

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2024 AT 7:30PM AT THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE

Present: Cllrs D Halle (Chair), B Powell, R Foord, A Marshall,
H Jackson, M Porter

Cllrs I Jeffery, D Drew

Apologies: Cllrs M Nadal, D Smith

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Two

C/23/171 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nadal and Smith. The Clerk explained that Cllr Robathan had resigned. She said that TVBC would need to ask if a by-election is required. If no by-election was requested, then the Council would advertise for co-option. She said that the vacancy for Frank Parr had no such requirement, and therefore the vacancy was now to be advertised with co-option due to take place in the February meeting.

Action: Clerk

C/23/172 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda**
There were none.

C/23/173 **Public Participation**

- i One member of public wished to talk about C/23/136b and C/23/155. She said she owned land on the north side of the High Street but did not agree that new flood defences were necessary. She said that the mitigations, following the flooding of 2014, were working well. She agreed with Cllr Porter that the responsibility for flood mitigation lay with TVBC and HCC and said that the River Keepers were doing an excellent job.
- ii The same member of the public also wished to speak about planning application 23/03258. She said that the new application was for a different design and she was concerned about the safety of delivering the mobile home. She commented that if it was so difficult to install then it was unlikely to be removed easily, either.

C/23/174 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023**

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 14th December 2023.

Cllr Foord said that he had asked that the letter to the EA (C/23/155) should be agreed with him before it was sent. The Clerk said that she had not agreed to this and there had been no resolution of the Council that

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she should do so. She said it would be inappropriate since she is only one able to speak for the Council. Cllr Foord was adamant that this had been agreed but his opinion was not supported by anyone who had been present. The Clerk asked the Chair to close the matter and move to the next item. Cllr Powell suggested that there should be a resolution that a Councillor could only ask for sight of a communication by the Clerk to an outside agency if there had been a resolution of the Council that he/she could do so. This was proposed by the Chair and the resolution was agreed 4:2 with Cllr Porter and Cllr Jackson against. The Chair signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

- The Clerk noted that HCC was holding a consultation on the future services that it would be able to offer, due a projected budget shortfall.
- The Clerk noted that TVBC's local plan would be open for consultation from the beginning of February. She said it would be on February's agenda.

c. To deal with any correspondence

Cllr Foord said he was aware that the Clerk had responded to a query from resident and that the query had not been brought to the Council's attention at a meeting "under correspondence". He said this was wrong and that the Clerk had acted inappropriately. The Clerk said that the query was a request for information which she had dealt with appropriately.

C/23/175

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Borough and County Councillor Reports

Cllr Jeffery gave a verbal report to the Council. He said that under the Rural England Prosperity fund £500K was available to support rural communities. He noted TVBC's Local Plan consultation and commented that TVBC was tackling Aster Housing regarding issues with sewage treatment which fortunately was not a concern in Stockbridge.

ii

Cllr Drew spoke to highlight the HCC future services consultation. He asked Cllrs to consider responding to the Integrated Hospital consultation. He asked Cllrs to report to HCC any drains and culverts that needed flushing out. He said the new 20mph speed limit had now been approved by Cllr Adams-King and that HCC had produced a crib sheet detailing criteria for implementation. He said it would be self-funded. He noted Cllr Adams-King response to the SPC regarding the disabled parking spaces (C/23/109) in which he said HCC was considering parking changes in the TVBC area but did not specify what these were. He said that HCC had now received the redraft from the high street parking survey (C/23/107iii) contractor. He said that charges had been removed from HWRC in the hope that it would reduce fly tipping.

C/23/176

Stockbridge High Street

a. Disabled parking signage

Cllr Adams-King response had been noted C/23/175ii. He had agreed the

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matter could be progressed but as part of undefined parking changes in Test Valley. Cllr Halle said in the meantime he would place a blue sign on the wall outside the Co-op.

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Installation of crossing between Co-op and Greengrocer

The Clerk and Cllr Halle had met with HCC to clarify the need for agreement from the Co-op and to agree another way forward should the Co-op's agreement not be forthcoming. Subsequently they had both met with the Co-op who had been positive about the proposal. The Co-op had agreed that the proposed design should make the deliveries easier and their delivery company had agreed that it enabled deliveries with smaller vehicles possible. The Co-op did not feel that the removal of the vehicular access to the shed at the side would cause a problem. The Co-op agreed to make this known to HCC.

