

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Bingham  
Cathcart  
Southern  
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 Mace, and Brown, KCC Cllr Prendergast, MBC Cllr Garten and the Police.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park.

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

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

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

The Chairman reported that he had taken up the issue of the poor condition of a property and verge in the Parish with Golding Homes, and he had been assured that they would action this.

**5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.**

Cllr Cathcart – Meeting with MBC regarding Call for Sites.

**6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.**

No matters were raised.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

Cllr Cathcart spoke regarding a fallen tree in Bimbury Lane that was reported to KCC, he stated that this was dealt with within 3 hours of the report.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email KCC to thank them for their prompt action.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

Potholes in the Parish – At the last meeting KCC Councillor Prendergast stated that she would take this matter up with KCC and the PC was still awaiting a response.

***Action: Clerk to seek update.***

b. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods reported that a meeting with KCC was due to take place on Friday 28th February to attempt to establish common ground regarding the Inquiry.

He stated that a further meeting would then take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March with KCC and Highways England in the Village Hall. He said that it remained the Parish Councils earnest hope that they would be able to come to an amicable solution for Stockbury.

A discussion took place regarding Highways England plans, Cllr Woods stated that they needed to consult on any amended plans.

He confirmed that the Parish Council was not getting involved in any technical discussions, its view was, as the proposals were less safe than at present, the PC would expect Highways England to have a safe crossing for the residents of Stockbury.

A general discussion took place regarding the M2 J5 proposals.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

20/500057/FULL Land Wheatsheaf Farm Hazel Street Stockbury  
Erection of 2no. livestock buildings with associated yard and creation of new access track with gates and alterations to field levels.

**No Objections**

b. Binbury Park

No matters were reported.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/506262/FULL

Cobnut Farm Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RJ

Removal of a temporary mobile home and erection of a new agricultural workers dwelling.

Application Withdrawn

d. Enforcement Matters.

Apocalypse War Games site – Clerk to seek an update on next steps to be taken following the refusal by MBC.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

Chalky Road – Cllr Woods to liaise with MBC Cllr Garten regarding enforcement action.

Bimbury Cottage – Clerk to seek an update from MBC regarding this site.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

e. Call for Sites.

Cllr Cathcart reported on the meeting he had attended with representatives from MBC and Thurnham Parish Council at MBC Offices.

He stated the MBC were due to agree the final sites by the end of the year.

A written report was circulated to all members.

**9. Financial Matters.**

*a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.*

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present. (Southern/Cathcart).

**Bank Balances February 2020**

<b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£38389.67</b>
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£866.81
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£37522.86</b>

**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.

**12. A249 Action Group and JPG.**

No matters were raised.

**13. Any Other Business.**

*a. Members of the Public.*

No matters were raised.

*b. Parish Councillors.*

Cllr Bingham reported that Hyde Housing were due to sell their houses in the Parish and he was concerned as there was an agreement between Hyde Housing and Stockbury Parish Council, that the houses would only be let to people with a local connection.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Hyde Housing to seek reassurances that this agreement would be passed over to the new owners unchanged.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

Cllr Southern reported that there was a large amount of mud and debris in the centre of the road on Chalky Road, this was dangerous and needed to be swept. The Chairman stated that this was also the case in South Street Road

The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

Cllr Southern reported on the progress of the VE Day celebrations for Stockbury. She asked for this item to be placed on the next agenda.

She asked whether the PC would be willing to give a small financial contribution towards the event. This was discussed and it was agreed that this item would also be placed on the next agenda.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

**14. Date of next meeting.**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.***

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_