

Stockbridge Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th MAY 2023 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, STOCKBRIDGE HIGH STREET STOCKBRIDGE

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

Cllrs A Johnston (late), D Drew (late)

Apologies: Cllrs I Jeffery

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Three and Alan Marshall, Derek Smith, A Lawrence

Alex Lawrence as the outgoing Chair, chaired the vote for the new Chair of the Council

C/23/019 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Council

Cllr Halle was proposed and seconded as no other Councillor wanted to stand
Cllr Halle was elected as Chair of the Council with one abstention.

Cllr Halle took over as Chair of the Council.

Cllr Porter was proposed and seconded and as no other Councillor wished to stand was elected unanimously as Vice Chair of the Council

C/23/020 Apologies

There were none.

C/23/021 Co-Option of new Councillors

Two applications had been received and these had been circulated to the Cllrs before the meeting. There were no questions for the applicants and they were asked to leave the room. The Council agreed unanimously (Cllr Foord declared an OSI with Mr Smith) to co-opt both candidates. They were invited back into the room and welcomed to the Council.

C/23/022 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning items on the agenda

There were none.

C/23/023 Public Participation

Mr A Lawrence spoke to say that he had sent a letter to HCC copied to Cllrs regarding the HCC parking survey (C/23/026). He said there were a number of flaws in the survey and in the data collection technique which rendered the results very questionable. He pointed out that the original survey had been about traffic movement and this had now morphed into a parking survey. Cllr

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Powell concurred, he said that Mr Lawrence had made some valid points in the letter. He said he felt HCC's questions were slanted and that it looked as if they were trying to bring in parking charges. He felt it was unfair that the PC had not been involved.

C/23/024 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2023

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 16th February.

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

- The Clerk asked that the notices of Co-Option should continue to be displayed in order for the Council to co-opt new Cllrs as soon as possible. This was agreed.
- TVAPTA would be meeting 22/06, anyone who wished to attend was asked to contact the Clerk.
- TVBC was starting a community energy scheme and the launch event was due to be held 13/06. Anyone who wished to attend was asked to contact the Clerk.
- HCC had notified the Council that there would be a reduction in the electricity cost for the High Street lights.
- The Clerk said she had been given a quotation for the Council's insurance for £1237. She had considered this to be too high and had obtained another quote from Zurich insurance for £695. The Council unanimously agreed to ask her to obtain a further quote from NFU and to accept which ever was the cheaper quotation.

c. To deal with any correspondence

The correspondence received, referred to C/23/033, and was discussed at that point in the Agenda.

As Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Drew had not yet arrived the Chair deferred item 7.

C/23/025 Stockbridge Business Association

An email from Mr D Buck had been received and circulated. He said that he was welcoming non SBA members to join their What's App Security group and he said he had been in contact with Ms Schilling from Romsey TC. The businesses on the High Street were completing individually the HCC questionnaire (C/23/026). The SBA would also submit a response.

C/23/026 HCC's Stockbridge Parking Survey

Cllr Halle said that he also (C/23/023) had a number of concerns with the survey that HCC was holding in the High Street not least that elderly residents were unable to submit them. Cllr Powell felt that the premiss of the survey was flawed and he felt it was wrong that HCC had circumnavigated the PC. Cllr Porter said it was inappropriate that only one response per household could be submitted online. A resident with experience in these matters had written a thorough critique of the survey and Cllrs were in agreement with the criticisms cited. Cllr Halle suggested that the Council arranged a meeting with HCC. Cllr

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Halle wanted to build bridges with HCC but felt that HCC was not engaging with the PC. It was proposed that the Council should write to HCC to lay out the Council's concerns. Cllr Foord said the Council had a poor relationship with HCC and this letter should be written as one of "concern" and not make things worse. This Council agreed with this course of action and the Clerk was asked to draft a letter. Cllr Halle said it was important to involve TVBC.

Action: Clerk

C/23/027

To Agree Individual Cllr Responsibilities

The Council agreed the following Councillors would be responsible for the following matters:

Cemetery	D Smith
Recreation Ground Trust	D Halle, M Porter
Town Hall	H Jackson
Trout n A'bout	H Jackson
High Street Liaison	R Foord
Recreation Ground Future WG	D Halle, M Porter, B Powell
Christmas Committee	R Foord
Playground	R Foord
Footpaths and Lengthsman	A Marshall
Trees and Environment	A Marshall

Action: Cllrs Smith, Halle, Porter, Jackson, Powell, Foord, Marshall, Clerk

C/23/028

Stopwatch Crime Prevention What's App group for traders

Cllr Foord had spoken to the SBA and they were happy to allow non-SBA members onto their What's App security group, C/23/025. Cllr Jackson queried if the non-SBA members were aware of this. The Council agreed to publicise the matter in the newsletter.

Action: Clerk

C/23/029

Infrastructure Issues

a. Phone Boxes

These had not yet been painted.

