

Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2019
7.30PM AT STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL



Present: Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), I Bell, A Hales
D Halle, R Foord, G Boney, F Parr

Apologies: Cllr J Leslie, V Vere Stokes S Taylor

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Seven

19/12/19 – Cllr Hale requested that C/19/107 should be set aside. He updated the Council with more information in the Resilience item at that meeting under C/19/126

C/19/096 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Leslie, Cllr Vere Stokes and Cllr Taylor

C/19/097 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Foord declared that his land bordered the planning application 19/02505 & 19/02508.

C/19/098 **Public Participation**
Members of the public present were invited to speak but no one agreed to do so.

C/19/099 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2019**

- a. **To approve and sign the minutes**
The minutes were corrected to include the fact that Cllr Parr attended the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting
- b. **To deal with matters arising not on the agenda**
The Clerk notified the Council that Stockbridge Kebab House were looking to renew their trading licence for selling food on the A30 layby. The Council did not object.
- c. **To deal with any correspondence.**
There was no correspondence that was not on the agenda.

C/19/100 **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.

- a. **SLR**
Cllr Ward's report included a paragraph which had suggested that Stockbridge Parish Council had a SLR in repair that the Council was willing to pass on, for the cost of the repair. The Clerk reported that she had a number of phone calls from Parish Councils willing to do this. Cllr Foord

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confirmed that his understanding was that the cost of repairing the SLR was prohibitive and rendered repairing it as pointless.

C/19/101 **Traffic Safety Working Group**

A public meeting of the Traffic Safety Working Group had been held on Tuesday 12th November at Stockbridge Primary School. The minutes of the meeting had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Bell commented that he felt it had been a successful meeting which resulted in substantial support for the proposals. He said there had been 35 attendees, over half were residents at the meeting. He had divided the before proposals into two parts in a document which had been circulated to the Council the meeting. The first group of proposals were those that were brought to the Public Meeting (PM/19/005 A–G) for discussion and had been put forward by HCC Highways officers and the school travel to work plan. The second group were items that had been brought up at the Public Meeting as enhancements to the proposals and could be put forward to HCC. Cllr Bell made clear that he felt the proposals had public support and that they now should go back to HCC.

Cllr Foord stated that he disagreed with Old London Rd being made one way he felt that there would be safety issues with parents not being able to park on the right hand side to take children out of the car. Cllr Halle said that he was concerned that making the road one way would increase the likelihood of parents queuing to get into Old London Rd, possibly as far back as the roundabout. Cllr Bell said a drop off zone on Old London was not proposed. Cllr Halle queried whether there had been a proper risk assessment and how far HCC had already approved of the proposals. Cllr Bell assured him that HCC were involved and had had meetings with Mrs Jefferies, the Headteacher. Cllr Bell emphasised that the Public Meeting had been held to gauge public support for the proposals and that the meeting had been very positive to them. Mr Vickers, a committee member of the Traffic and Safety WP, said he had conducted a number of observations down Old London Rd. A typical sight is 32 cars going north from the roundabout and parking down Old London Rd, usually on the passenger side. He only counted 8 parents coming from North to South. Therefore, most of the parents' cars are parked facing north and there is a stream of parked cars as each parent progresses up the line until they can park. Very few parents drop and go and most cars are parked for a period of time. Having the road one way would help because all the parents would be going in the same direction and would use the same line of cars to park after. He said the real issue for Old London Road was the rat run. Cllr Foord noted that he didn't feel it was that bad and that surveys done in the past bear this out. Mr Vickers pointed out that there was an issue with previous surveys concerning the positioning of the surveyor and the timing. He further commented that residents were now staggering parking in order to slow down traffic.

Cllr Bell further explained that HCC recommended the change and that a risk assessment would be done by HCC if necessary. He also said that HCC

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wanted the Council to consider allowing HCC to use the Council's Open that Spaces Highways funds to implement these proposals. Cllr Lawrence queried this because he said no specific amount of money was being discussed. Cllr Bell affirmed that "consider" didn't guarantee that the Council would agree once the cost was agreed. Cllr Halle expressed disquiet that the Council was being asked to fund these changes when the majority of school children came from outside Stockbridge and he thought the school should have done more to mitigate the parking problem and commented that the teachers cannot access the school car park after 9:00. Cllr Bell pointed out that the problem was not going to get worse because the school was functioning at capacity. At present there were 113 families which meant that up to 100 vehicles would arrive in Stockbridge each day parking on Old London Rd, the High Street and the White Hart car park. Cllr Boney commented that the 33 out of the 35 present at the Public Meeting supported making Old London Rd one way. Cllr Foord queried whether other calming methods had been looked at but Mr Vickers explained that these measures (such as sleeping policeman) had all been negated due to cost. The Council then agreed to vote on each proposal separately, the votes are recorded thus:

A	School crossing attendant	Unanimous
B	Brighter Cladding on Bollards	Unanimous
C	Narrowing merge point (Mr Vickers explained that HCC would provide temporary bollards initially, to monitor effectiveness)	Unanimous
D	Warning Lights	Unanimous
E	Improved Signage	Unanimous
F	One way in Old London Rd	
	The Council agreed to defer the decision until a risk assessment had been undertaken by HCC.	
G	20mph speed limit in Old London Rd.	6 for, 1 against
	The enforceability of this limit was queried.	