Action: Clerk

c. Update on HCC's parking Survey

This had been dealt with under C/23/175ii. It was noted that Ms Ware now had the report and would be checking the data.

d. Update from VDS WG

Cllr Foord was chasing TVBC's Sarah Hughes regarding the changes that the WG had put forward.

Action: VDS WG

C/23/177

Recreation Ground

a. Recent Break-in

Cllr Porter confirmed that he had now been appointed the Chair of the Recreation Ground Trust. He said that there had been a break-in at the club building and some items had been stolen. He said that the insurance should cover for the replacement doors. Cllr Jackson suggested installing CCTV. Cllr Powell agreed.

b. New infrastructure requirements

Cllr Porter had secured funding from the Stockbridge Community Cinema and had asked for a grant from the Town Hall for improvements at the Clubhouse. He said that new ladies and disabled toilets were required. The Clerk had contacted TVBC for information about CIL grant funding for these improvements. Cllr Porter said the grounds surround fencing needed to be replaced. Cllr Powell commented that it was important to raise money for the Ground when the field was not in use and for the Ground to be more community focused. Cllr Halle said the PC would continue to support the Recreation Ground.

C/23/178

Traffic Safety – Old London Rd Project

Cllr Porter said there had been some progress. He said he did not understand why HCC saw the speed of entry into OLR as a problem. The Clerk explained that HCC's policy was to slow up traffic on a one-way road. She said that in order for HCC to agree to take the project on the Council had to agree to abide

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by HCC's policies. The Clerk was asked to write to HCC's Mr Gibson to suggest a visit and to note the likely increase in the number of vehicles using the road as a cut through if the road off the roundabout was made slower.

Action: Clerk

C/23/179

Resilience

a. Current Flooding update

The Clerk had circulated an email from the Riverkeepers which had said that the flood defences were working well. Cllr Foord said that the high level of groundwater was now dropping. The long range weather forecast was for drier conditions.

b. Proposal for new Working Group

The Clerk had circulated HCC's new Resilience Plan template before the meeting. Cllr Halle opined that the WG could also bring thought out proposals to the Council. It was acknowledged that members of the community who would be most affected by flooding should be asked to join the group and that the Riverkeepers should be involved. Cllr Jackson said that the integrity of the WG would be brought into question if Cllr Foord was part of the group. Cllr Foord maintained that the benefit of his previous proposal (C/23/136b) was for the community. Cllr Foord was voted as a member of the WG 4:1 (Cllr Jackson voted against and Cllr Food abstained). Cllr Marshall was voted onto the WG as Chair.

Action: Resilience WG

C/23180

River Test Pollution – Working Group with other Parishes

An email from Houghton PC to say that the WG would be in touch shortly had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Halle said it was his understanding that the pollution detector had been purchased by Houghton PC.

C/23/181

Budget for 24/25

The budget agreed at November's meeting C/23/140 had been circulated before the meeting. The Chair asked Councillors if they were in agreement with the Precept request. Cllr Foord queried the reserves available. The Clerk explained the reserves that the Council held. The Precept request of £24320 was unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to make the request of TVBC.

Action: Clerk

C/23/182

Fields south of the High Street

Cllr Halle confirmed that he was in communication with the landowner (C/23/069) and hoped to have something to report soon.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/183

80th Anniversary of D-Day

Cllr Halle confirmed that the National Trust would not allow a beacon to be lit on Stockbridge Down. He expressed disappointment. He acknowledged that a basket beacon (C/23/092) would not have the same draw. Cllr Jackson asked

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for the Council's Union Jack flags to be displayed down the High Street. This was agreed and Cllr Foord agreed to organise the installation of the flags. The Clerk was asked to contact the Church to ascertain if they were organising any special commemorations.

Action: Clerk

C/23/184 **Infrastructure -update on Council projects**

a. Phone Boxes

These could not be painted in winter.

b. Blandford Row Pocket Park

There was no update from Sparsholt College.

Action: Clerk

c. Cycle Path

The Clerk had chased the Community Service employee who had visited the site.

Action: Clerk

C/23/185 **SLR and Speedwatch**

An email had been received from HCC's Mr Patel. He was asking for confirmation that HCC's fee would be paid and for the name of the lead Council in the project. Cllr Halle said he would contact Longstock PC.