Action: Cllr Halle

b. Trout Pond

The work had now been completed. The accounts for the project had been provided to the Cllrs by the Clerk. She noted that the funding from the Houghton Fishing Club had not yet been received and she said she had chased this. Cllr Foord said he had noticed cracks on the rendering. Cllr Halle said he would take photos to be sent to the contractor.

Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk

c. Blandford Row Pocket Park

There was no progress. Cllr Halle confirmed that Sparsholt College would be contacted after the Chelsea Flower Show.

Action: Clerk

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d. **Cycle Path**

The Clerk said that Countryside Services had referred her to Highways because they said this stretch of the cycle way was a Highways matter. She had been told Highways would be able to help.

Action: Clerk

e. **Progress on the Lantern Arch**

The Clerk had been forwarded an invoice for the payment of electrical work on the Arch. The Council agreed to pay the invoice. The insubstantial remaining funds from the donations was agreed to be paid to the Church for the maintenance of the Lantern Arch.

Action: Clerk

f. **Defibrillator**

Cllr Powell said he wanted to move the Football Club's defibrillator to the outside of the building so it could be used communally. He asked the Clerk to research covers for the defibrillator.

Action: Clerk

C/23/030

High Street

a. **Update on crossing between Co-Op and Greengrocer**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to a manager at HCC's minor works for the installation of an extended pavement crossing. He had been positive at first but was now querying "other developments" at Stockbridge. She said she would chase him again in two weeks.

Action: Clerk

b. **Consider forming a Working Group for the High Street**

Cllr Foord said the Council needed to decide what projects on the High Street should be progressed. He suggested discussing the small projects with HCC when Cllrs met them over the survey. He said a WG could be formed when it was agreed what matters were going to be progressed. This was agreed.

Action: All Cllrs

c. **Consider forming a Working Group for the VDS**

Cllr Halle said that a WG was needed to take the project forward. Cllr Johnstone said there were community engagement officers at TVBC who would be able to help. Cllr Powell said it was important to get message detailed before the document was updated and it was no point in doing the same again. The Clerk was asked to circulate the present VDS.

Action: Clerk

C/23/031

Traffic Safety Old London Rd Project

The Clerk confirmed that this had been chased by Cllr Drew.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Drew joined the meeting.

C/23/032

Recreation Ground Trust WG

The Clerk had circulated a draft Terms of Reference for the WG before the

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meeting. Cllr Powell said it was important to ensure the greatest use of the space and that it was a collaborative process which would strengthen the relationship between the Football Club and the Recreation Ground Trust. Cllr Foord commented that if the Club went bust then the maintenance of the ground would end up with the PC. The Clerk said that the terms of the reference were to ensure that any decision would be robust. Cllr Halle said he had amendments and it was agreed that these should be discussed with other WG members and put to the Council at the next meeting.

Action: Recreation Ground WG

C/23/033

Lancaster House

An email from the solicitor had suggested this was nearing completion. The Clerk put it to the Council that it would be ideal to transfer the ownership on completion to a Community Incorporated Organisation. Concern for the state of the trees had been expressed in a letter to the Council from a neighbour. Cllr Foord and Cllr Halle agreed to walk the site to note dead trees. The Clerk was asked to ask HCC to remove the fallen trees before transfer. Cllr Foord said the site would need clearing and it was suggested to ask the Cubs and Scouts and volunteers from local businesses. Cllr Smith said he would be interested in becoming part of a WG for the project.

Action: Cllr Halle, Cllr Foord, Cllr Smith, Clerk

C/23/034

County and Borough Councillor Reports

i Cllr Johnston said she was delighted to be re-elected as a TVBC Cllr for mid Test. She said that Cllr Jefferies would be the new lead for Stockbridge. She said she would enquire if the remaining coronation money needed to be returned but she suggested that the Council thought of appropriate ways to spend the money. The Clerk suggested planting trees in the Kings honour at Lancaster House.

Action: Clerk

ii Cllr Drew commented that 98% of parents were able to send their primary school child to the school of their choice. He asked Cllrs to report potholes and said that he would chase the engineers to triage them. He encouraged the one.network to be used as a source of information about road closures. He said that Voter ID had not been an issue for 98% of voters. He said he had referred the request for footpath in Trafalgar Way to the appropriate department.

iii The Council expressed concerns to Cllr Drew about HCC's Parking Survey (C/23/026). Cllr Halle said he felt it was necessary to understand why it had been undertaken. Cllr Porter said the proposed traffic movement survey had become a parking survey and the way HCC had gone about it, without further consultation SPC, was wrong. Cllr Drew said the survey had been commissioned by a third party. Cllr Drew said that HCC needed to understand parking issues for decision making and he felt that "T" markings may be the outcome. Cllr Halle queried whether the limitations of the survey would provide this decision making. Cllr Powell felt that paid parking would be the outcome.

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Cllr Drew said that the pavements needed improving and there was very little money available for this, so some aspects of paid parking may help deliver of these matters. Cllr Foord said he did not want HCC to impose changes on Stockbridge that would alter the flavour of the High Street.

