

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at 7:55 PM.

Councillor's present: Azad  
Cathcart  
Moody  
Southern  
Summer  
Woods

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

**1. To elect a Chairman.**

Cllr Southern proposed Cllr Woods as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Cathcart, and agreed by all present.

Cllr Woods accepted this position and took the Chair.

**2. Chairmans Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Woods signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**3. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

**4. To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Cathcart proposed Cllr Southern as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Moody and agreed by all present.

Cllr Southern accepted this position.

**5. Committees, Representatives and Outside Bodies.**

Planning

All Councillors

Finance

Parish Clerk

Representatives for Outside Bodies

Footpaths - Cllr Moody, Tomsett

Stockbury Church - Cllr Southern

Police Liaison - Cllr Summer, Azad

Tree Warden - Mr N Pearson

A249 Action Group - Cllr Cathcart, Tomsett and Woods

Highways/Parish Roads - Cllr Tomsett

KALC - Cllr Woods

ACRK - All Councillors

Kent Downs - Cllr Cathcart

MBC Liaison (Forums etc.) - Cllr Woods.

Tri Parish Meetings - Cllr Cathcart, Tomsett

Village Website - Cllr Woods

Stockbury Observer - Cllr Woods  
Village Green and Village Sign - Cllr Tomsett  
Broadband - Cllr Tomsett & Southern  
Village Housing - Cllr Tomsett  
Tourism & Publicity - Cllr Woods  
Community Bus - Cllr Tomsett, Moody, Southern  
Cherry Orchard - Cllr Tomsett  
Village Playing Fields - VHMC  
Grants - Cllr Southern  
Community Pub - Cllr Southern  
Village Sponsorship - Cllr Tomsett  
AONB & SSI - Cllr Southern  
Nature Reserves - Cllr Southern  
Parish Plan - All Councillors  
Gypsy Sites Cllr Woods  
JPG - Cllr Cathcart & Woods  
MP, KCC & MBC Cllrs - Cllr Woods and Parish Clerk

Parish Areas & Hamlets

Stockbury Village - All Councillors  
Stockbury Valley - Cllr Tomsett  
Church Farm Ind Estate - Cllr Tomsett  
Cowstead - Cllr Tomsett  
South Street - Cllr Southern  
Beaux Aires - Cllr Southern  
Hill Green - Cllr Woods  
Plum Tree - Cllr Woods  
Queen Down Warren - Cllr Woods  
Yelsted - Cllr Woods  
Bimbury Lane - Cllr Cathcart  
Detling Aerodrome Ind Estate - Cllr Cathcart  
Kent County Showground - Cllr Cathcart  
Pett Lane - Cllr Moody  
Norton Green - Cllr Moody  
South Green - Cllr Moody  
Hazel Street - Cllr Moody  
Three Squirrels PH - Cllr Tomsett

Appointment of:

Internal Auditor – Martin Thomas & Co  
Bankers – Cooperative Bank  
External Auditors – PKF Littlejohn  
KALC Membership  
ACRK Membership  
CPRE Membership

**6. Declaration of Interest.**

No interests were declared.

**7. 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, subject to an agreed alteration, these were seconded by Cllr Moody and agreed by all present.

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

**8. Matters Arising.**

Cllr Cathcart confirmed that he and the Clerk had visited Lloyds Bank to unfreeze the Cultural Fund Bank Account. Confirmation from the bank was awaited to say that this has been successful.

Cllr Moody confirmed that the Finger Post at Yelsted Road had now been replaced.  
The Village Green Finger Post still needed to be replaced.

Foxwoods Enforcement Action – Follow up with MBC.

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

No matters were raised.

**10. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

**11. Highways Matters.**

a. General Highway Matters.

Cllr Moody reported that KCC had filled potholes along Pett Road and Oad Street. Hill Green potholes were due to be actioned in the coming weeks.

Fly Tipping – Cllr Southern spoke regarding the fly-tipping around the parish and stated that residents had been reporting this.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

The M2 J5 improvements were discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

**12. Planning Matters:**

a. Applications for consideration.

22/501494/FULL Land Southeast of Kennel Barn Road Bicknor Kent ME9 8BJ

Change of use of land to open agricultural storage with associated access, parking, landscaping, and other associated works (retrospective).

**No objections.**

b. Appeals and Decisions.

22/501014/FULL

8 The Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UE

Demolition of side garage. Erection of front porch, single storey side and single storey rear extensions with external alterations, including render to side and rear.

Application Permitted

c. Enforcement Matters.

Fox Wood – Clerk to seek an update from Planning Enforcement.

**13. Financial Matters:**

Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was presented to members.

It was noted that the payment of Cheque ending 217 was no longer needed and it was therefore cancelled.

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

**14. 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.

He spoke regarding the elections and the popliteal make up of MBC.

**15. Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence report was noted by members.

**16. Jubilee Celebrations.**

CLlr Southern reported on the Jubilee celebrations planned for Stockbury.

She stated that a schedule of events would be published in the Stockbury Observer.

**17. Stockbury Bus.**

CLlr Moody reported that the bus.

He stated that he had received confirmation regarding the subsidy payment and how it would reduce over the next year.

He recorded the thanks of the PC to KCC Highways for their dash-cam donation.

**18. Stockbury Orchard.**

No matters were raised.

**19. Stockbury Observer.**

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

**20. Any Other Business:**

a. Raised by Public.

A resident spoke regarding parish litter picks and suggested that a road adoption scheme may be a good idea for Stockbury, whereby residents litter picked their own roads.

It was agreed that the resident would place an item in the Stockbury Observer to promote this.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

CLlr Moody spoke regarding the sewage issues at Bull Lane and stated that MBC Environmental were due to undertake a survey of the area.

He stated that he would chase the progress of this.

**21. Date of next Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.55pm.

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