

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held by Zoom on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

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

***Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, KCC Councillor Prendergast, and MBC Councillor Garten.***

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

**1. Adoption to the Addendum to Standing Orders regarding Remote PC Meetings.**

It was proposed by Cllr Tomsett to adopt the addendum to Standing Orders, this was seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mace, and Brown.

**3. Declaration of Interest.**

No interests were declared.

**4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were proposed by Cllr Tomsett as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Cathcart and agreed by all present.

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

**5. Matters Arising.**

Parish Website – The Clerk reported that the new PC website was now up and running, however there was an issue with the domain name, as the current one could not be transferred to the new website. Therefore, a new domain name had to be purchased and at present this was not immediately visible when searched. The Clerk stated that she was looking into this matter to try to make the website more visible on search engines.

VJ Day Celebrations – Cllr Southern stated that due to the ongoing uncertainties with COVID, it had been agreed that the planned VJ Celebrations would be kept low key, and a picnic would take place in the parish, weather permitting.

**6. Ratification of decisions made under Delegated Authority.**

The following items approved under Delegated Authority since that last PC meeting held in March 2020 were ratified by members. (Southern/Tomsett).

1. April 2020 Financial Statement.
2. May 2020 Financial Statement.
3. June 2020 Financial Statement.
4. To hold over the Annual Meeting and Offices until May 2021.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

Cllr Cathcart stated that some residents along Bimbury Lane had received letters from KCC asking them to cut their trees back to 1m of their bound. He stated that they suspected that the letter was not genuine, and he asked KCC Cllr Prendergast for her views.

She stated that this may be genuine, there had been an increase in walkers and KCC had been following up such issues.

**b. Junction 5 improvements**

Cllr Woods thanked Cllr Southern for her work on the draft responses regarding this matter. He stated that there had been no further communication from Helen Whateley MP to date.

A general discussion took place regarding the M2 J5 proposals.

**8. Public Comments.**

No matters were raised.

**9. Planning Matters.**

**Planning Applications.**

20/501425/FULL Woodlands Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne  
Retrospective planning application for operational earth engineering works, including creation of a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the western edge of the access track, a levelled paddock area to the southern part of the site, a 1-1.5m high non-compacted earth bund along the eastern boundary of the paddock, and a 1-4m high compacted earth bund along the southern and western boundaries of the paddock.

20/501510/FULL Woodlands Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne  
Erection of an earth bund.

20/501578/FULL The Meadow Hill Green Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7UN  
Replacement Dwelling.

20/502240/FULL Foxwood Chalky Road Stockbury ME9 7QR  
Conversion of existing garage together with a part two storey/part first floor extension above. Erection of a building to provide indoor swimming pool together with single storey rear link extension to dwelling with roof balcony.

Members discussed the planning application for Foxwood, Cllr Southern stated that concerns had been raised regarding the two-storey extension overpowering the neighbouring properties, and she questioned whether the legal owners of the neighbouring property had been notified.

It was agreed that in principle that PC had no objections to the application, but the legal owner of the neighbouring property should be notified and aware of the application.

Cllr Southern stated that she would pass on the information to the owners.

20/502862/FULL 1 Appsmoor Farm South Street Road Stockbury  
Change of use for the keeping of horses. Erection of a block of stables and all-weather riding surface.

- 20/502907/FULL Seaview Farm South Street Road Stockbury ME9 7QS  
Demolition of dilapidated storage barn and replacement with new gym/games room/home office outbuilding and detached garage.
- 20/502783/FULL Land Adjacent to Five Kilns Stockbury Valley Stockbury  
Retrospective application for creation of new access to "and adjacent Five Kilns Stockbury Valley following full planning approval ref 19/500476/FULL.
- 20/502751/FULL Three Greens Chalky Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7QR  
Reduce two-way vehicular access to one, together with widening, brick walls to entrance and solid gates.
- 20/503170/FULL 2 Parsonage Farm Cottages, The Street Stockbury  
Erection of a single storey rear/side extension.
- 20/503411/FULL Bimbury Cottage Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone  
Erection of a double garage /workshop.
- 20/503413/FULL Cherry Trees, The Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent  
Single storey side/rear extension to garage
- 20/503322/FULL Three Greens Chalky Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent  
Erection of infill extensions to front with creation of a first floor to provide additional living accommodation. Demolition of existing lean to 3 bay garage and erection of new three bay garage with office above.

**10. Financial Matters:**

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was approved by members. (Cathcart/Tomsett).

b. 2019/20 Accounts and Annual Return.

The 2019/20 Audited Accounts, Annual Return and Exemption Certificate were circulated to members for their consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Cathcart to accept and approve these, this was seconded by Cllr Tomsett and agreed by all present.

The Accounts, Annual Return and Exemption Certificate were signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.

**11. External Reports:**

a. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Southern reported on the Volunteer Group set up to assist shielding residents in need during the Covid Pandemic had agreed to keep going, until they were no longer needed. Following this they were going to ask if the volunteers' details could be held on a register should there be another spike.

She thanked Cllr Garten for his Grant to the Volunteer Group, and stated that this had not been used, but would be retained for future assistance.

Cllr Woods thanked the Volunteer Group for their work and assistance during the pandemic. Cllr Tomsett suggested that an event was held to thank the volunteers at some point in the future. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be progressed by Cllr Tomsett. A budget of £500 was approved for the event.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast praised the community effort of the Volunteer Group in Stockbury. She spoke regarding a new engagement platform and encouraged volunteers to sign up to this.

She spoke regarding the M2 J5 Improvements and stated that the traffic modelling would be available in a few weeks, she stated that no funding for the bridge had been identified in the KCC Budget, this would cost in the region of 10 million.

She spoke regarding the finances of KCC and stated that savings of 30/40 million needed to be made in the budget. A budget consultation was currently being undertaken.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report, he stated that his report had been circulated to councillors and residents.

He spoke regarding the Stockbury Observer and asked about the future of this.

Cllr Southern confirmed that an August edition was planned, and quotations were being sought for the printing of future editions.

This was discussed and options for the future editions of the Observer were considered.

It was agreed that further quotations for printing would be sought and also the option of the PC purchasing its own printed would be explored.

**12. Correspondence Report.**

New Model Code of Conduct Consultation

Members were circulated with a briefing paper in relation to the LGA Consultation on the Model Member Code of Conduct.

The PC will be required to prepare its own Code of Conduct amendments once these have been confirmed by NALC.

This was noted by members.

**13. Any Other Business.**

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding the transfer of the social housing in Bull Lane from Hyde Housing to Riverside Housing. He spoke regarding the Section 106 Agreement associated to the housing and questioned whether this had been transferred with the housing.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Hyde Housing to clarify that this was the case.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

14. Date of next Meeting – 19th August 2020.

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.00pm.*

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

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