

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
7.30PM AT STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL



**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), I Bell, A Hales  
J Leslie, R Foord, V Vere Stokes

**Apologies:** Cllr D Halle, G Boney, S Taylor

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Four

**C/19/072** **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Halle, Cllr Boney and Cllr Taylor

**C/19/073** **Co-Opt New Councillor**  
The Chair explained that there was a vacancy for another Councillor since only 9 people had put themselves forward in the April for election. Mr Frank Parr had written to the Clerk to put himself forward for the vacancy explaining in the letter what he had to offer. The letter had been made available to the Councillors. Since there were no other applicants, Mr Parr was duly co-opted to the Council. Mr Parr was welcomed and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms and the Registration of Pecuniary Interests. The Clerk to organise Councillor training and an email account.  
**Action: Clerk**

**C/19/074** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**  
None were declared

**C/19/075** **Public Participation**  
Members of the public present were invited to speak and one agreed to do so. He started by saying that Stockbridge is the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest commercial centre in Test Valley and probably the most beautiful. However, he had concerns regarding the deterioration in the pavements and he said the gutters have a considerable amount of debris in them which could cause them to block and flood. He suggested that the High Street needed some attention. Cllr Hales commented that TVBC had done a good job sweeping the High Street for Trout'n About but wanted to leave leaf clearance until the end of leaf fall. HCC Highways had said that their Operation Resilience would be attending to the drains in October. Cllr Lawrence commented that he has spoken to HCC regarding the missing pavement bricks and they have agreed that they will be replaced. A query was raised over the shop Hero's which had ceased trading. The member of the public expressed concern that it could be changed into a café or restaurant which, due to localised disruption he was against, and he

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wanted to know if this could happen without oversight. Cllr Lawrence agreed to bring this up with TVBC.

**Action: Chair**

**C/19/076**      **Trout and A'bout**

A representative from Trout and A'bout had written to the Council to announce that after another successful event in August 2019, Trout and A'bout would be granting £1,000 to the Council. The Councillors were invited to the Donations Evening on 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Hall. Cllr Lawrence confirmed that he would be attending.

**Action: Cllr Lawrence**

Cllr Taylor joined the meeting.

**C/19/077**      **Borough and County Councillor Reports**

Neither Cllr Gibson nor Cllr Ward attended the meeting but Cllr Ward had provided a report that had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Bell drew the Council's attention to the announcement that evening and weekend GP appointments are now available from a local healthcare hub. This is a big change because a patient is now able to book an appointment outside the surgery that they normally use. The Councillors commented on the land review section of the report and queried what the land would be used for.

**C/19/078**      **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**a. To approve and sign the minutes**

The minutes were agreed by 3:1 (with one abstention) as a true record of the meeting.

**b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**

There were no matters arising not on the agenda

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

The Clerk told the Council that she had received thanks for the grants allocated in last month's meeting from Neighbourhood Care, Joyrides and the Nelson Close Mgmt Co. An email from a resident regarding parking was agreed to be discussed under Agenda item 11.

**C/19/079**      **Grant Applications**

**a. To consider the application from Stockbridge Recreation Trust**

A grant application from the Stockbridge Recreation Trust was considered. It was unanimously agreed to award the requested £500. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the fact that the Open Spaces fund held money that could be used by the Stockbridge Recreation Trust.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/19/080**      **Traffic Safety Working Group**

Cllr Bell had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The report asked the Council to approve three matters; 1-cladding in bright yellow the bollards positioned to the east and north of A3057 roundabout. 2- Altering the flow of

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traffic around the A3057 roundabout to reduce the speed and create greater safety by merging the two lanes well before the crossing (for traffic travelling in a southerly and easterly direction), 3 – use the Council's available Open Spaces highways funding to pay for the cost of these changes. The Council considered these requests and agreed in principal to 1 & 3 but required drawings of the intended change of road layout, 2, in order for it to be agreed. The Council further considered the matter of the Public meeting to discuss the traffic safety issues in Old London Road to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the School. The meeting would be to discuss with residents of Old London Rd, parents of the school and school staff the traffic safety issues and to agree a way forward. Solutions to the traffic safety issue in Old London Rd which had been discussed by the Council (C/19/043) but not resolved upon, would be discussed at the meeting. Cllr Bell urged the Council to raise any objections to these proposals with him prior to the Public Meeting. It was noted that although a drop off zone on the A30 is a suggested solution, it is not a favoured solution by HCC for reasons of traffic congestion on an A road. The Clerk was asked to attend the meeting and take the Minutes and Council agreed that this will represent extra payment.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Bell**

**C/19/082**      **Christmas Update**

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the report detailing the funds for the Christmas Committee currently held in the Parish Council bank account. She explained that for insurance purposes there needed to be a risk assessment undertaken prior to the lights being installed. Cllr Foord confirmed that this would be undertaken by himself and a member of the Christmas Committee.

**Action: Cllr Foord**

**C/19/083**      **Traffic and Parking Working Group**

A report had been prepared by Cllr Boney and circulated prior to the meeting. However, neither Cllr Boney nor Cllr Halle were able to attend the meeting. The Council agreed the need to carry out a survey to ask residents and traders if they wanted introduce some form of parking restriction. The Council discussed whether the survey should just be for residents and traders of the High Street or the wider community, in part or together. The Council agreed that the questions would need to be neutral and the proposal to agree the questionnaire and to whom it was addressed, was resolved to be taken at the November Council meeting.

**Action: Cllr Boney, Cllr Halle**

**C/19/084**      **Planning Working Group**

Cllr Taylor confirmed that the Planning Working Group conclusions and report were work in progress.

