

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 20th June 2018 at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillors present: Bingham
Brown
Cathcart
Mace
Southern
Woods***

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Tomsett.

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 Brown and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

The Clerk was asked to contact MBC and ask them to sweep Pett Lane, Pett Road and South Green Lane.

It was reported that the drains were blocked in Chalky Lane.

Action: Clerk to action.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Brown stated that she would raise an item on the Orchard under AOB.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highways Matters.

Cllr Mace spoke regarding the poor condition of Pett Road and informed members that a resident had cleared this.

Cllr Woods stated that the lanes had broken up in the recent inclement weather and this was a concern for residents, he stated that this needed to be actioned by KCC.

Junction 5 proposals – Cllr Woods informed members that the Junction 5 proposals had now been published and a consultation would take place in the Autumn.

He stated that they had taken on the comments of the consultees and the Parish Council needed to respond to the proposals.

He suggested that this was a matter for the A249 Action Group to progress.

Cllr Woods spoke regarding Operation Stack and a listening exercise to consider peoples views that was taking place on 7th July in Maidstone, he stated that it would be beneficial for a Councillor to attend.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

18/501979/FULL Seaview Farm South Street Road Stockbury Sittingbourne
Retrospective application to allow siting of four additional residential mobile homes on site.

Cllr Woods stated that this was a retrospective planning application for mobile homes. He asked members for their views.

Members questioned why this was a retrospective planning application when the applicant was aware of the Planning Regulations.

It was agreed that there was no cohesive plan for the site showing all land and the additional access points.

Cllr Woods stated that there had been ten applications for the site and most of these had been retrospective.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application on the grounds of it being a retrospective planning application, in an AONB and overdevelopment of the site.

Action: Clerk to Action.

Cllr Woods stated that Cllr Southern had looked at the planning history for the site and he suggested that the Parish Council asked MBC to investigate the site to establish the current situation with regards to planning permissions and conditions of approval.

This was agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to Action.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

18/501646/FULL

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

Change of use of land for the stationing of two mobile homes, two touring caravans and two day rooms along with the installation of a cesspit.

Application Refused

8/501707/SUB

New Cockhill Farm Yelsted Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UT

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 8 Parts 1-3 (Contamination) Subject to Application Permitted

Cllr Prendergast stated that she had attended the Public Inquiry for Longton Woods, she stated that she had written to the Planning Inspector regarding the time scales and length of time taken for appeals and appeal decisions.

c. Enforcement Matters.

Cllr Mace raised concerns about a new access that had been made at a property in Pett Lane.

Cllr Woods informed members that Quinn Estates had asked to attend a meeting to give a presentation on their proposals for Bimbury Park and he asked members views.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that until Quinn Estates had firm proposals to support a planning application they did not feel it would be a positive move. It was therefore agreed that they would not be invited to attend a meeting of Stockbury Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to respond to Quinns.

Cllr Woods circulated an article on Planning for the Stockbury Observer and asked members for their views.

It was agreed that this article would be submitted to be included in the Observer.

14. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances June 2018

Opening Balance on Current Account	£42876.76
Add deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£1121.75
Closing Balance on Current Account	£41755.01

b. Cheques for Payment.

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

10. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She reported that KCC were due to start work at Pett Road in the morning. She spoke regarding the work to be undertaken on roads in Maidstone following the torrential downpour in May and stated that this was an unfortunate situation that was being address by both KCC and MBC.

She reported on the Big Conservation Event being held by KCC on rural transport and reported on the situation with School spaces in Maidstone.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that he had attended a briefing at MBC on CIL and he stated that the details would be forwarded to the Parish Council. He stated that this would be applied to any application received by MBC after 1st October 2018.

16. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

The Chairman referred to correspondence received from Thurnham Parish Councillor John Horne regarding the creation of a body by the three Parish Councils to look after the White Horse Woods.

This was discussed, and it was suggested that before any further action would be taken by the Parish Council a detailed business plan was needed with costs to ascertain the financial implications. It was therefore agreed that a business plan was needed before this would be considered further.

Action: Clerk to respond to correspondence

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

Clr Cathcart reported that he was awaiting a date for a A249 Action Group Meeting.

13. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

A member of the public spoke regarding the recent problems on the A249 and the affect that this had on the rural lanes.

A resident asked about the progress of the missing Stockbury sign on the A249. KCC Councillor Prendergast stated that she would follow this up with KCC.

A resident in attendance at the meeting introduced herself as the owner of Seaview and she asked if there were any questions regarding her planning application.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had discussed this earlier in the meeting and the Parish Council had agreed to raise objections to the proposals.

b. Parish Councillors.

Clr Brown spoke regarding the Orchard and a possible issue regarding the change over of tenants.

Clr Bingham reported on the current situation regarding PCSO coverage of the Parish. He stated that the PCC had said that PCSO's should attend PC meetings every three months. It was agreed that Clr Bingham would liaise with the police regarding the PCSO cover.

Clr Southern reported that she had received complaints from a horse rider regarding cars that were driving along the lanes tooting their horns and startling the horses.

She spoke regarding grants for silhouettes for the War event and suggested that this could be explored by the church for the forthcoming celebrations.

14. Date of next meeting.

18th July 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____