

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET
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Present: Cllrs J Leslie (Chair), R Foord, G Boney, M Porter,
D Halle, H Jackson, B Powell, F Parr

Cllr A Johnston

Apologies: Cllrs A Lawrence

T Ward, D Drew

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

C/22/157 **Apologies**
Cllrs Lawrence sent his apologies.

C/22/158 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Foord declared an interest in 23/00320. He said he was recording the meeting.

C/22/159 **Public Participation**
No one attended.

C/22/160 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2023**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 19th January.
The minutes were amended C/22/145 to say that "Mr Candler and the committee were not sympathetic to his position".

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda
The Clerk confirmed she had not yet started the process of changing the Trusteeship of the Recreation Ground.

c. To deal with any correspondence
Cllr Halle proposed that the member of the public who had recently dug over the planters should be thanked. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/22/161 **County and Borough Councillor Reports**
Cllr Johnston had circulated a report before the meeting. There were no comments. She said she was grateful to Cllr Halle for meeting with herself and the Community Engagement officer and showing them around Stockbridge. She said she understood better the aspiration of Stockbridge and the hopes for the pocket park behind the toilets. TVBC had further cost of living grants available for community groups supporting the cost of living crisis. She was happy to support SPC's grant application for a new defibrillator and SLR. She

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asked the Council to consider any Coronation celebrations because grants are available. Cllr Foord suggested a beacon but the Clerk said that the Palace was not encouraging beacons for these celebrations but for the 80th anniversary of D Day the following year.

C/22/162

Trout n' About

Cllr Powell and Cllr Halle said they had met with the Trout n'About committee and they had agreed to get involved but not on behalf of the Parish Council. They confirmed that Mr Gueterbock and Mr Candler had now stepped down but asked that there should be a representative from the PC on the Tn'A committee. Cllr Halle admitted that Tn'A drew on split opinions in Stockbridge and recognised that if Cllr Foord and Mr Burnfield removed access to their land for parking then the project would fail. Cllr Powell said Mr Candler would be helping with the accounts but the real need was for more volunteers to do specific smaller jobs and these needed to be decided. Cllr Jackson said she would help. There would be a meeting next week to plan how more people could be involved. It was agreed that the next newsletter would carry an article. Cllr Powell said he enquired of HCC if the A30 could be closed for the event.

C/22/163

Stockbridge Business Assoc.

- i No one attended. Various members of the SBA had written to the Clerk concerning the planters. These were discussed in C/22/165a
- ii The Clerk had been contacted by Romsey Town Council regarding some shoplifting. The Romsey officer had explained to the Clerk that in Romsey the traders used a What's App group to notify each other about any suspicious activity. They had explained that the group did not allow any chatter and included the PCSO. They were happy to come and talk to the Council so something similar could be set up in Stockbridge. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

Action: Clerk

C/22/164

Infrastructure Issues

a. Phone Boxes

The new door would be ordered at the end of the month.

Action: Clerk

b. Trout Pond

The Clerk explained that the Contractor was hoping for an EA licence to start the project in March. This was acceptable to the Fishing Club until the first week in April. The contractor was invoicing for the work undertaken so far.

Action: Clerk

c. Pocket Park/Land Behind the toilets

Cllr Halle had met with the Community Engagement officers who confirmed that the project would need to show community support (C/22/161). The Clerk had contacted Sparsholt College for assistance with

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the design of the park. Sparsholt had shown an interest but would only be available from September 2023. This was agreed as acceptable.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Halle

d. Cycle Path

The Clerk had chased the lengthsman for a quotation so she could apply for a grant from HCC.

Action: Clerk

e. Progress on the Lantern Arch

The specification of the glass in the lantern was causing the delays.

f. Defibrillator

The Clerk had approached Cllr Johston (C/22/161) and Cllr Drew for a grant for a defibrillator to be housed in a phone box.

