

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held by Zoom on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

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

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

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

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mace, and Brown.

**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 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. She stated that she had now followed this up with the website provider, and the original domain name of Stockbury.org.uk, was due to be released for sale in September. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would await the release of Stockbury.org.uk and purchase when available. In the meantime, the Clerk would seek assistance to try to resolve the current issues.

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

**Hyde Housing Section 106 Agreement** – Clerk to follow up with Hyde Housing to ensure agreement transferred with the sale of the houses in Bull Lane.

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

**Grant for Printer** – Cllr Southern reported that the grant application submitted to KCC for the Printer for the Stockbury Observer had been approved.

She thanked Cllr Prendergast for supporting the Stockbury Observer and suggested that the PC publicise the success of the printer grant.

The Stockbury Observer was discussed and it was agreed that there was a need for the PC to look at the Observer advertising costs and implement a system for the administration of the invoices, possibly by setting up a committee to discuss the issues.

This was agreed and Cllr Southern and Tomsett stated that they would be willing to take this forward.

Parish Council Policy Review – it was agreed that the Clerk would email the policies to all members for review at a future PC meeting.

**5. Notice of reports from external meetings.**

No matters were raised.

**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.*

It was reported that Operation Stack was in place at present and this had caused traffic congestion in the area, and as a result traffic was using the rural lanes and back roads in the village.

*b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.*

Cllr Woods confirmed that Helen Whateley MP would now be submitting something for the Public Inquiry in support of Stockbury.

Cllr Prendergast reported on the current position regarding KCC. She stated that KCC had undertaken a cost benefit ratio that did not work in favour of the bridge, but she read out a statement from them giving their support for the bridge. She confirmed that the next step was to submit a report to the Department of Transport to seek funding. The bridge would cost in the region of 7.8 million. She stated that she would keep the Parish Council updated.

Cllr Woods stated that the aim would be for Highways England to take responsibility for the whole scheme including the bridge.

He spoke regarding the Public Inquiry and reported that there was a Pre-Inquiry meeting on 29th September 2020. He asked that Clerk to register the Parish Council to take part in the Public Inquiry.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

A discussion took place regarding the Public Inquiry and the arrangements for the parties attending this in support of Stockbury.

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for interested parties prior to the Public Inquiry.

**8. Planning Matters:**

*a. Applications for consideration.*

20/503983/FULL 11 Northdown Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UL

Erection of a two-storey side extension together with part single storey, part two storey rear extension. Extension to the front porch.

20/503940/FULL Amberlea South Green Sittingbourne Maidstone Kent

Demolition of existing barn and erection of a building to be used for classes in sushi making and the Japanese tea ceremony. Erection of a single storey side extension to the existing coach house and change of use to an artist's studio/workshop. Creation of new driveway and parking area.

**Objections.**

**Application Decisions by MBC**

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.

***Permitted***

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.

***Application Refused – refusal notice attached to email***

Court Farm Yelsted Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UT

Conversion of detached dwelling into 2no. semi-detached dwellings.

***Application Permitted***

The Magpies Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RJ

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for occupancy conditions for planning application approval MA/96/1712 have been in breach for over 10 years. The occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted shall be limited to: (i) any person working at or owning the adjoining livery actively used for the stabling of no less than 14 horses at all times, or reasonably available for the stabling of not less than 14 horses at all times, and to any resident dependents; or (ii) a person solely or mainly working or last working, in the locality in agriculture or in forestry, or a widow or widower of such a person and to any resident dependents

***Application Permitted***

c. **Enforcement Matters.**

**Hill View** - Concerns were raised as the property appeared to have been turned into a garage repairing cars.

MBC Councillor Garten spoke regarding this matter and stated that he had spoken with Planning Enforcement regarding this and they were due to inspect the site.

**9. Financial Matters:**

a. **Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.**

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

Additional cheques were approved as follows:

K Rich - £100 – Grass cutting.

A Southern - £237.97 – reimbursement.

**10. External Reports:**

a. **Parish Councillors.**

No matters were reported.

b. **KCC Councillor.**

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She reported on the scheme for electric charging points for rural areas.

This was discussed and she stated that she would forward these details onto the Clerk.

She reported on Broadband and changes to the planning system.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on the Local Plan review, the housing numbers and garden villages.

He stated that MBC were pushing to go straight to a Regulation 19 consultation and suspend the public consultation, but this had not been approved and therefore a Regulation 18 consultation would still take place.

**11. Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence report was noted by members.

**12. 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 by the November 2020 PC meeting.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**13. Any Other Business:**

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding an information feature in the Orchard and suggested that this would be more visible if positioned outside of the Orchard.

This was discussed and Cllr Tomsett stated that he would move this.

**Action: Cllr Tomsett to action.**

Cllr Tomsett spoke regarding the Stockbury Bus survey. He stated that he felt that this needed a fuller discussion at a future meeting.

He spoke regarding the operations of the bus at present and stated that he felt that in the present climate, it would be difficult to run the day to day operations for this.

This was discussed, and members agreed that the day to day use of the bus should be suspended for the time being.

Cllr Tomsett reported that the bus was still available for private use if needed.

**Action: Clerk to place Stockbury Bus on next agenda.**

**14. Date of next Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.10pm.***

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

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