

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), H Jackson, R Foord, G Boney, I Bell, J Leslie, F Parr, M Porter.

Cllr A Johnston, D Drew (late).

Apologies: Cllr D Halle, T Hales, T Ward.

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Four

C/22/051 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Halle and Hales.

C/22/052 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 22/01708. Cllr Foord said he was recording the meeting.

C/22/053 Public Participation

- i A member of the public asked about the re-painting the white lines on the disabled bays. She was asked to forward the information to the Clerk for forwarding to Cllr Drew.
- ii A member of the public was speaking on behalf of the Recreation Ground Trust. He said ROSPA recommended that the playground should be inspected weekly. Cllr Lawrence informed him that the Council's insurers were content with monthly inspections. He expressed scepticism that there would be enough volunteers to undertake weekly inspections. Cllr Boney queried the use of the playground by teenagers and asked what the Trust was doing to prevent damage to adjoining properties.
- iii Mrs Jean Boney spoke to the Council as Chair of S(ave) O(ur) S(tockbridge). She said that an update of the Stockbridge Village Design Statement should be made available to TVBC before the Local Plan was consulted on, in December. She said that the present VDS was an excellent document but had been written in 2002 and there had been changes since, for example revision to flood zones, which would need to be incorporated in a new document. She suggested that the way forward was for a public meeting to be held in September to ask people to get involved in the project. Cllr Lawrence suggested that the update may be a relatively simple task but that there would need to be a lot of co-ordination. Cllr Jackson volunteered to join the WG.

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C/22/054 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2022

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 16th June 2022

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

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

This was dealt with under C/22/062

c. To deal with any correspondence

There was none.

C/22/055 Presentation to the Council from TVBC Cllr Johnston

Cllr Johnston was joined by Ms I. Colley from TVBC. Cllr Johnston explained that community planning was all about empowering local people to come together to deliver, jointly, better outcomes for the community. She said it would be about protecting what was good about Stockbridge and to understand what the community feels are the priorities for the area. She said other Council's were using the process to create a formal plan or to generate interest in certain topics that could have a big impact. She said that Ms Colley, the community engagement officer, was available to assist the process. She said the next steps would be to hold a Public meeting to understand what the priorities were. Cllr Lawrence said that the Pocket Park development was such a project and needed to be pushed forward. He queried if TVBC included the businesses in their definition of the Stockbridge community but said that the PC's priority would be for the residents. Cllr Johnston commented that the PC should not exclude other local stakeholders such as the surgery or the school. Ms Colley suggested contacting TVBC's S Hughes for the VDS meeting.

C/22/056 County and Borough Councillor Reports, PCSO report

TVBC and CC reports had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Johnston was deputising for Cllr Ward. Cllr Jackson asked if the PC's planning comments were taken into account in planning decisions. Cllr Johnston assured her that they were.

Cllr Johnston and Ms Colley left the meeting

C/22/057 Infrastructure Issues

a. Phone Boxes

Cllr Lawrence enquired if it was appropriate to ask a local tradesperson, known to the community, to undertake the re-furbishment work. It was agreed it was. Cllr Foord commented that the Town Hall wanted to use a kiosk for a defibrillator. Cllr Lawrence said that this also has been the Council's intention.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

b. Trout Pond

The Clerk confirmed that the supplier had increased the cost of the project by £3,000, details had been circulated to the Council before the meeting. She had approached HCC which had agreed to donate £5,000 and the Fishing Club had agreed £2,500. Other Stockbridge businesses had

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agreed £100 each. However, TVBC had not confirmed the outcome of the Community Asset grant and the project could not be confirmed until she had received confirmation of this award.

Action: Clerk

c. Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets

The Clerk had written a proposal for the project to be forwarded to Mr P Brooks of TVBC. The Council agreed the proposal was suitable and asked for it to be forwarded.

Action: Clerk

d. Cycle Path

This was dealt with under C/22/061 a

e. Lily's path

This was dealt with under C/22/061 b

f. Use of Pavement by traders

The Clerk confirmed that the letter agreed C/22/039f to HCC had been sent.

C/22/058

Traffic Safety

Cllr Bell said that a draft report had been received and would be commented on by the TSWG in due course. He said that the final report would be circulated to the Council when HCC had supplied it.