Action: Clerk

C/22/165

High Street

a. Licence for crossing between Co-Op and Greengrocer

The Clerk explained that the licence for the planters would be running out at the end of March. The Council had received a number of emails from businesses, C/22/163i, asking that the planters be removed. Cllr Leslie said he was sympathetic to the businesses. Cllr Halle maintained that the planters made a safe crossing point to allow elderly and less able residents to cross the road, he said this was the only solution that HCC would allow. Cllr Jackson supported this. Cllr Powell agreed with the traders that access to the Vine Yard was problematical. The Council agreed 7:1 to apply to HCC to renew the licence. Cllr Foord dissented.

Action: Clerk

b. To consider the individual changes to the High Street as proposed by the TPWG

The proposed changes, brought to the Council in December (C22/128) were discussed. Cllr Boney said he felt that parking bays made better use of the space available but that HCC was not enthusiastic. Cllr Halle wondered if the new Council (C/22/167) might want to approach things differently. The Council agreed to vote on each individual improvement:

Mini Roundabout at Longstock junction (after bridge)

For: 2

Against: 6

20 Mph limit

For: 7

Against: 1

Ban on parking on Test Bridge

For: 8

Against: 0

Parking Bays

For: 6

Against: 2

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Making New Street a one-way street

For: 8

Against: 0

Widening the High Street pavements

For: 6

Against: 2

Installing bollards to stop bumper creep over the pavements

For: 4

Against: 4

Permanent pedestrian crossing point between Co-Op and Greengrocer's

For: 6

Against: 2

Controlled Parking with limited parking time in certain places

For: 3

Abstention: 2

Against: 3

Village Centre outside Town Hall

For: 2

Abstention: 2

Against: 4

Cllr Parr said the disabled bays should be wider to allow disabled people to get out of their vehicle.

C/22/166

Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project

The letter provided by HCC was agreed as acceptable. The Clerk was asked to progress the matter with HCC.

Action: Clerk

C/22/167

Parish Council Elections May 2023

As a matter of course the Parish Council was due to be re-elected in May. The Clerk had provided, before the meeting, nomination forms for candidates. She explained that she was willing to take the nomination forms into TVBC. She was asked to promote the matter in other media.

Action: Cllrs wishing to stand for re-election, Clerk

C/22/168

Cemetery – Small infrastructure matters

There was no progress with the cemetery gates. It was agreed not to replace the noticeboard at the cemetery. The quotation for the replacement fencing was agreed. It was agreed to deal with the moss on the driveway in the summer.

Action: Clerk

C/22/169

Policy Review – Risk Assessments

a. Playground

The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.

b. Christmas Lights

The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.

c. Phone Boxes

The risk assessment as drawn up by the Clerk was agreed as acceptable.

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C/22/170

Council Communications

a. **Items for the March newsletter**

The topics of Trout n'About, the Trout Pond, Old London Rd, Elections and voter ID were agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/22/171

Village Amenities

a. **Lengthsman tasks and Maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that the scheme was continuing for the next year but the lengthsman price per hour was being increased to £22. There was no increase from HCC. Cllr Foord asked that the hedge next to the school playing field should be cut back, Cllr Porter that the drains on the A30 layby should be cleared. Cllr Halle said he would ask the Recreation Trust if the cherry trees pledged for the Queen's canopy could be planted in the Recreation Ground.

Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk

b. **Lancaster House**

It was agreed that the proposal from HCC was acceptable and the Council agreed to proceed. Cllr Foord said the land may be useful for increasing Stockbridge's cemetery capacity.

Action: Clerk

c. **SID/SLR**

Cllr Halle had approached Longstock about sharing an SLR rotation but he had not yet had a response. He was keen to get Speedwatch back up and running. He felt that there should be a community approach to the project.

Action: Cllr Halle

d. **Coronation Celebrations**

The Clerk notified the Council that there would be a volunteer fair in Romsey in March to encourage the Coronation Bank holiday volunteering. Cllr Foord would install the flags down the High Street.

Action: Cllr Foord

C/22/172

Finance

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

Income and payments 120 -135 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements. There was no income.

