a year to be delivered to every home. The Clerk informed the Council that printing of the newsletter would be approx. £190 for 500 editions. Cllr Hales pointed out it could be an onerous job to edit but Cllr Halle said the content would need to be agreed by the Council. Cllr Lawrence said that it was the intention for the newsletter to be short and sweet. The Council agreed to run a newsletter in 2021/2022.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/137**

## **Budget for 2021/2022**

The proposed budget agreed by the Working Party had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk said she would be able to add in the extra budget for the Christmas lights but said the Council needed to give final agreement to the figures at the January meeting. Cllr Taylor queried the take over amount. The Clerk said that this amount had been £18,000 at the beginning of the year, after £5000 had been put in the cemetery fund.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/138**

## **Village amenities**

### **a. Lengthsman update**

- i. Cllr Halle confirmed that the lengthsman had tackled some of the overhanging branches around the A30 pavement but had only been able to cut back the light foliage.
- ii Cllr Bell noted that he had met with TVBC regarding the gutter cleaning on the High Street. TVBC had confirmed that they would be doing this work starting at 6:30 am and cars would need to be parked on the alternate side of the road on Sunday night. He said that there was a huge increase in coffee cups and it would be helpful if vendors could encourage patrons to use their own mugs. Cllr Boney said he would take this up with SBA. Cllr Bell said the intention of TVBC was to stop rubbish going down the drains and causing blockages. Cllr Halle suggested organising a litter pick and Cllr Bell agreed to look into organising one a month. Cllr Lawrence noted that he had had to report some fly-tipping to TVBC.

**Action: Cllr Bell**

**C/20/139**

## **Finance**

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

Income and payments 84 - 87 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		76243.21
Scouts	84	250
Shane Ling	85	266
Safe Site	86	1162.04
B Baker	87	589.50

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Closing Bank Balance	74050.67
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**b. To review budget year to date.**

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

**c. Conclusion of Audit**

It was noted that the external audit by PKF had been completed. PKF had made “expect as” comments which the Clerk explained was due to the fact that she had placed some amounts in the wrong columns. She confirmed the results had been posted on the Council website.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/20/140**

**Planning**

**a. New applications – to agree response**

Cllr Lawrence did not take part in this part of the agenda because he had already posted comments on the TVBC planning portal.

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/03051/Treen	14 Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Alder - Remove deadwood and thin south side by 10 per cent	04/01/21
The Council has no objection			
20/03039/TREEN	18 Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge, Hampshire	T1 - Twisted Willow - Reduce the height of twisted willow by 1.5 meters and shape remaining canopy	04/01/21
The Council has no objection			
APP/C1760/W/20/ 3260349	The Vine, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF	<b>Appeal:</b> Change of use of carport to A1 retail with associated external works	05/01/21
The Council objected to the application on the same grounds as the reasons given by TVBC.			
20/02844/FULLN	New House, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, SO20 6HL	Erection of garage	18/12/20
The Council has no comment to make			
20/02846/FULLN	New House Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL	Conversion of existing garage to provide family games room, and insert flat roof dormer to front elevation	18/12/20
The Council has no objection			
20/02683/FULLN	Nelson House And Hamilton House, Trafalgar Way , Stockbridge, SO20 6ET	Single storey rear link; demolition of one garage and extension of another garage.	18/12/20
The Council has no objection			

**b. To note recent decisions**

Number	Address	Description	Date
20/01037/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Demolition and replacement of existing fishing hut to provide a rural office workspace comprising of 3 no. independent units	Refuse
20/02354/LBWN	Fairways Off The Grosvenor Hotel, High	Works involve the removal of a rotten modern casement window	Consent

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	Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	and replacement with a like for like casement window	
20/01633	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Erection of timber outbuilding for use as an ancillary store to The Greyhound, side shed and gas tank enclosure (Retrospective)	Permission

**c. To note decisions awaited**

Number	Address	Description	Date
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
20/01722FULLN	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
19/02508	Land South West of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19
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.	Extension agreed

**d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters**

Car parking layout at the Grosvenor which did not include the Houghton Fishing Club parking although the application had done so, has been referred to Enforcement.

**C/20/141 Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21<sup>th</sup> January. This will be held via Zoom.

Items for the agenda:  
Budget/Precept for next year  
Southern Water

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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