Action: TSWG

C/22/059

High Street - Update on TPWG survey on High Street

Cllr Boney confirmed that a meeting with HCC Highways was due to be held on 28th July in Stockbridge. He confirmed that Cllr Lawrence was a member of Working Group and Mr R Tym, acting in the capacity of a consultant to the WG, had produced a summary of the findings of the survey. Cllr Boney said that he hoped to get some kind of framework for the High Street out of the meeting and he would report back to the Council for the Council's agreement and consultation with the electorate. He said that the survey had been successful. 639 interviews had taken place with the majority 437 (70%) saying they found parking easy. 79 respondents found it difficult. He queried if that level would justify paid for parking. He thanked the volunteers for their assistance and asked that the data sheet of results should be forwarded to Cllrs.

Action: TPWG, Clerk

C/22/060

Cemetery

a. Repair of gates

Cllr Foord confirmed that most of the fallen wood had now been removed. He said he would remove the rest. He also said that he had the missing finial that was needed for the repair of the gates. He said he would be able to lift down the gates for the repair to take place. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Mr Grob.

Action: Clerk

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b. Tree Audit

The Clerk had suggested that it was worth considering undertaking a tree audit at the cemetery. Cllr Boney was not in agreement. He said that the risks involved were very small. He agreed that a tree in Romsey Cemetery should be dealt with.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Drew joined the meeting

C/22/061

Infrastructure

a. Cycle Path

Cllr Drew had been asked to chase HCC. It was agreed that the alternative solution of SPC applying for a grant from HCC should be explored. The Clerk was asked to meet with Cllr Drew.

Action: Cllr Drew, Clerk

b. Lily's path

Cllr Drew confirmed that the scalping of the path was likely to take place towards the end of summer. He said the scalping would make the path flatter and less uneven.

c. Use of Pavement by traders

Cllr Drew said that the visit by HCC had noted the tables had only been protruding a small amount. Cllr Drew said HCC would act when further evidence of infringements had been produced. Cllr Lawrence said that local authorities have an obligation, under the Equalities Act, to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for disabled people. Cllr Drew acknowledged that it would be helpful if the pavements were wider.

C/22/062

To deal with matters not arising on the agenda

The Chair brought it to the Council's attention that the Clerk's PC was running slow and might need replacing. He asked the Council to agree that Cllr Leslie could purchase software to rectify the problem and asked that, should this not be successful, the Council would agree to purchase a new computer. This was agreed.

Action: Cllr Leslie, Clerk

C/22/063

Playground

a. Consider the proposal from Vitaplay for quarterly inspections

The Clerk had circulated a proposal from Vitaplay for quarterly inspections of the playground including undertaking any minor repairs necessary. The member of the public re-iterated that the Trust wanted there to be weekly inspections he suggested that the Council pay the Trust to do them. Cllr Lawrence said that the Council's insurers would only provide cover for volunteers doing the inspections. Inspections that were paid for must carry their own, separate, insurance. The member of the public said that the Trust believed that weekly inspections was a commitment given when the

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new playground was installed. He insisted that this level of inspections was necessary. The Clerk said she felt he was bullying her. Cllr Foord said that he thought weekly inspections appropriate. Cllr Lawrence said that the Council did not have volunteers to undertake weekly inspections and that the Council had agreed a course of action in C/22/046f. He asked the Clerk to appeal for volunteers in the next newsletter. The Council agreed for Vitaplay to undertake quarterly inspections.

Action: Clerk

b. Agree signage

The Clerk had circulated proposed new signage for the Playground. The Council agreed sign 1. The Clerk was asked to provide a separate sign for no ball games. Cllr Foord said he had investigated the gate (C/22/046f) but said he felt it only needed oiling. He agreed to deal with the matter.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Foord

C/22/064

Resilience

Cllr Porter reported to the Council (C/22/043) that there was little mention of Stockbridge in HCC's draft Catchment Management. Cllr Foord said he felt that Stockbridge's flood protections were not sufficient. Cllr Porter was asked to submit comments to the draft management plans saying that because the plans did not include Stockbridge there was little comment to make.

Action: Cllr Porter

C/22/065

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Clerk provided an updated list of donations and expenditure. Cllr Lawrence asked her to chase the committee for an update on the project. The Clerk noted to the Council that an HCC officer was looking into the proposal of Cherry Trees in Trafalgar Way. The officer had said that the number of trees was likely to be limited to three and that HCC would pay for them.

Action: Clerk

C/22/066

Council Communications – September newsletter

Suggestions for articles for the newsletter were put forward as the results of the survey, Resilience and the Public meeting for the VDS. It was agreed therefore to put this meeting back to early October.