Further proposals to be put to HCC were also voted on, the votes for these are recorded thus:

HCC to provide a 30 mph sign as drivers leave the High Street going north	6 for, 1 against
"Slow" painted on road immediately before crossing	5 for, 2 against
Kerb extension on the opposite side of roundabout to one already agreed	Deferred for a plan
The cutting back of bushes	Unanimous
Police support requested for enforcement of 20mph	Unanimous
Extra timing of flashing lights for secondary school children	Unanimous

C/19/102

Christmas Update

The Clerk notified the Council that the risk assessment for the installation of the lighting had been done and the insurance was agreed. The Clerk was asked for a list of the donors for the event so that they could be thanked.

Action: Cllr Foord, Clerk

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C/19/103 Traffic and Parking Working Group

Cllr Halle had provided the Council with a questionnaire. Cllr Boney explained that the parking in Stockbridge could sometimes be chaotic. HCC was looking to raise revenue from parking and a recent report said that on street parking should be delivered at a full cost recovery basis (including HCC costs). HCC seemed to have in mind parking bays, charges and wardens. The previous TPWG has attempted to create a bespoke scheme and the present Working Group wanted to build on this. Cllr Boney warned that if HCC are asked to come in with a parking scheme then the community would have very little say in what was implemented. Therefore he wanted the Community to decide what it wanted first. He said the first stage was to set up a survey to find out if people were in favour of parking restrictions being implemented in Stockbridge. Cllr Gibson had suggested to them that it may be possible for HCC to set up a semi volunteer scheme that enabled visitor parking for 3hrs only. Stockbridge Business Assoc. had welcomed the 3hr limit but although it would accommodate customers there would be a problem for employees.

The question of whether it was a good idea to hold the survey and whom to include in the survey was explored but the Council was in agreement that the residents between the two crossroads, as being those most affected, should be consulted first. Cllr Boney wanted to make clear that all views were welcomed. Cllr Halle acknowledged that it was important to start somewhere and explained that the plan was to engage with the residents by delivering the questionnaires by hand. He wanted the residents to be aware of the cost of parking restrictions and cited the example of Romsey where parking is expensive. Cllr Halle wanted to engage in light touch parking controls but needed this to be evidence based. He emphasised that this was only the start of the process and it was meant to take a simple form in order to encourage residents to give their views. The Council voted unanimously to use the questionnaire drawn up by the Traffic Parking Group to conduct a door to door survey.

Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Boney

C/19/104 Planning Working Group

Cllr Taylor was not at the meeting and there was no update. Cllr Halle commented that he finds it frustrating the report was taking a long time to be presented to Council. There was general agreement that this was the case. The Council agreed to request the clerk to request that the report should be presented at the January meeting.

Action: Clerk

C/19/105 War Memorial – to receive update on proposed renovations

Cllr Food told the Council that three tender documents had been sent out to prospective contractors with a deadline of mid December by which to return the tender. He confirmed that cleaning of the memorial was included in the tender.

Action: Cllr Food

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- C/19/106** **Littleton, Crawley, Kings Somborne, Stockbridge taxi share**
The Clerk informed the Council that she had been approached by a Councillor from Littleton Parish Council regarding increasing, by a day, the taxi share that is run from Winchester to these parishes. At present this is only on a Thursday. The sum being asked for was £500. Cllr Hales said that a community session runs on a Thursday in Stockbridge, so take up then would be low. Running the taxi share on another day would be welcomed. The Council unanimously agreed to fund another day for the taxi share for the financial year 2020-21. The Council required statistics of usage before it agreed to further funding.
Action: Clerk
- C/19/107** **Resilience Working Group**
In the Council meeting of the 19th December 2019 Cllr Hales requested that the minute C/19/107 be set aside in favour of the minute C/19/126. The Council unanimously agreed to do so.
Action: Cllr Hales
- C/19/108** **To consider the logging of resident's requests**
Cllr Vere Stokes did not attend the meeting so it was agreed to move this item to December's meeting.
- C/19/109** **Village amenities**
- a. The lengthsman update and community land**
Cllr Halle commented that the Lengthsman continued to do an adequate job. It was agreed that he would be asked to do the maintenance of the grass around the War Memorial to improve the look.
 - b. Community use of phone boxes including de-fibrillator**
Cllr Halle informed the Council the consultation period had now finished and he was waiting to hear from Planning and BT who will then offer the phone boxes to the Parish Council.
 - c. Trout Pond**
There was no further update.
 - d. Stockbridge Surgery**
The surgery has been in contact with the Clerk to arrange a time when Dr Gibbons can present to the Council
- Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk**
- C/19/110** **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 a more suitable time which may not be during the Council meetings. Cllr Lawrence to liaise.
Action: Chair
- C/19/111** **Budget**
The Clerk provided the Council with the listed expenditure for 2019/2020. The Council went through each entry and agreed the budget for next year. It was

