

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 17th October 2018 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Bingham
Mace
Southern
Tomsett
Woods***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Cathcart, MBC Councillor Garten and KCC Cllr Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were proposed by Cllr Southern as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Mace and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising.

Cllr Woods stated that he would respond to the KCC Waste Consultation.

It was reported that the fly tipping in Bull Lane had now been removed.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

No matters were reported.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

A resident asked to speak regarding the Binbury Park application. The Chairman stated that this would be discussed under planning matters.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

Cllr Southern reported that Steps Hill Lane was closed and had been for the past two years. She stated that this was littered with fly tipping that had not been removed by the council. She asked if the Parish Council could send a letter to Kent Highways regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to Action.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

18/504836/EIOUT Binbury Park Bimbury Lane Detling Maidstone Kent

Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from Access) for the erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including Affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of commercial space, a Hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and Ride facility etc

CLlr Woods stated that the application for Binbury Park had been submitted to the Borough Council some weeks ago and an extension of time had been granted to the Parish Council until mid-December to submit comments.

He stated that Quinn Estates has now submitted an amendment to the plans, and the Senior Planning Officer had stated that there were likely to be further amendments to the application.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Stockbury Parish Council was opposed to the planning application as it fell within an AONB and was outside of the Borough Council's Local Plan. Further concerns were raised regarding the scheduled ancient monument and the effect on neighbouring properties.

Members also raised concerns regarding the Third Thames River Crossing, the roundabout development Junction 5 of the M2 and the changes to Junction 7 of the M20 and the implications that these would all have on the A249.

CLlr Woods stated that the Parish Council would formally consider the planning application for Binbury Park at its meeting in November 2018. He confirmed that within the next month the three parishes affected would meet to discuss a strategy before responding to the Borough Council.

A resident in attendance spoke regarding the application and raised concerns regarding the number of houses proposed for the development.

CLlr Woods stated that the Parish Council would keep residents updated on the application via its website and Stockbury Observer.

18/504430/FULL Hilltop South Green Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RR
Erection of garden machinery store/garage.
No Objections

17/504923/FULL Longton Wood Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent ME9 7QP
Retrospective application for change of use of woodland to airsoft activity Centre and erection of associated structures, camping, filming, re-enacting, woodcraft, Duke of Edinburgh and life skills.

CLlr Woods stated that this was a retrospective planning application, and this should be taken into consideration when considering this, He asked members for their views.

This was discussed, and concerns were raised regarding access to the site, development of the woodland and the increased size of the facility.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this on the following grounds.

1. Out of character with an AONB.
2. Retrospective application.
3. Access to the site.
4. Environmental Impact Assessment had not included with the application.

Action: Clerk to submit letter of objection and to request that the application is called in and determined by the Councils Planning Committee.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

18/504094/SUB

Catharos Lithos Yelsted Road Yelsted Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UU

Submission of details pursuant to Condition 10: Details of security measures, subject to 17/503401/FULL.

Application Permitted

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18/503884/FULL

Cherry Tree Farm West Wood Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7SQ

Proposed stationing of one additional mobile home, one additional touring caravans and one additional day room along with the installation of a cesspit (part retrospective).

Application Permitted

Cllr Woods spoke regarding this application and stated that this had been approved by the Borough Council. He stated that he had taken this matter up with Maidstone Borough Councillor Clive English and the issue with gypsy and traveller sites appeared to be a problem at government level.

Cllr Woods stated that he would write to Helen Whiteley MP regarding this matter.

c. Enforcement Matters.

Longton Wood – It was reported that there appeared to be further vans entering the site towards the rear end of the site. The Clerk was asked to report this to Planning Enforcement.

Action: Clerk to progress.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances September 2018

Opening Balance on Current Account	£36752.31
Add deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£794.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£35958.31

b. Cheques for Payment.

The cheques for payment were authorised by members. These were then signed by two authorised signatories. (Bingham/Woods)

10. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

d. Police Report.

No matters were raised.

11. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

KALC AGM – The Clerk was asked to pass on the apologies of the Parish Council.

12. Tri Parish Group/A249 Action Group and JPG.

No matters were reported.

13. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Tomsett stated that he had received a complaint regarding the bench at the entrance of the churchyard, as this was in need of repair.

It was agreed that Cllrs Mace and Tomsett would action this and the Parish Council would pay for any repairs needed.

Action: Cllrs Tomsett and Mace to progress.

Cllr Southern spoke regarding the Beacon Project for the Centenary Celebrations and asked members if they felt that this project could be financed by the Cultural Fund.

She stated that the Beacon was being made by a resident as part of his apprenticeship and this appeared to meet the criteria for the Cultural Fund.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Southern should submit an application to Mrs Rich for the Cultural Fund.

Action: Cllr Southern to progress.

14. Date of next meeting.

21st November 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.45pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____