Action: Clerk

C/22/067

Village amenities

a. Lengthsman Tasks

Cllr Jackson said that weeding around Rosalind House would need doing again. She said that the flower bed around the pond needed mulching and weeding.

Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk

b. Lancaster House

This matter was ongoing.

Action: Clerk

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c. SID

Cllr Leslie said he would liaise with Mr R Jackson as agreed in C/21/222.

Action: Cllr Leslie

d. Maintenance of bins and benches

The lengthsman had removed benches to be vanished. Cllr Lawrence was looking into re-painting of the bins.

Action: Cllr Lawrence

C/22/068

Finance

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

Income and payments 28 -47 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as an HCC grant for the jubilee mugs, purchase of 5 jubilee mugs (cost price), cemetery and a VAT repayment from HMRC.

Opening bank balance		80054.72
HCC (Grant for jubilee mugs)	Income	250
5 mugs at cost price	Income	30
R Steele (cemetery)	Income	145
VAT Reclaim	Income	7897.86
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	28	13.26
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	29	6.63
Unity Bank	30	18
L Evans (Survey -TPWG budget)	31	100
STHC (Meeting Room)	32	24
I Mengusogu (Survey -TPWG budget)	33	200
Sophie Keeling (Survey -TPWG budget)	34	100
Stockbridge PCC (Printing Survey TPWG)	35	77
B Baker (salary + Lengthsman +TPWG - pension)	36	783.37
HMRC (Clerk's tax/NI)	37	37.59
Shane Ling (Cemetery maintenance)	38	280
B Baker (travel expenses)	39	137.93
D Younger (Survey -TPWG budget)	40	100
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	41	11.03
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	42	22.06
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	43	2186.50
Trout n' About (Welcome back fund)	44	1000
YMML (Clerk's Office expense)	45	30
L Henderson (Newsletter delivery)	45	100

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OVO Energy (Milsom light)	46	21.15
Closing Balance		83129.06

- b. To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.**
Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.
- c. Agree Internal Auditor for 2022-2023**
This was agreed to remain as E Greene
- d. Agree Insurance**
The Insurance cover provided by PEN insurance was agreed.

C/22/069

Planning

- a. Consider Update to VDS**
This was dealt with under C/22/053 iii
- b. New applications – to agree response**
Cllr Jackson volunteered to join the post planning WG. This was agreed.

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01723/LBWN	Mulberry House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Remove damaged section of wall, rebuild using reclaimed bricks where possible, course of wall to be restored to original straight line	05/08/22
The Council has no objection			
22/01708/VARN	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Vary condition 2 of 19/02505/FULLN (Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage) to allow for amended design of property and garage location	29/07/22
The Council has no objection			
22/01265	The Three Cups High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB	Conversion of ex managers accommodation to holiday lets and creation of new managers accommodation.	19/08/22
The Council has no objection			

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01384/TREEN	Nelson House Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1- Ornamental Cherry - Fell, T2 - Silver Birch - Fell	No Objection
22/01385/TREEN	Walnut Lodge Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1 - Lime - Fell	Permission
22/01267/TREEN	Walnut Lodge Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	T1 - Spruce - Fell	Permission

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22/01143/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from commercial to residential (Retrospective)	Refuse
22/01169/LBWN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Replacement of first floor front leaded windows to match existing	Consent
22/01161/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Replacement of first floor front leaded windows to match existing	Consent
22/00858/FULLN	1 Riverside Cottages, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Erection of a rear two storey pitched roof extension and a single storey flat roof extension	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/01482/FULLN	1 The Mount , Old London Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Two storey extension and associated alterations to dwelling	9/07/22
22/01227/FULLN	Stares Meadow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Change of use from Agricultural Building to Office Building	03/06/20
22/00893/FULLN	Greyhound On The Test, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Temporary canopy	06/05/22
22/00858/FULLN	1 Riverside Cottages, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Erection of a rear two storey pitched roof extension and a single storey flat roof extension	29/04/22
21/02776/Fulln	Land At The Rear Of Greyhound Inn High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	Erection of fishing hut	12/11/21
21/02064/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
20/01722/FULLN	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

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none.

C/22/070 Health and Safety

There were none.

C/22/071 Traffic Safety

Cllr Foord asked for HCC's draft feasibility study to be forwarded to all Cllrs. This was agreed.

C/22/072 Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

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The next meeting is due to be the to be held 21st July 2022. Items for the
agenda:
TPWG meeting with HCC
Playground

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....