

# Stockbridge Parish Council



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

**Present:** Cllrs A Lawrence (Chair), H Jackson, R Foord, G Boney, M Porter, D Halle, F Parr

**Apologies:** Cllrs J Leslie, I Bell,  
T Ward.

**Clerk:** Belinda Baker

**Public attendance:** Two

**C/22/119** **In respect of the passing of Cllr Hales**

The Council stood and held a two minutes silence in respect of the passing of Cllr Hales. The Council agreed a small donation to be made in his name to the Charity specified by his family. Cllr Foord dissented.

The Clerk asked if the Council wanted to hold co-option, she said that a call for a by-election was not legally necessary because there would be full elections in May 2023 and the death had occurred within 6 months of this election. The Council agreed to put up notices with the intention of holding co-option at the January meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/120** **Apologies**

Cllr Leslie had sent his apologies.

**C/22/121** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**

There were none. Cllr Foord said he was recording the meeting.

**C/22/122** **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**C/22/123** **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**a. To approve and sign the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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

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

- The Clerk had taken 12 hours for the FOI request. This would need to be paid as overtime. This was agreed.

**c. To deal with any correspondence**

- The Clerk said that TVBC had confirmed that a final payment of £9828.97 from the Re-opening the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF) was due to be paid on Monday. There would be no further payments.

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### **C/22/124**      **County and Borough Councillor Reports**

- i Cllr Ward had circulated a report before the meeting. There were no comments.
- ii Cllr Drew had circulated a report before the meeting. He said that HCC Highways was reducing its CO2 emissions. He said that HCC's financial problems had been wrongly reported in the national press. He said that HCC aims to spend money wisely on the services it was necessary for HCC to maintain. He said that other Councils and Local authorities had invested away from their core services and had subsequently run into difficulties although he acknowledged that an investment in telecoms (Kingston upon Hull) was an exception. He pointed to an HCC website to get grit bins re-filled.
- iii Cllr Drew commented that HCC had now resolved the policy issues for the OLR project, which was supported by the Traffic Management team. He said that the project was affordable with the CIL money but the cycle element would put up the cost. He acknowledged that in general the principle was that safety improvements would be accident led.

### **C/22/125**      **Stockbridge Business Assoc.**

No one attended and there was no report.

### **C/22/126**      **Infrastructure Issues**

#### **a.    Phone Boxes**

There was no update. Cllr Halle was to make the purchases in January.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

#### **b.    Trout Pond**

The Clerk explained that the EA had not issued the licence in time. She said it was very likely that the project would not now take place until October 2023. She said she would be writing to the donors and grant authorities to ask them if they would be prepared to hold the funds over into 2023.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **c.    Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets**

The Clerk explained that TVBC would need to see community support behind the project (C/22103c). Cllr Jackson expressed reservations but Cllr Halle felt that if the area was opened up there could be many advantages. The Council agreed to ask for community input in the next newsletter.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **d.    Cycle Path**

Cllr Porter said he had walked the path (C/22/103d). He said the surface did not need replacing. The hedging needed cutting back and the path needed clearing. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the clearance work

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**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/127**

### **Christmas**

Cllr Foord commented that the Christmas event had gone well and there had been no problems with the Christmas lights. He said he did not anticipate any deviation from the quotations.

**C/22/128**

### **High Street**

A presentation by Cllr Halle on the 8 improvements put forward by the TPWG had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Boney commented that he was pleased to see progress on the pathway on Trafalgar Way. He said that he felt the way forward was for individual projects on the High Street to be dealt with separately. He commented that marked parking bays was one such project that would make the best use of space for parking. He felt that HCC would do the camera survey anyway. He said that the difficulty for Stockbridge was that they would be asked to pay £35K and there would be no guarantee that the community would get what it wanted out of the project. Cllr Halle was of the opinion that SPC could go to HCC with TPWG's 8 ideas and that the Council would still be in control of the outcome. Cllr Lawrence was sceptical of being able to finance the changes. Cllr Foord said he was against the white lines because he said it would make Stockbridge look like a car park. The Council considered the 8 items individually. The Councillors gave their individual preferences but it was agreed to move formal voting to the next meeting.

