

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held by Zoom on the 18th November 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

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

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, and KCC Councillor Pendergast .

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Mace, Tomsett, and Brown, MBC Councillor Garten.

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 Southern 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.

4. Matters Arising.

Parish Website – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would await the release of Stockbury.org.uk and purchase when available, she hoped that this would then make the website more visible.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Printer – Cllr Southern stated that she was now progressing the order for the new printer.

Action: Cllr Southern to progress.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were reported.

6. Consultation on the meeting agenda by members of the public.

No matters were raised, no public present.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that the sump at Plumtree Lane was blocked, and the road needed to be cleared of mud.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods reported that the Public Inquiry was currently being undertaken.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

No Planning applications were considered.

Application Decisions by MBC

20/504273/FULL

Plot Opposite 1 Harrow Court Stockbury Kent ME9 7UQ

Erection of a 2 bedroom detached bungalow.

Application Refused

20/504063/FULL

Guildstead Lodge Yelsted Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UT

Erection of a single storey side extension incorporating a room in roofspace.

Application Permitted

b. Enforcement Matters.

Foxwood – Cllr Southern stated that there was still an issue with light pollution from Foxwood, as the lights were now being left on 24 hours a day.

The Clerk was asked to report this matter to Planning Enforcement.

Action: Clerk to action.

This was discussed and concerns were also raised regarding the fireworks that had been let off from the site, scaring cows in an adjacent field.

It was agreed that an item should be placed in the Stockbury Observer regarding this, reminding residents to be considerate when holding such events.

Cllr Cathcart informed members that an organised Halloween Event had recently taken place at Longton Woods, and MBC had granted the organisers a temporary licence for the event. This was licensed for 499 people to attend with alcohol, tickets at £65 each.

Cllr Prendergast stated that the Director of Health had taken this matter up with MBC as it should not have been allowed given the current pandemic.

Cllr Woods asked how the PC could be notified on licensing applications submitted to MBC.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC should send a letter to MBC to ask how it could engage with them regarding licensing applications for the Parish.

Action: Clerk to progress.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was approved by members. (Woods/Southern).

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She thanked the Parish Council for their efforts at the J5 Public Inquiry and the work that they had put into this.

The Chairman asked her to convey the thanks of the PC to KCC Officer for their support during the Inquiry.

She spoke regarding broadband for the parish and stated that she supported the grant being submitted by the PC.

She reported on the KCC Budget Consultation that was being undertaken and due to close on 24th November 2020.

She stated that KCC were endeavouring to meet the demand for free school meals in Kent, and over 20000 food vouchers had now been sent out.

She reported on the MBC Joint Transportation Board meeting and the highways transition arrangements. She stated that the alternative routes options designated by the police were A249 as a link road between the motorways, as a last resort.

She stated that the COVID numbers in Kent were rising and they were hoping to see a reduction in numbers as the lockdown eased.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

The Chairman stated that due to the pandemic this was not currently operating.

13. Parish Council Policy Review.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council policies were due for review. It was agreed that she would circulate these to all members, and they would be reviewed at a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next Meeting – 16th December 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.10pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____