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unanimously agreed that the budgeted election funding could be reduced and the funding for resilience could come out of last year's unallocated funds. The Council also increased the grant allocation for next year. In light of the grant from Trout n A'bout the Council unanimously agreed not to increase the Precept for next year. It was agreed that it will remain at £20,000. The Clerk was asked to thank Trout n'About.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed to move item 18 until after item 19

C/19/112

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
19/02694/VARN	Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge SO20 6HB	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of Planning Permission 17/00589/FULLN - (Erection of single storey extension to provide kitchen, dining room, office and wc, including demolition of concrete block shed) to substitute drawings A02, A04 & A05, with B02, B04 & BO5 to allow alterations to roof design	13/12/19
The Council has no objection			
19/02670/TREEN	The Grosvenor Hotel, High Steer, Stockbridge	T1 Fir Tree - fell	30/11/19
The Council has no objection			
19/02682	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 th 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 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. The Council also objected to ongoing maintenance of every two years without permissions. This was agreed by 6:1.			
19/02593	Salar House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Tree Works as per schedule received	10/12/19
The Council had no comment to make.			
19/02505	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage	29/11/19

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<p>The Council has listened to the comments made by residents local to this development. The Council objects to this development because the installation of a cesspool could have destabilising effects on the local chalk escarpment. The cesspool appears to be undersized for a property with potentially 5 residents which means there is risk of overflowing and there is also the extra hazard of large vehicles having to come up an untarmaced track to empty the cesspool regularly. There is also the potential risk of overflow onto the properties below. The Council requests that this application is considered at Planning Committee.</p>			
19/02508	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	Demolition of three agricultural buildings	22/11/19
<p>The Council objects until there is a better understanding of what will be built there.</p>			
19/02463	Grosvenor Hotel High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Refurbishment of the second floor accommodation, and replacement of existing fire escape window	10/12/19
<p>The Council do not object to the proposed conversion works, but we request that a parking plan is provided to ensure that adequate parking is provided on-site, and additional pressure is not added to the High Street as a result of increasing guest room numbers. We understand the hotel currently has 22 rooms, and 1 new additional room (Hay Loft). 4 additional rooms are proposed on the second floor of the Grosvenor, and 3 additional rooms are proposed at Fairways, making a total of 30 rooms. The Council carried out a survey of business parking in the winter of 2018 and the Grosvenor confirmed they had 20 on-site parking spaces. It is unclear how the required parking can be adequately supplied on site for the extra rooms. The Council also understand that parking is required for staff, and visitors calculated by the space of the public areas, in addition to 1 parking space per hotel room.</p>			
19/02481	Fairways High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Change the use of cottage (C3) to guest accommodation for The Grosvenor Hotel (C1)	10/12/19
As per 19/02463			
19/02482	Fairways High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU	Change the use of cottage (C3) to guest accommodation for The Grosvenor Hotel (C1)	10/12/19
As per 19/02463			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Date
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	Approved
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	Approved
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	Refused

c. To note decisions awaited

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19/01619/ADVN	White Hart Inn, High St. Stockbridge	External Signage and lighting to accomodation block	2 nd 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 rd 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 th Oct

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were no enforcement matters to be noted.

C/19/113

Finance

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

Income and payments 69 - 74 were circulated ahead of the meeting, were reviewed and approved.

Stockbridge THTC	69	22
YMML	70	16.8
Stockbridge Recreation Trust	71	500
B Baker	72	387.08
HCC	73	602.40
Shane Ling	74	171

b. To review budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. To consider quotations for internal auditor

The clerk presented the Council with a quotation from Do the Numbers based in Southampton and Farsight Consulting based in London. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Eleanor Greene from Do the Numbers as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2019/2020.

C/19/114

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting and location of next meeting

The next meeting would be December 19th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Town Hall. The Clerk reminded the Council that quorum was four Councillors.

Items for the agenda:

Consider the logging of resident's requests

War memorial

Traffic and Parking Working Group survey

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 10:00 pm

Signed.....

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