

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 15th February 2023 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: Cathcart
Moody
Sumner
Tomsett
Woods

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, MBC Cllr Garten, and members of public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Southern, and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

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 Moody as a true record, subject to an agreed alteration, these were seconded by Cllr Woods and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

KALC Ccommunity Award – submitted as agreed.

Precept demand form – submitted as agreed.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

it was reported that slow markings had been installed on the bend at Church Hill. Cllr Moody stated that this was part of the Highways Improvement Plan work.

Concerns were raised regarding the amount of mud left on the road from the field near the waterworks, Cllr Moody stated that he would liaise with the contractor regarding sweeping.

Cllr Cathcart spoke regarding the planned closure of Detling Hill; he stated that the extent of the weekend closure is not yet known.

b. Highways Improvement Plan.

Cllr Moody suggested that the Parish Council consider its priorities for the 2023/24 submission.

c. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods reported on the recent meeting with National Highways.

Cllr Moody reported on the issues with contractor vehicles doing U turns across oncoming traffic. He stated that dash cam footage was available to support these concerns and he was going to take this up with National Highways.

Cllr Woods summarised a number of issues that would be raised with National Highways.

Oad Street Crossover –This was discussed, and it was agreed that there was a need for this to remain open to ensure access to Stockbury.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

23/500613/FULL – Cocketts, Bimbury Lane, Stockbury Kent ME9 7QX

Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 1no. detached dwelling and detached triple garage.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

22/505232/FULL

Ashdown Cottage Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RJ

Section 73 Application for removal of Condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy) pursuant to MA/92/0347 for - Proposed agricultural bungalow (as validated and amended by site plan and drawing no.MB:01A received 19.10.92).

Application Permitted

22/503879/FULL

Cobnut Farm Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RP

Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed use of agricultural and part equestrian for keeping of horses, including erection of stables and creation of a menage.

Application Permitted

22/505904/TNOT56

Telecommunication Mast Land at Steppes Hill Farm Steppes Hill Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RB

Prior Notification for Electronic Communications for the removal of 2no. telecommunication base stations on 2no. masts (1no.15m and 1no.18m in height) and the consolidation of equipment on to 1no. 25m lattice tower. The new tower will include the relocation of 6no. antenna to 1no. new ring frames which will be attached to 1no. proposed 25m tower. In addition, to the extension of the perimeter fence and ancillary development thereto. For its prior approval to: siting and appearance.

Prior Approval Granted

c. Enforcement Matters.

Foxwood – The Clerk confirmed that an enforcement case had been opened by Maidstone Borough Council to look at the concerns raised.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was presented to members.

Members were asked to approve an additional cheque for the orchard for £936.24, cheque number 100262. This was approved.

The financial statement was approved by members. (Moody/Sumner).

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Moody reported on the bus.

He reported that the fees had been increased to £6 per journey from the 1st of April 2023.

The school bus has now ceased operating and residents had to put together a Club with a formal constitution, independent of the Parish Council, and were seeking funding from KCC towards a bus service. Until the grant funding was available in April, KCC were funding private taxis for the students.

13. Stockbury Orchard.

Cllr Tomsett reported on the Orchard and stated that trees have been planted and the Orchard was looking good. Guards would be placed on the trees and additional trees planted at the weekend.

He reported that an informal meeting was to take place in the Harrow to discuss the use of the Orchard.

14. Stockbury Observer.

Cllr Moody updated members on the progress of the Stockbury Observer.

15. Kings Coronation.

No matters were raised.

16. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

17. Date of next Meeting – 15th March 2023.

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

Signed: _____

Dated: _____