

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024 AT 7:30PM AT THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs D Halle (Chair), M Porter, B Powell, R Foord,
M Nadal (late), A Marshall, H Jackson, D Smith,
A Lawrence, A Parr

Cllrs None

Apologies: Cllrs D Drew

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

C/23/218 **Apologies**
These were received from Cllr Drew.

C/23/219 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda**
There were none.

C/23/220 **Public Participation**
None attended.

C/23/221 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2024**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 15th February 2024.

Cllr Foord said that there had not been a proper vote regarding the Resilience WG terms of reference (C/23/20). He said Cllrs had not been asked to vote by raising their hands. Cllr Porter (who chaired the meeting) said that Cllrs had provided no dissent to the course of action proposed. Cllr Foord insisted that it wasn't a proper vote without a physical raising of hands. Cllrs agreed to remove the words "it was agreed that the Clerk would provide Terms of Reference for the WG" from the minutes. There was no physical raising of hands for this agreement.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

It was noted that the application 23/02934 had been withdrawn.

c. To deal with any correspondence

- There would be a Rural Crime meeting on 28th March. Cllr Parr agreed to attend.

Action: Cllr Parr

- The gate used to access the water meadows from the ROW that ran across a privately owned field was in disrepair. The Clerk was asked to report to HCC.

Action: Clerk

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C/23/222 **Borough and County Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Jeffery did not attend. A report was circulated. There were no comments.
- ii Cllr Drew did not attend. A report was circulated. There were no comments.

C/23/223 **Stockbridge High Street**

a. Disabled parking signage

Cllr Halle would install the sign (C/23/176a).

Action: Cllr Halle

b Installation of crossing between Co-op and Greengrocer

The Greengrocer and the Co-op had now confirmed their approval in writing and HCC had agreed the planters could remain until the new crossing could be installed. HCC was due to provide a date for the crossing installation. The Clerk asked the Council to consider what could be done with the planters.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk

c Update on HCC's parking survey

Ms Ware had written that the report was being finalised with the supplier. The Clerk was asked to query with HCC why cameras had been installed on the A30.

Action: Clerk

Councillor Nadal joined the meeting.

d. Update from VDS WG

- i A copy of the VDS with updates had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Nadal expressed concern that the map in the VDS also included Longstock. She suggested it would be appropriate to wait for TVBC to finalise the Local Plan before finalising the VDS. Cllr Halle agreed. It was commented that the water meadows were absent from the VDS. Cllr Nadal said that TVBC was due to insert new maps with the SSSI and floodplain. Cllr Nadal asked Cllrs for comments on the VDS proposal. It was noted that the settlement boundary included parts of Longstock parish, the Clerk was asked to write to TVBC to ask for this to be changed.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk

- ii Cllr Lawrence commented that part of TVBC's local plan consultation put facilities that were in Longstock as part of Stockbridge. This affected the tiers TVBC put Stockbridge in. The Stockbridge Settlement boundary also included part of the Longstock parish. Cllrs queried the appropriateness of this since it would affect Longstock's Neighbourhood plan. It was felt that the Parish boundaries should be adhered to. The Clerk was asked to raise this as part of the local plan consultation and notify Longstock PC.