**Action: Cllr Taylor**

**C/19/085**      **To receive update on new technical solutions**  
**a. Email**

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All Councillors are using email.

## **b. Drop Box**

The Councillors confirmed that this was working well this month. The Council agreed to use this solution to circulate information prior to the Council meeting.

**C/19/086**

### **To receive update on new bank account**

The Clerk confirmed that the new Unity Bank Account is operational. She asked all Councillors to use the Unity Bank account details if they were asked to supply the Council's banking information.

**Action: Clerk.**

**C/19/087**

### **War Memorial – to receive update on proposed renovations**

Cllr Food told the Council that they had approached 4 possible contractors to do the renovations, however, 2 contractors have now backed out. He confirmed that he will continue to look for a third contractor.

**Action: Cllr Foord**

**C/19/088**

### **Resilience Working Group**

Cllr Hales had circulated two reports before the meeting regarding the TVBC Resilience workshops he had attended. He discussed some of the concerns from other Council's which had been brought up at these meetings such as data protection and insurance but emphasised that there was now a need to pull all the information, including that concerning the community, together into a plan. He acknowledged that this would be a time consuming but necessary undertaking. However, as well as Cllr Taylor and Cllr Leslie, who sat with him on the Resilience WP, Cllr Hales said he would need engagement and involvement from members of the wider community because development of the Village Resilience plan was a substantial undertaking. Cllr Foord brought the Council's attention to the sluices that were still in place after the last flood and suggested that contact should be made with the Environment Agency to check they were still functional. The Council thanked Cllr Hales for his attention into this project and it was agreed that he should submit an article for the Benefice Magazine asking for volunteer assistance on the Working Party.

**Action: Cllr Hales**

**C/19/089**

### **Village amenities**

Cllr Halle was unable to attend the meeting and therefore it was agreed to move these items to the November meeting. Cllr Lawrence suggested that the Council could start an "adopt a bin" scheme to encourage local people to keep clean and possibly repaint their local bins.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

**C/19/090**

### **Budget**

The Clerk said the Council would need to start planning for next year's budget. She said that the Precept would need to be decided by January but in practise that would mean that the Council would need to have most things in place for the December meeting. She pointed out that although the external auditor

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would let the Council take over 1.5x their precept into next year, for emergency funds, it would be better for the Council to have allocated portions of that money to necessary projects eg: Resilience.

**Action: Clerk**

## C/19/091 Affordable Housing

The member of the public who had agreed to talk to the Council on this subject was unable to attend so it was agreed to move the item to the November meeting.

## C/19/092 Finance

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

Income and payments 55 – 68 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved.

Shane ling	55	30
Neighbourhood Care	56	500
Nelson Mgmt Co.	57	200
YMML	58	16.80
PKF	59	240
Alyson Lownie	60	375
Stockbridge THTC	61	22
Shane Ling	62	1316
B Baker (salary)	63	387.08
Joyrides	64	150
Test Valley School	65	50
SSE	66	44.31
Charlton PC	67	140
Shane Ling	86	400

### b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed and noted.

## C/19/093 Planning

### a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
19/02416	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	T1 – Lime – Crown lift up to 2.5m over pavement and Police Station drive and to 3.1m over Copperknobs drive.	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct

The Council objected. The Council felt strongly that the tree is an important part of Stockbridge High Street landscape and the conservation area and as such the Council requests that a TPO is placed on the tree. The Council requests that any pruning is kept to 2.5m. The Council also requests that any works are approved only with the condition that they are carried out in early to mid-spring. It is our understanding any works carried out during the winter will be damaging to the tree's health. Lime

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trees in particular are sensitive to frosts and there is a danger that leaves sprouted in the spring, will quickly wilt and die. This will ultimately compromise the overall health of the tree. This was agreed by 6:1 with one abstention.

19/02227	Jubilee Cottage, High St, Stockbridge, SO20 6HB	T1 Willow – reduce in height by up to 2m and reduce laterally by up to 2m	19/02227
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The Council had no objection.

19/02252	Drove House, Old London Rd, SO20 6EL	T1 Silver Birch – reduce in height by up to 3m reduce remaining crown by up to 1.5m. T2 Elm Remove lowest limb on western side. T3 Acacia – reduce lateral growth back by 2m	19/02252
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The Council had no objection.

## b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
19/02040	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	T1 – Lime – Crown lift up to 3.5m	Withdrawn
19/01473/FULLN	The Vine High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission 14/02148/FULLN - To convert the existing 'carport' located in the Vine Yard to a retail unit	Refused

## c. To note decisions awaited

19/01552	New House Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Conversion of existing garage to form games room with new flat roof dormer to front elevation; erection of new garage building and store within existing garden	19 <sup>th</sup> July
19/01619/ADVN	White Hart Inn, High St. Stockbridge	External Signage and lighting to accomodation block	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
19/01843	Rosemary High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from existing depot to residential development of 5no. 2 bed dwellings with associated access, parking etc.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
19/02198	The Pumphouse Cow Drove Hill Kings Somborne Hampshire	Conversion and extension of the pumphouse to provide a single room facility for a personal trainer	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct

## d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were no enforcement matters to be noted.

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### Private Meeting

Members of the public were asked to withdraw.

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**C/19/095**      **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting and location of next meeting**

The next meeting would be the October 17th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Town Hall. Items for the agenda:

- Budget planning for 2020/2021
- Village Amenities
- Table of Information log
- Traffic and Parking Working Group survey
- Traffic Safety Working Group update for meeting
- Affordable Housing

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

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