**Action: All Cllrs**

**C/22/129**

### **Traffic Safety**

This was dealt with under C/22/124 iii.

**C/22/130**

### **Budget 23/24**

Cllr Foord requested that the Christmas fund should be increased to £1000. This was agreed. The maintenance budget was agreed to be decreased by £250 to accommodate. The Precept was agreed for 2023/2024 to be £22,965. Which represented no increase.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/131**

### **Resilience**

It was noted that the newsletter asked residents if there was a need for warm hubs in the community.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/132**

### **Council Communications**

#### **a. Items for the next newsletter**

The December edition was agreed. Cllr Jackson and Cllr Halle agreed to proofread.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Halle**

#### **b. Website - Resilience**

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The Clerk had undertaken some changes on the website to provide a resource for the community on flooding matters.

**Action: Clerk**

**C/22/133**

### **Village Amenities**

#### **a. Lengthsman tasks**

No tasks were put forward for the lengthsman. The Clerk commented that a new parish, Abbots Ann, had joined the cluster. The Clerk asked Cllr Drew for an appropriate ROW maintenance schedule. Cllr Lawrence queried the legal position of the Parish doing maintenance work on land where HCC had liability.

**Action: Cllr Drew**

#### **b. Lancaster House**

There was no update. The Clerk asked Cllr Drew to chase. Cllr Foord warned that there were ash trees that possibly needed removing. Cllr Halle and Cllr Lawrence volunteered to check the trees.

**Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Lawrence**

#### **c. SID**

Cllr Halle said he would be speaking to Longstock and Houghton about sharing an SLR rotation. He suggested that two SLRs would be required.

**Action: Cllr Halle**

#### **d. Maintenance of bins and benches**

It was agreed to move the item to the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **e. Coronation mugs**

Cllr Jackson said she would research providers.

**Action: Cllr Jackson**

**C/22/134**

### **Finance**

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

Income and payments 99-102 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. Income was noted as burial fees and a contribution for a defibrillator from Trout n'About.

Opening bank balance		82658.63
Cheaters	Income	220
Trout nA'bout	Income	250
Cheater (cemetery)	Income	220
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	99	17.66
STHC	100	24
HMRC	101	78.54
B Baker (salary (incl pay rise + backpay+ Lengthsman – pension - HMRC)	102	980.50

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Closing Balance	82027.93
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### b. To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

### c. To note Lantern purchase funds held by the PC

The available funds of 5098.80 were noted

C/22/135

### Planning

#### a. New applications – to agree response

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02980/TREEN	Test Valley Way Footpath Adj Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	Dig a trench along the footpath up to 53m long and 300mm wide in close proximity to trees	07/12/12 + extension

The Council has no comment to make

#### b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02570/FULLN	15 Nelson Close Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ES	Single storey rear extension	Permission
21/02776/Fulln	Land At The Rear Of Greyhound Inn High Street S'bridge SO20 6EY	Erection of fishing hut	Permission subject to conditions

#### c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/02833/TREEN	Salar House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	2 x Ash trees to front of dwelling - Fell	22/11/22
22/02917/TREEN	Seven Gables , Winton Hill, Stockbridge	Line of conifer trees between graveyard and garden - 50% reduction of height to previous cut points	01/12/22
22/02889/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm , Penny Lane, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Veranda, french windows, enlarged window on west elevation, and bay window on south elevation of barn	01/12/22
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	18/11/22
22/02931/TREES	20 Trafalgar Way Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6ET	X1 - Fig - Prune by upto 4m	01/12/22
22/02647/FULLN	1 Winton Hill Cottage , Winton Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Construction of two storey side extension, replacement pitched roof from flat roof to rear single storey	04/11/22
22/00363/FULLN	The Pump House, Marsh Court Road, Stockbridge, Hampshire	Appeal to secretary of State	10/11/22

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

There were none.

**C/22/136**      **Health and Safety**  
There were none.

**C/22/137**      **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**  
The next meeting is due to be held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Items for the agenda:  
High Street re-design  
Phone Boxes

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed.....

Date.....