Action: Clerk

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- C/23/224** **Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project**
The meeting with HCC would now be held 10th May.
Action: Cllr Porter, Halle. Powell and Clerk
- C/23/225** **Resilience**
a. Agree Terms of Reference for WG
Terms of Reference (ToR) written by the Clerk was circulated before the meeting. Cllr Halle commented that having ToR for a WG should be standard. The Clerk explained that she had based these ToRs on the SPC WG's Terms of Reference. Cllr Foord said he wanted to review them. The Chair agreed but noted that the Clerk had completed the majority of the document.
b. TVBC Resilience Workshop
This was due to be held 20th April. Both Cllr Foord and Cllr Marshall agreed to attend.
Action: Cllrs Foord and Marshall
- C/23/226** **Recreation Ground Trust**
Cllr Porter confirmed that the Trustees had been re-appointed at the recent AGM. He said that the ground had been created when the old football pitch had been purchased compulsorily to make way for the A30, but no provision for ongoing funding for the new ground, had been put in place. He said that the banked funds had been all allocated to projects. Cllr Powell noted that the lack of appropriate facilities at the ground had held back the Football team from going up to the Wessex league. He wanted a better plan to generate income. Cllr Halle said that the Recreation Ground was moving in the right direction and hoped it would become more of an amenity to the community.
- C/23/227** **TVBC local plan**
This was dealt with under C/23/223dii.
- C/23/228** **Fields south of the High Street**
There was no update.
- C/23/229** **River Test Pollution – Working Group with other Parishes**
Cllr Marshall had attended the recent meeting of the Pan Parish WG. He said the matter had now been raised by the local MP, Caroline Nokes, in Parliament and there had been a recent protest at Southern Water's Fullerton treatment works where sewage was known to be discharged. Cllr Marshall said he felt it was important to keep the momentum going and the pressure on Southern Water. He said that it was important to co-ordinate all the testing data. Riverkeepers were saying that dogs were getting sick when they drank from the River Test. The Council agreed to install signs to make visitors aware of this. Cllr Powell agreed to design and organise the printing.
Action: Cllr Powell, Cllr Marshall

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- C/23/230** **Infrastructure -update on Council projects**
- a. **Phone Boxes**
These would be painted in the sunnier weather.
- b. **Blandford Row Pocket Park**
Sparsholt College had confirmed that the designs would be available for the community event in April.
Action: Clerk
- c. **Cycle Path**
The Community Service had put forward the date of 20th April for the clearance work.
Action: Clerk
- C/23/231** **Cemetery**
- a. **Membership of Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management**
Membership of the ICCM was agreed.
Action: Clerk
- b. **Cleaning of Memorials**
Cllr Halle noted that there were toppled gravestones in the cemetery that should be righted. Cllr Nadal said that the Lutyens designed memorial in the Winton Hill cemetery should be cleaned. Cllr Powell agreed to investigate funding with the Lutyens Society.
Action: Cllr Powell
- C/23/232** **SLR and Speedwatch**
There was no update.
Action: Cllr Halle
- C/23/233** **Lancaster House**
- a. **Update from Working Group**
The WG had met with the Woodland Trust. A report from the meeting was circulated to the Cllrs. The Trust had been helpful in suggesting how the area could be used and how a path could be created.
- b. **Hedging**
At the meeting with the Woodland Trust (C/23/233a) it had been suggested that a hedge should be planted at the top of the woodland to act as a wind break. The WG agreed to investigate this.
Action: Lancaster Hse WG
- C/23/234** **Council Communications**
- a. **APM/meet the Councillors/Blandford Rd engagement event**
The Clerk said she had been unable to get any response from Test Valley School for presentation at the Parish Meeting. Cllr Halle said he felt that the Council was achieving an appropriate level of engagement through the community market engagement surgeries (C/23/234) and the quarterly newsletters. He proposed to focus the event on the 25th April to display the designs for the Blandford Row Park and to ask residents to vote for

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their preferred choice. This was agreed. Cllr Foord said he had approached the Drs surgery to invite them to present but he would cancel this. The Council agreed to promote the event with flyers distributed the week before and with posters. Cllr Powell agreed to design. Cllr Nadal would organise printing at the Church.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Powell, Cllr Nadal

- b. **Report from engagement surgeries at the Community Market**
Cllr Marshall had conducted the surgery he said that questions were raised regarding the bottle bank and the crossing.
- c. **Approve March newsletter**
The March newsletter was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/23/235

Village Amenities to provide update

a. **Lengthsman and Maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that HCC had renewed the lengthsman funding for another 2 years. The present lengthsman had raised his pricing to £23 an hour. Cllr Marshall had asked that the flints outside the Town Hall should be cleaned and the play equipment jet washed.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Marshall

b. **Unity Transport/Community Bus**

Cllr Nadal and the Clerk were due to attend a Community Bus presentation from NALC. Cllr Nadal said that the Unity Bus provision was too expensive for many to use to go to Andover. The Clerk had passed on the contact details of the Broughton Community bus to Cllr Smith for follow-up. Broughton was interested in talking about working together. Cllr Smith said that he would deal with Neighbourcare separately.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Nadal

C/23/236

Risk Assessments

The Risk assessment policy, register and the risk assessments for the playground, financial processes, Christmas lights installation, phone boxes, Lancaster house volunteers and the Blandford Row park were all agreed.