Action: Cllr Halle

C/23/186 **Lancaster House**

a. Update from Working Group

Cllr Halle said the entrance gate needed straightening. The Clerk had purchased a padlock and chain but was asked to install it once the gate was fixed. Cllr Smith had undertaken some clearing of the site but trees had since come down in the recent storms. Cllr Halle said he had invited the Scouts to help but had no reply.

b. Finalise sign

The quotation of £379 from Hampshire Printing Services was agreed. The title of "Lancaster House site of former workhouse" was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/23/187 **Council Communications**

a. Items for March Newsletter

Cllr Halle suggested asking village groups such as SOS if they would like to include an article about themselves. Other articles were agreed as Resilience WG and a call for volunteers; 80th Anniversary D-Day commemorations and asking for volunteers for Trout n' About.

Action: Clerk

b. Rotation for engagement surgeries at the Community Market

The rotation for the engagement surgeries at the Community Market was agreed. The Clerk was asked to include Cllrs Drew and Jeffery. Cllr Powell

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said he would provide a banner. The market was open from 9:30-11:30am.

Action: Clerk, All Cllrs, Cllr Powell

C/23/188 Village Amenities

It was requested that the lengthsman cleared the overgrowing plants in the playground and swept any gravel.

C/23/189 Finance

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

Income and payments 104-123 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. There was no income. Cllrs noted expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		75041.05
OVO energy (Milsom light)	104	19.33
Geosphere (Parish Online)	105	72
YMML (Clerk's office)	106	36
Icthus (Xmas Lights)	107	6250.2
B Baker (expenses)	108	56.42
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	109	1903
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI & Emp's NI)	110	83.2
D Younger (newsletter delivery)	111	100
Hugo Fox (website)	112	11.99
B Baker (Salary + lengthsman -tax – pension)	113	733.84
Unity Bank	114	18
Standard Life	115	21.14
HMRC (Clerk's tax & NI & Emp's NI)	116	83.2
STHC (Room hire)	117	19.5
Shane Ling (cemetery maintenance)	118	308
OVO energy (Milsom light)	119	20.18
Shane Ling (Lengthsman)	120	1179
YMML (Clerk's office)	121	36
ADH Printing	122	145
Longstock Village Hall (stage hire)	123	15
Closing Balance		63930.03

b. **To approve budget year to date.**

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

c. **Update Council Savings Account**

This was progressing.

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- d. Agree new banking authorisee
Cllr Marshall volunteered.

C/23/190

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Expiry Date
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	30/01/24
The Council objects to this application. The Council requests that Mr Grogan visits the trees and checks for disease. The Council is of the opinion that the trees should not be cut back or removed unless they are diseased.			
23/03258/CLPN	1 Riverside Cottages High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Certificate of proposed lawful development for temporary siting of mobile home to be used ancillary to the dwelling	22/01/24
Stockbridge Parish Council objects to this application because if the accommodation is required to be delivered in parts then it should require full planning permission. The Parish Council does not believe that craning the item in from the High street is viable.			
23/03187/FULLN	Blandford House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HB	Single storey attached store	19.01/24
The Council had no objection			

b. To note recent decisions

Number	Address	Description	Result
23/03107/HCC3N	Stockbridge County Primary School, Old London Road, Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Replacement of the school's playfield access gates	Objection for reasons
23/02838/FULLN	The Coach House Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	Replacement of conservatory roof, alterations to walls, new french doors and windows	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
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
23/03114/OELN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge	Application under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 - Installation of second supply for a multi user	05/01/24

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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	05/01/23
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	05/01/24
23/03067/TREEN	2 Test View Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	4 Sycamores - Crown to 6 metres	22/12/23
23/03034/LBWN	Trout Cottage High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Replacement of 4 windows on front elevation	10/01/24
23/02934/FULLN	Stockbridge House, High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Erection of replacement outbuilding	15/12/23
23/03108/FULLN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	Replace conservatory with single storey extension and shed with greenhouse, remove external staircase, relocate soil stack and associated pipe work, resurface driveway, replace balcony, alterations to windows and doors	12/01/23
23/03109/LBWN	Waterlow High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EU	As 23/03108/FULLN	12/01/23

d. **Enforcement** There were none.

C/23/191 **Health and Safety** There were none.

C/23/192 **Items for next agenda and date of next meeting** The next Council meeting is due to be held on 15th February 2023 at the Town Hall. Items for the Agenda: Pedestrian crossing at Co-op 80th Anniversary of D-Day Community Engagement at the Community Market

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....