

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 24th April 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Bingham*
Brown
Cathcart
Tomsett
Woods

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington.*

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Southern and Mace, MBC Councillor Garten and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park application.

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 Tomsett and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Memorial Bench at Church – Cllr Tomsett circulated bench options and designs to all members for their consideration.

Following a discussions bench was selected at a cost of £697.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council would finance the cost of this. Cllr Tomsett reported that a resident had offered to install the bench free of charge.

It was agreed that Cllr Tomsett would order the bench on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Tomsett to action.

Cllr Tomsett asked members to consider the wording for the memorial plaque for the bench.

Cllr Cathcart reported that flytipping in the parish on 29th March had been removed the next day by MBC.

It was confirmed that the letter of complaint to MBC Enforcement regarding Appsmoor Farm had been submitted as agreed at the previous meeting and a response was now awaited.

Bus shelters on A249 were discussed and it was agreed that the insurance cover for these needed to be clarified.

Action: Clerk to action.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

No matters were reported.

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 Matters.

Members discussed the Keep Clear boxes on the A249 and stated that these were an advantage and worked, they asked the Clerk to thank KCC for their work.

Action: Clerk to progress.

b. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods reported on a letter circulated by Helen Whateley MP from Highways England. He stated that this failed to address the issues raised by Stockbury Parish Council, and KCC Councillor Prendergast had responded to this.

It was agreed that Stockbury Parish Council should also make a response.

Action: Cllr Woods to action.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

19/500730/FULL Basset Barn Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Erection of a detached triple garage.

b. Binbury Park

No matters were raised.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/500886/LAWPRO

Hazel Street Cottage Hazel Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7SB

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed new access with pea-shingle driveway, matching front garden walls, timber automatic gates, car port and shed.

Application Refused

Members were circulated the details of appeals for Cherry Trees and 7 Bimbury Lane.

The Chairman spoke regarding the appeal for Cherry Trees and stated that there was also a planning application being determined by the MBC Planning Committee on 25th April. He stated that he would attend to speak on this, provided that a time slot could be given by MBC.

Action: Clerk to liaise with MBC re timings for the meeting.

d. Enforcement Matters.

Appsmoor Farm Light pollution

The Chairman confirmed that the letter of complaint regarding the lighting at this site had been submitted to MBC to challenge their decision.

Cllr Tomsett stated that concerns had been raised regarding activities on land next to the War Games site. He stated that a skip company was operating on the site and they were holding regular bonfires, in addition the site appeared to have been cleared of trees.

Concerns were raised by members regarding the loss of Woodland and the burning of commercial waste.

Action: Clerk to report to Environmental Health and copy to MBC Planning Enforcement.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances April 2019

Opening Balance on Current Account	£33351.99
Add deposits	£14657.00
Less Account for payment	£2169.72
Closing Balance on Current Account	£45839.27

Cllr Tomsett spoke regarding the Orchard Fund and sought approval for a cheque to be raised for £186.20 for new fencing. This was approved.

b. 2018/2019 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk informed members that she was in the process of drawing up the 2018/2019 Accounts and these would be presented to the next meeting.

10. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting. Her annual report was circulated to all members.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

d. Police Report.

A written report was circulated to all members.

Cllr Brown reported on an incident in the village where scrap metal was taken from a property without permission.

11. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

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

No matters were reported.

13. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Members agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would take place prior to the next Parish Council Meeting at 7pm.

14. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Tomsett reported that the daffodils in the lanes had been mowed by the contractors.

Cllr Woods stated that there appeared to have been a reduction in fly tipping and litter in the parish. He asked if members wished to take action regarding fly tipping, he suggested that the PC may wish to put up CCTV cameras and signs. This was discussed and agreed, it was further agreed that an item would be placed in the Stockbury Observer to publicise this.

Cllr Bingham confirmed that MBC had been litter picking in the area.

15. Date of next meeting.

15th May 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.35pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____