

# Stockbridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
7.30PM via ZOOM online



**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), D Halle, F Parr, T Hales  
R Foord, I Bell, J Leslie, H Jackson, S Hill

A Gibson

**Apologies:** Cllr G Boney, T Ward

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Four

## C/21/001 Apologies

- i Apologies had been received from Cllr Boney and Cllr Ward.
- ii The Chair conveyed the Council's sincere condolences to the Queen and Royal Family on the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.
- iii The Chair welcomed Cllr Susan Hill as the new Councillor, having been nominated unopposed in the council by-election.

## C/21/002 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda

There were none.

## C/21/003 Public Participation

- i The first member of the public said that he had been concerned that the CIL award for making Old London Rd one way had not been acknowledged by HCC highways, however, he had been able to bring the matter to the attention of Mr Stuart Jarvis and Mr Tim Loughton at HCC for progressing with a meeting. Cllr Bell commented that he felt aggrieved that the Clerk was being apparently ignored by HCC. Cllr Foord opined that HCC had never agreed to the One Way street. The Clerk said that she had been assured that the money would not have been awarded in isolation of HCC and that HCC would have stopped the award if they were against the scheme. Cllr Gibson notified the Council that he had chased up Ms Mandy Ware and he knew she was aware of the award.
- ii Mr Nigel Melville (he required his name to be recorded) spoke to address the matter of the picnic tables outside the church. He said that he was not challenging the delegated authority to the clerk when the tables were purchased but he was concerned about the lack of information on why the tables were purchased, what discussion took place and what was the basis for the decision. He said he felt that there was no acknowledgement that the benches were installed as part of the covid measures only. He was looking for this information from the meeting as well as a timetable for their removal and a

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commitment that any changes to the High Street would go to residents. He said he understood from the last meeting that the barriers were being paid for by another party. The Clerk confirmed that although the money had not yet been received there was now a legal agreement between the Council and TVBC that covered the cost of the barriers, depending on how long they would be required.

- iii Another member of the public asked about the Stockbridge noticeboard Facebook Page. She said it seemed to be giving people a forum in which to moan. She asked if the Council could stop this. Cllr Lawrence said he thought it was run from people from Andover and that the Council had no influence.

## **C/21/004 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

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

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

The Clerk informed the Council that:

- The Milsoms light meter was to be installed with a smart meter.
- The proposed Houghton Neighbourhood Development Plan had now been published and Councillors and residents were invited to comment.

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

The Council had received a number of complimentary emails regarding the recently distributed newsletter.

## **C/21/005 County and Borough Councillor Reports**

Cllr Gibson commented that this would be his last time attending the meeting as the County Councillor. He said it had been a pleasure working with the Council and representing Stockbridge. He said that the Parish Council had always been kind and supportive of his efforts. He said he would continue to work with Ms Mandy Ware regarding the implementation of CIL award at Old London Rd. He also confirmed that he was ensuring that the matter of Lily's path would remain as a top priority at HCC. Cllr Leslie thanked Cllr Gibson for his support in this matter. The Council thanked Cllr Gibson for his attention to Stockbridge whilst he had been a County Councillor.

## **C/21/006 Covid 19 – Opening Up as restrictions ease**

Cllr Halle explained that with the schedule of Covid easing, it was worthwhile to review the barriers and their effectiveness. He said that the feedback he had received from residents was all positive and that they were needed by those residents with restrictive movements, especially as Stockbridge was always so crowded. There was a possibility of more permanent form of barriers but he confirmed that any permanent change to the High Street would be consulted on, with the community. He said that the space outside the restaurants was likely to be available until September 2022. He was working towards a point when the less obvious barriers could be removed but he didn't see that anything needed to be done this month.

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The Chair agreed to move item 8 up the agenda

**C/21/007**      **High Street Design Update**

Cllr Leslie commented that he had met with TVBC and HCC's John Harvey who were planning for changes after 21<sup>st</sup> June. Cllr Hales commented that he would be campaigning for a place for residents to meet which is not available at present. He said the barriers had done a good job and the decision that was taken to install them was fair and above board. He said that HCC had been impressed that the Council had just dealt with the problem and got on with it. Cllr Jackson commented that she thought the barriers a good idea. Cllr Hill said there was an issue with exiting from a drive into the High Street and Cllr Halle said he would look into it. Cllr Leslie said that TVBC was asking for further meetings and that TVBC was now showing an interest in making permanent changes. Cllr Halle said he recognised that the high street pavements were too narrow but he wanted to concentrate on what was feasible and to engage with residents. He said that at present the Council should be coming out with ideas and even looking at those of past Councillors. Cllr Leslie said that Mr Harvey and Ms Colley were enthusiastic about giving the Council support and it was recognised that TVBC was championing Stockbridge as a destination. Cllr Bell pointed out that the drains would need to be fixed and Cllr Leslie said this had been acknowledged by Mr Harvey.