Opening bank balance		90275.73
RBIL (wreath and donation)	120	100
YMML (Clerk's Office)	121	30
B Baker (refreshments HCC meeting)	122	10.60
HMRC (Clerk Tax)	123	26.6

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Standard Life (Clerk's back Pension)	124	27.40
STHC (Room Hire)	125	56.50
Standard Life (Clerk's Pension)	126	17.66
B Baker (salary Lengthsman – pension HMRC)	127	741.03
B Baker (Microsoft licence)	128	79.99
HALC (M Porter course)	129	117.6
SLCC (membership share with HWPC)	130	187
Icthus (Xmas lights)	131	3468
Shane Ling (cemetery)	132	20
YMML (Clerk's Office)	133	30
Shane Ling (Lengthsman January)	134	750.73
Blackwell and Moody (Lantern Arch)	135	288
Closing Balance		84424.62

b. To review budget 2022/2023 year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and noted.

c. Lloyds Bank Account

It was noted that this was being formally closed.

C/22/173

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00320/TREEN	Land South West Of Little Dean Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire	G1 - x7 Hawthornes - Fell	02/03/23
The Council has no objection			
23/00311/TREEN	Seven Gables Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	T1 - Sycamore - Re-pollard to previous cuts and cut back overhanging branch over garden, T2 - Ash - Re-pollard to previous cuts	27/02/23
The Council has no objection.			
22/03207/FULLN	Greyhound Inn High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EY	Change of use from storage to office	17/02/23
Stockbridge Parish Council would accept this proposal if it was guaranteed that the change of use was only for existing businesses. The Council is concerned that should other new businesses be allowed to use the office than there would be insufficient parking available with the result that the employees vehicles would spill out onto the High Street and cause parking problems there.			
22/03284/FULLN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Retrospective replacement of outbuildings with outbuilding to provide storage for garden machinery and potting shed	24/02/23

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The Council objects to this application application due to the following factors:

- The proposed structure is outside the settlement boundary and any building that it may be possible to use as accommodation should not be approved. This proposal is in this category.
- The proposal sits within the conservation area and has included the demolition of the original barn buildings without permission.
- The proposal includes a re-orientation of the front of the building to be more southerly facing. The Council queries the reason for this, if the proposal is just for a potting shed.
- The proposal appear to be over-engineered for a potting shed. Piles have been included in the design which should not necessary for a utility building. This gives ride to the opinion that the owners may use the structure for accommodation in the future.
- The proposal is a retrospective application which the Council believes strongly should not be agreed. Having a retrospective application agreed just because the process of enforcement is difficult and expensive would set a precedent that could be devastating for all planning applications in the area.
- Stockbridge Parish Council requests that the application is referred to committee should the planning dept be minded to approve the application.

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
22/03339/TREEN	1 The Milsons Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JA	T1 (2291) - Ash - Fell, T2 (2288) - Popular - Sever and strip climbing plant, remove vegetation and debris, T3 (2833) - Ash - Clear ivy up to 3m 2. Remove deadwood	No Objection
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	No Objection

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00097/TREEN	Brookside, High Street, Stockbridge	T1 - Birch - Reduce height by up to 3m, T2 - Birch - reduce crown by up to 3m around, T3 and T4 - Spruce - Fell, T5 Pittosporum - Reduce by up to 1m around	03/02/23
22/03309/FULLN	Land Opposite 1 Marsh Court Cottages Marsh Court Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JB	Change of use of and development of mezzanine/first floor of garage/store to create two en-suite bedrooms to be used ancillary and incidental accomodation to main house, installation of eight roof lights and installation of mansard roof (retrospective)	03/02/23
22/03326/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Two new and two enlarged dormers, along with new infill door and side windows on rear porch	27/01/23

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22/03045/ADVN	The Old Police House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HE	Display of externally illuminated fascia sign and illuminated display board	20/01/23
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	18/11/22
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
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

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters
There were none.

C/22/174 **Health and Safety**
There were none.

C/22/175 **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**
The next meeting is due to be held 16th March 2023. Items for the agenda:
Risk Assessments,
Election nomination forms
Newsletter

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....