

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 21st March 2018 at 7:30 PM.**

Councillors present: *Bingham
Cathcart
Southern
Woods*

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mace, Tomsett, Brown and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

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 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.

Cllr Southern reported that she and Cllr Brown were progressing with the Village in Bloom project and would report back to the PC when necessary.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Cathcart – Tri-Parish Group Meeting -discuss under agenda item.

Cllr Cathcart – Meeting with PCC – discuss under agenda item for Police.

Cllr Southern- Quiet Lanes Scheme – discuss under agenda item.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

A resident asked to speak on Squirrel Woods – the Chairman agreed that this would be raised under Planning Matters.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

The Police gave their apologies to the meeting.

Cllr Cathcart reported on the recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner he had attended with MBC Councillor Garten.

He stated that the matter of PCSOs attending Parish Council Meetings was raised and the PCC has stated that the police should be attending Parish meetings once a quarter. He stated that at present the police were undertaking a recruitment drive and confirmed that all new PCSO's would stay in their roles within the rural community.

Councillor Garten reported further on the structure changes within the police.

Cllr Bingham reported that he had met with the new PCSO covering Stockbury whilst he was walking round the Parish.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highways Matters.

Cllr Southern raised concerns about deep potholes in the parish, she stated that these had been reported and she would check the status on the KCC website.

It was reported that there was a pothole on Bull Lane with the junction of Church Lane.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

b. Quiet Lanes Scheme.

Cllr Southern stated that on March 12th she and resident David Miller had met with KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and Highways Officer, Sue Laporte, to discuss the Quiet Lanes Scheme.

She stated that the implementation of the scheme would be costly and KCC had suggested that signs could be erected by the PC to warn drivers that the lane was also used by horses, in order to erect the signs a proven need that horses used the lane had to be established

She stated that David Miller was seeking evidence to support this.

A general discussion took place regarding the scheme and the options available to the Parish Council.

Cllr Southern stated that if the Parish Council agreed to progress the signs Cllr Prendergast may be able to assist with the finance of these.

This was discussed further, and it was agreed that in the first instance it would be positive to have signage erected to see if they were effective.

Cllr Woods suggested that the PC could take action itself to try to address the issue of speeding in Stockbury.

Councillor Garten supported this.

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding the police Speed Awareness Programme and stated that the criteria for the official system would not work in the Parish. He stated that if the PC acquired its own speed camera then this could give the Council an indication of the speeds that vehicles are using in Stockbury.

9. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

18/501152/FULL Guildstead Cottage Yelsted Lane Sittingbourne Kent
Erection of a single storey extension.
No objections.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

Cllr Cathcart stated that an application had now been submitted to MBC for 7 Bimbury Lane and therefore the enforcement action had been put on hold.

Seaview Farm – The Clerk was asked to report the new access created on this site to MBC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. War Games, Squirrel Woods.

A resident reported that the War Game activities on site were now taking place during the week as well as weekends.

She asked why no action was being taken by MBC to enforce the activities taking place on site without planning permission.

A discussion took place regarding this issue and the Clerk was asked to seek an update on the enforcement action taken by MBC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

d. Longton Woods.

No matters were reported.

e. Binbury Park.

Cllr Cathcart reported that Quinns had now produced updated plans for Binbury Park and he was attending an informal meeting to view these as a resident.

f. MBC Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances March 2018

Opening Balance on Current Account	£30728.12
Add deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£731.50
Closing Balance on Current Account	£29996.62

b. Cheques for Payment.

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

11. 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.

Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that the planning application for Wheatsheaf had been refused by MBC on grounds of ANOB.

He reported that a Full Council meeting had been held by MBC to debate the 2018/19 budget and it had been agreed that they would increase this by 3%, this was approved by 29 votes to 21.

He stated that the budget for the Communications Unit would be preserved by MBC.

He reported that MBC were fully supportive of a reduction in the voting age to 16 years old.

He reported on the KIMS site and stated that he was due to attend a briefing regarding this and would report back to a future meeting.

12. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

1. Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions.

As members will probably know, on 5 March the Prime Minister launched a major overhaul to the National Planning Policy Framework to deliver more homes (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-new-planning-rules-to-get-england-delivering-homes-for-everyone>).

There are two Government consultations which seek views on: 1) reforming developer contributions to affordable housing and infrastructure; and 2) text of the National Planning Policy Framework. The Government deadline for comments on both consultations is 10 May.

The 2 consultations can be accessed via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-planning-policy-framework-and-developer-contribution-consultations>.

We would encourage all member Councils to respond to the consultations. The KALC Planning Advisory Committee will be meeting in April to consider the 2 consultations and draft KALC's responses. We will forward our responses to member councils as soon as they have been produced.

2. Consultation - Refresh of Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy - deadline 27 April

The Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) has today launched its consultation on refreshing its Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, which sets the partnership's strategic direction up 2020/21. Full details can be found within the consultation document on the following KRP web page [here](#). The KRP is inviting comments on the overarching vision, strategy mission statement and policies & policy objectives by email no later than 5pm, Friday 27 April 2018. Responses should be sent to Paldeep Bhatti, KRP Manager, at paldeep.bhatti@kentrp

Cllr Southern spoke regarding the consultation and the restrictions imposed at recycling points. This was discussed further, and it was agreed that Cllr Southern would respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Cathcart reported that a Tri Parish Meeting had taken place between Stockbury, Thurnham and Detling Parish Councils.

He stated that they discussed common issues regarding the A249, Air Quality, Bimbury Park, the activities at Squirrel and Langton Woods and the Showground.

He stated that it had been agreed that a future meeting would be arranged with the County Showground.

14. Stockbury Orchard.

It was reported that an Easter Egg Hunt was due to take place at the Orchard on 31st March at 10am.

15. Stockbury Community Bus.

Cllr Southern reported that a meeting had been arranged between the Community Bus Group and the Community Pub Group to discuss ways in which they could work together to increase the usage of the Community Bus.

She stated that this would take place on 23rd March 2018.

16. Policy Review and Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk stated that further guidance on the new General Data Protection Regulations would be available at the next PC meeting.

17. Footpaths and Bridleways.

No matters were raised.

18. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Cathcart reported that the double yellow lines at the Aerodrome Approach Road were due to be progressed by KCC.

19. Date of next meeting.

18th April 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____