C/23/035

Council Communications

a. **Items for the June newsletter**

The next edition of the newsletter was due in June. Items for inclusion were agreed as; new councillors, Recreation Ground WG; Trout Pond; Lantern Arch; Trout n'About; speed awareness volunteers.

Action: Clerk

C/23/036

Village Amenities to provide update

a. **Lengthsman tasks and Maintenance**

Cllr Halle said that the mowing could start in June. He agreed to walk the area with Cllr Marshall (C/23/027). The Clerk agreed to send him the spreadsheets.

Action: Cllr Halle, Clerk

b. **OLR Electricity supply**

The Clerk had received a reply from her letter to SSEN (C/23/013d). Cllr Porter had drafted a reply to this. The letter was approved and the Clerk asked to sent it.

Action: Clerk

c. **Speedwatch/SLR**

Cllr Halle had the Council's SID in his possession (C/22/152c). He said he wanted to re-start Speedwatch. He would be meeting Longstock to discuss.

Action: Cllr Halle

d. **Coronation Events**

The budget for the event had been circulated to the Cllrs there was £247 remaining (C/23034i).

Action: Clerk

e. **Bench at Cemetery**

Cllr Parr confirmed that the memorial bench at the cemetery was in disrepair and dangerous. Cllr Halle said he would make it unusable.

Action: Cllr Halle

f. **Playground – Receive Inspection Report**

The inspection report was agreed to be satisfactory.

C/23/037

Finance

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

Income and payments 8-25 were circulated ahead of the meeting and were reviewed and approved. Income was for the Lengthsman fund, the Trout Pond x 2, VAT repayment and the Coronation grant. Cllrs noted income and expenditure against bank statements.

Opening bank balance		94245.01
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Kings Somborne PC (Lengthsman)	Income	34.13
TVBC (Trout pond)	Income	321
TVBC (Coronation grant)	Income	500
HMRC (VAT return)	Income	3936.58
TVBC (Trout pond)	Income	6200
HALC	8	283.48
B Baker (salary Lengthsman – pension)	9	757.86
HCC (Street lighting)	10	1203.73
HMRC (Clerk's tax)	11	16.80
L Henderson	12	100
Shane Ling (lengthsman M & T march)	13	40
TVBC (election charge)	14	24
STHC (Hall Hire)	15	45.5
Standard Life (Clerk's pension)	16	21.15
Do the Numbers (Internal Audit)	17	320
B Baker (Zoom licence)	18	143.88
Vitaplay (Playground inspection)	19	67.80
Shane Ling (lengthsman April)	20	1485
Robert Nicholas (Trout Pond)	21	19588.80
OVO (Milsom light)	22	18.43
Shane Ling (Cemetery)	23	198
YMML (Clerk's Office)	24	36
Chantel Storey (coronation party)	25	126.46
Closing Balance		80759.83

b. To approve budget year to date.

Expenditure against budget was reviewed, approved and agreed.

c. To Approve Annual Governance Return 2022/2023

This was approved.

d. To Approve Accounting Statements 2022/2023

These were approved.

e. To Approve IA's Statements 2022/2023

These were approved.

f. To Approve Internal Auditor's report

This was agreed. The Council asked the Clerk to investigate paying for the website as was suggested on the report.

Action: Clerk

C/23/038

Planning

a. New applications – to agree responses

Number	Address	Description	Date
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22/02889/NMA1	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Additional dormer window on the west elevation -Amendment to the planning permission 22/02889/FULLN	
The Council has no comment to make			

b. To note recent decisions:

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00563/FULLN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	New signage and retractable shop front awnings on the existing building	Withdrawn
23/00597/FULLN	Penny Lane Farm Penny Lane Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6JJ	Extension to create garage and additional accommodation	Permission
23/00641/TREEN	Little Dean Lodge Old London Road Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EJ	T1 and T2 - Ash - Fell, T3 - Fir - Fell, T4 - Ash - Fell, T5 - Sycamore - Coppice	No Objection
22/02629/FULLN	Gaynors High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HF	Change of use from retail to dwelling (retrospective)	Permission

c. To note decisions awaited

Number	Address	Description	Date
23/00940/FULLN	Woodcott Winton Hill Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6HL	Single storey rear extension, 2 storey front and side extensions, creation of pool and pool house, modifications to drive and boundary wall/fence, alterations to roof, cladding throughout and associated landscaping works	12/05/23
23/00564/LBWN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	New signage and retractable shop front awnings on the existing building	31/03/23
23/00616/ADVN	Stockbridge House High Street Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 6EX	Display of 1 externally illuminated hanging sign and 1 non-illuminated fascia sign	31/03/21
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

The Council had not been updated regarding the outstanding enforcement cases.

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Health and Safety

There were none.

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C/23/040

Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

The next Council meeting is due to be held on 15th June 2023. Items for the agenda:

TVS Head of School to present to Council
Recreation Ground WG
Newsletter

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed.....

Date.....