C/23/237

Policy Review

The Health and Safety policy was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/23/238

Finance

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

Income and payments 137 -150 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Income was from Headbourne Worthy PC for the share of the Clerk's SLCC membership.

Opening bank balance		62464.82
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HWPC (SLCC membership)	Income	158.68
Hugo Fox (website)	137	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	138	733.84
ICO (Data protection)	139	35
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	140	24.26
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI & Emp's NI)	141	83.2
STHC (Room hire)	142	21
TVBC (By-election charge)	143	36
Ovo Energy (Milsom Lights)	144	38.88
HCC (Lancaster Hse sign)	145	454.80
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	146	209
B Baker (travel expenses)	147	36.80
YMML (Clerk's office)	148	36
B Baker (NALC crse – Cllr Nadal)	149	39.22
HALC (Cllr Halle training crse)	150	57.6
Closing Balance (minus cheque)		60705.91

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

c. Asset Register – to approve

This was agreed. The Clerk asked if it was still necessary to insure the IT equipment for the IT surgery at the community market. It was agreed that the equipment was no longer worth insuring.

Action: Clerk

d. Update Council Savings Account

This was progressing.

Action: Clerk

e. Agree new banking authorisee

This was agreed as Cllr Lawrence.

Action: Clerk

C/23/239

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Expiry Date
HCC/2024/0154	Stockbridge County Primary School, Old London Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Replacement of the school's playfield access gates	3/04/24
24/00616/HCC3N			
The Council supports the application			

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24/00543/FULLN	Dr G Evans And Partners Doctors Surgery New Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HG	Erection of single storey front extension to provide separate dispensary	05/04/24
Cllr Lawrence said he felt that an increase in the pharmacy business of the surgery would adversely affect the Pharmacy on the High Street. He said the High Street pharmacy was an important resource for the community. Cllr Foord said he thought the Drs would feel their business was unviable and leave if the application did not go through. The Council agreed, 7:3 (Cllrs Lawrence, Halle and Jackson dissenting), a neutral stance but noted that heritage and tree reports are lacking in the application submission and which it was felt ought to have been included for consideration. There was concern about the root system of the nearby Yew tree.			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Result
24/00224/TREEN	Old Swan House High Street Stockbridge	T1 - Conifer - Remove	No Objection
24/00044/TREEN	Dean View Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	G9.2 - Beech - Fell to ground level, G9.3, G9.4 - Sycamore - Fell to ground level	Withdrawn
23/03258/CLPN	1 Riverside Cottages High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Certificate of proposed lawful development for temporary siting of mobile home	Issue Certificate
23/03070/FULLN	Green Place Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Erection of 1.5-storey extension, replacement of 1 no. window to West elevation and infill of void	Permission
23/03071/LBWN	Green Place Little Somborne Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HW	Erection of 1.5-storey extension, replacement of 1 no. window to West elevation and infill of void	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
24/00264/FULLN	Dawlish House 7 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Erection of outbuilding for use as home office	08/03/24
24/00083/VARN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of 21/01171/FULLN (Erection of three tourist accommodation units) to alter the provision of windows, install decking platforms, and internal changes.	16/02/24
23/03063/FULLN	Penny Lane Barn Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Alterations to fenestration, materials and car port (retrospective) and change of use of land to residential garden	05/01/2024

d. Enforcement

Cllr Foord confirmed that the parking spaces at the Vine Yard were private.

C/23/241 **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**
The next Council meeting is due to be held on 18th April 2024 at the Town Hall. Items for the Agenda:
Blandford Row engagement event
River Test pollution
Lancaster House
Resilience WG Terms of Reference

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 4:00pm.
Signed.....

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