**Action: Cllr Leslie, Cllr Halle**

**C/21/008**      **Holding Council Meetings before July**

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting a letter from Mr Luke Hall MP which said that the Government was not prepared to pass legislation that would allow for Councils to continue to meet virtually. This meant that the law would revert to the previous legislation passed in the 1970s which did not mention virtual meetings. Covid legislation did not allow Councils to meet publicly inside until July. There was a court case taking place to clarify whether virtual meetings would be allowed, however, if they were not the Council would need to meet before the 8<sup>th</sup> May to decide necessary Council business. If the Council met after that it would be as a "Meeting of Councillors" and any decisions would be delegated to the Clerk. The Council agreed to meet on 4<sup>th</sup> May to hold the Annual Council Meeting, should the Court case not allow virtual meetings.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/21/009**      **Littering Issues**

**a. High Street – Gutter Cleaning schedule**

Cllr Bell was commended by the Council for his hard work in organising the High Street cleaning and distributing the leaflets. Cllr Bell expressed disappointment that TVBC was not prepared to use the pavement vacuum cleaner in Stockbridge. He said that the Co-Op, Beccy's and Thyme and Tides did a good job of keeping their areas clean. He said he felt it was necessary to engage with community to encourage best behaviour at all times and that in this matter the community could not rely on others. Cllr Halle said he had written to the 3 TVBC borough councillors to ask them to

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supply the pavement cleaning that is available in Romsey. Cllr Lawrence said it would be possible to organise a litter pick after restrictions are lifted. Cllr Bell asked that thank you letters should be sent to the 3 retailers he mentioned. The Council agreed.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Bell**

**b. High Street – Coffee Retailers**

The Council agreed it was important to encourage the re-use of re-usable mugs. Cllr Lawrence said that Kudos was trialling an initiative to give £1 off for a re-usable mug which he felt would encourage other vendors to do the same. Cllr Hall said she thought this would be effective. Cllr Halle said he had emptied bins himself over the bank holiday weekend.

**c. Steepleton Hill Layby**

The Clerk had circulated before the meeting a printout from Land Registry regarding the ownership of the layby. Cllr Hill informed the Council that it was likely that the Houghton Fishing Club retained some ownership, the extent of which she agreed to look into. Cllr Bell said that the Council's interest in the layby was to stop the layby being used for flytippers etc. Cllr Hall agreed to look into if anything could be done.

**Action: Cllr Hill**

C/21/010

**Traffic Safety**

**a. CIL award and Safety measures around Stockbridge Primary School**

This had been dealt with under C/21/005.

**b. Proposal to make New Street one way**

Cllr Bell informed the Council that he was looking into a proposal to make New Street one way from the High Street. He agreed to come back to the Council when he had developed them further.

**Action: Cllr Bell**

C/21/011

**Cemetery**

Since Cllr Boney was unable to attend the meeting the Council agreed to put the matter back until the next meeting.

C/21/012

**Planning – update of Village Design Statement WP**

There was no update for the Council. The Working Party would be meeting before the May Council meeting.

**Action: Cllr Lawrence**

C/21/013

**Infrastructure Issues**

**a. Lily's Path**

This had been dealt with under C/21/005

**b. Cycle Path – Test Valley Way**

Cllr Bell stressed that the cycle path which was part of the national cycle route was in need of repair. Cllr Foord confirmed that he would be able to arrange for the laurel hedge to be cut back but he was unable to confirm timescales. A quotation for the work to clear the cycle path had been circulated before the meeting which was for 2 men 3 days work. Cllr Halle

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said the lengthsman funding would not be able to cover it because it was over £1,000. The Council's maintenance budget was also only £1000. He said he felt that the maintenance budget could fund £400 but they would need to look for grants elsewhere. Cllr Bell said the path had been installed 5 years ago and he felt if maintenance was left for another year then the path would be lost. Cllr Halle agreed with Cllr Bell saying that vegetation covered a significant part of the path in a number of areas. Cllr Foord suggested using weedkiller but this was not considered appropriate for a number of reasons. The Clerk suggested contacting Cllr Ward who had said TVBC had a number of grants up to £1,000. Cllr Halle agreed to contact Cllr Ward but queried the appropriateness of doing so since this money was from TVBC and the path was a Highways matter.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

**C/21/014**      **CCTV for High Street – to consider setting up a Working Party**

The Clerk had found out about possible routes for funding for CCTV but it was not a simple process. Cllr Bell said he felt that speed cameras would be more appropriate, especially at night and he agreed to investigate installing these cameras. Cllr Leslie said he had discussed cameras with Mr Harvey and he would bring the matter up at the next meeting. Cllr Jackson said that CCTV had been installed before but the Police could not monitor it, however she recognised that it could be used if a crime was being investigated. Cllr Jackson agreed to work with Cllr Bell on this matter.

**Action: Cllr Bell, Cllr Jackson**

**C/21/015**      **Policy Review**

**a. Agree Review of Standing Order of the Working Party**

Cllrs had circulated their comments on the proposed changes to the Standing Orders before the meeting. The Clerk agreed to format the standing orders and the updates for a final sign off at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

**b. Grant Form**

The Council agreed to move this item to the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/21/016**      **Use of Speed monitoring device by other Councils**

The Clerk had been approached by Nether Wallop Council regarding the use of the Council's SID. The Council agreed that this was possible if the SID was insured and the poles were appropriately licensed by HCC. There would be no charge.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/21/017**      **Council Communications**

The first edition of the Council newsletter had been published and circulated to the community before the meeting. The Council and Clerk had received a number of compliments from members of the community. It was agreed that



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the final copy of the next edition would be decided at the June meeting and publication for the beginning of July.

