

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

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

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

***The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.***

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett, Brown and Mace, KCC Councillor Shelina Prendergast and MBC Councillor Patrik Garten.

**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 Southern and agreed by all present.

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

Westwood Road – It was confirmed that the potholes had now been repaired.

Appsmoor Farm Light Pollution – Cllr Southern reported that the property had now been sold and therefore it was agreed that she would speak to the new residents about the light pollution .

VE Day celebrations – Cllr Souther stated that she was progressing this.

**5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.**

No matters were raised.

**6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.**

No matters were raised.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding highways matters and Highway Improvement Plans.

He briefed members on a presentation by a KCC Highways Officer at Hartlip Parish Council and stated that KCC were encouraging Parishes to complete a Highways Improvement `Plan.

He spoke regarding the issues in Stockbury with speeding in rural lanes and stated that traffic calming measures included environmental enhancements. He asked the Parish Council to complete the Highways Improvement Plan in order to prioritise the work that they wish to see in the parish.

He stated that Highways Officer Jennie Watson had stated that she would be willing to attend the September meeting to discuss this if necessary.

Cllr Woods stated that he would be happy for the Parish Council to complete a Highways Improvement Plan, however input was needed from parishioners to ensure that this covered all areas of Stockbury.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the resident would draft an article for the Stockbury Observer to seek residents' views, he would coordinate these and complete a Highways Improvement Plan with Cllr Southern.

**Action: Resident and Cllr Southern to action.**

b. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods reported on the Public Meeting that had been held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, he stated that over 100 people attended this, and it would be covered by the Local Press.

He stated that a small demonstration had been organised at the bottom of Church Hill on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Helen Whateley MP was going to try to attend to support this.

He stated that all residents were encouraged to respond to the consultation by Highways England. He spoke regarding the response by Stockbury Parish Council and circulated a draft to all members. This was discussed and agreed, and the Clerk was asked to submit the response to Highways England.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

8. **Planning Matters.**

a. Planning Applications.

19/502885/FULL      Bimbury Lodge Bimbury Lane Stockbury ME14 3HY  
Single storey rear extension and erection of a two-storey side and rear extension.

**No objections.**

19/503106/FULL      Hazel Street Cottage Hazel Street Stockbury  
Creation of a new vehicular access with associated entrance walls and gate.

**No objections.**

19/502957/FULL      Old Barn House Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent  
Replacement of a gate.

**No objections.**

b. Binbury Park

No matters were raised.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/502603/SUB

Appsmoor Farm South Street Road Stockbury ME9 7QS

Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2: Landscape scheme (original application ref: 18/504716/FULL).

Application Permitted

d. Enforcement Matters.

7 Bimbury Lane – Enforcement case by MBC.

**9. Financial Matters.**

*a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.*

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

**Bank Balances July 2019**

<b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£43718.02</b>
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£920.49
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£42797.53</b>

*2018/2019 Accounts and Annual Return.*

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return Exemption Certificate had been submitted to the Auditor and they had been uploaded into the Website in line with the Audit Regulations.

**10. External Reports.**

*a. Parish Councillors.*

No matters were reported.

*b. Kent County Councillor.*

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

*c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.*

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

*d. Police Report.*

Apologies were received from the police.

**11. Correspondence Report.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

**Briefing: Review of Local Plan - Monday, 22nd July - Mercure Great Danes Hotel**

Public consultation on a first stage of the process - a Scoping Themes & Issues document - starts on Friday 19th July.

Venue: Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Ashford Road, Hollingbourne, ME17 1RE

Room: Hollingbourne Suite

Date: Monday, 22nd July 2019

Cllr Cathcart stated that he would attend this event.

**Action: Clerk to book place for Cllr Cathcart.**

**12. Stockbury Bus.**

The Chairman stated that Fiona Moody would be leaving the role at Stockbury Bus Coordinator in December 2019. He stated that she had drafted an article for the Stockbury Observer to try to find a replacement volunteer.

He confirmed that two drivers would also be leaving at the end of the year as they turned 70 and this excluded them from the bus insurance.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the priority was to find a replacement Coordinator to run the bus. Members agreed that await the outcome of the advertisement in the Observer and discuss further at the next PC meeting.

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

No matters were reported.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to remove the Tri Parish Group for the next agenda.

**14. Any Other Business.**

*a. Members of the Public.*

A resident asked about an article in the KM regarding a funding issue for the J5 improvement. The Chairman stated that this referred to the way the funding was allocated by Central Government.

He stated that the final cost of the Scheme was unknown , Highways England relied on support from KCC in order to access the funding.

He confirmed that the KCC Councillor and Helen Whateley MP were supporting Stockbury Parish Council in its concerns about the access to the Parish.

*b. Parish Councillors.*

Cllr Bingham updated members on the current situation regarding the Police Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and stated that to date they had not found a replacement for this role.

**15. Date of next meeting.**

21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_