**Action: Clerk**

C/21/018

## Village amenities

### a. Lengthsman update

Cllr Halle said that work for the lengthsman was a bit low this month, but he had asked him to look at the public area behind the public toilets to see if it could be made more presentable.

### b. Lancaster House

There was no update. Cllr Lawrence expressed dissatisfaction that he was not getting any feedback from TVBC.

### c. Rights of Way

There was no further update as the Romsey Ramblers had not come back to Cllr Lawrence.

C/21/019

## Finance

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

Income and payments 11 6- 124 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

|                                       |        |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Opening bank balance                  |        | 60715.43 |
| R Steel & Partners (cemetery)         | income | 915      |
| Headbourne Worthy PC (clerk crs)      | income | 15       |
| M & T PC (lengthsman)                 | income | 227.17   |
| TVBC (Precept)                        | income | 10150    |
| Friends of Stockbridge Primary School | 116    | 500      |
| HCC (cemetery signage)                | 117    | 753.60   |
| Shane Ling (Lengthsman)               | 118    | 1021.50  |
| TVBC (dog bin emptying)               | 119    | 244.32   |
| Safe Site Facilities                  | 120    | 1.74     |
| B Baker (salary + lengthsman)         | 121    | 655.32   |
| B Baker (Clerks travel exp)           | 122    | 43.20    |
| SSE (Milsom's light)                  | 123    | 92.32    |
| Unity Bank (service charge)           | 124    | 18       |
| Closing Balance                       |        | 68692.6  |

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

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

### c. To review 2021/2022 budget year to date

There was no expenditure but updated reserves were noted.

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## C/21/2021 Planning

### a. New applications – to agree response

| Number         | Address  | Description   | Date  |
|----------------|--|---|-------|
| 21/00960/TREEN | Kings Head House, High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EU | G1 - Cypress - Reduce height by up to 4m and cut back side growth | 22/04 |

The Council had no comment to make

### b. To note recent decisions:

| Number         | Address   | Description  | Date      |
|----------------|---|--|-----------|
| 21/00499/TREEN | Little Dean House Winton Hill Stockbridge SO20 6HL  | 17 - Beech - Crown reduce by up to 4m, T18 - Dismantle to 4m monolith/habitat pole   | 11/03/21  |
| 21/00489/TREEN | Manor Farm House Trafalgar Way Stockbridge SO20 6ET | 1, T2 - Ash - Fell, T3 Sycamore - Pollard at approx. 4m, T4 Thuja - reduce by 50% and reshape, T5 Yew - reduce by 50% & reshape, G1 Lime - Pollard linear group of trees to approx. 6-7m, G2 - Prunus - Fell | 11/03/21  |
| 21/00346/FULLN | 8 New Street Stockbridge SO20 6HG                   | Replace conservatory frame and roof structure with new white UPVC frame & grey slate solid roof  | 05-Mar-21 |

### c. To note decisions awaited

| Number         | Address  | Description  | Date       |
|----------------|--|--|------------|
| 21/00627/CLEN  | Garden House Blandford Row Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB            | Application for a lawful development certificate to establish that planning permission 17/02350/FULLN has been implemented in accordance with the permission   | 27/03/21   |
| 21/00719/TREEN | New House, Winton Hill, Stockbridge                                  | T1 - Sycamore - Reduce crown by up to 2m and install brace, T2 - Sycamore - Reduce crown by up to 2m   | 30/03/21   |
| 21/00495/RESN  | Land Adjoining The Tallet, Manor Farm, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge | Approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the demolition of farm buildings and the erection of 3 dwellings and garages pursuant to outline planning permission 19/01914/OUTN | 19/03/21   |
| 21/00289/FULLN | High Firs Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EL             | Amendments to approved plans of 10/01600/FULLN to include rear gable, fenestration, removal of catslide roof, new balcony and additional chimney   | 05/03/2021 |
| 21/00322/FULLN | Fishmore House High Street Stockbridge SO20 6EY                      | Demolish garage and summer house, construct a studio / home office with access across footbridge from main garden  | 12/03      |

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| 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 |
| 19/02505       | Land South West of Little Dean, Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire | Demolition of three agricultural buildings and erection of a single dwelling and detached garage.                   | 22/11/19 |
| 19/02508       | Land South West of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire    | Demolition of three agricultural buildings  | 22/11/19 |

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

The Clerk circulated an email before the meeting notifying the Council that the parking space at Vine was now cleared and the case had been closed by TVBC.

**C/21/021**

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

The date of the next meeting was agreed as for an extraordinary Council meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held via Zoom

Items for the agenda for the May meeting:

- Cycle Path
- Village Design Statement WP
- Policy Review
- Lilly's path
- High Street Design
- Newsletter

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....