

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 21st February 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Bingham*
Brown
Cathcart (arrived late to the meeting)
Southern
Tomsett
Woods

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Tomsett.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mace and Cathcart who stated that he would arrive late to the meeting and KCC Councillor Shellina 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 Bingham as a true record, this was 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.

Cllr Garten spoke regarding the planning application for the Wheatsheaf, he stated that then applicant had made a strong case, he stated that this was being determined by the MBC Planning Committee if refused by the Planning Officer.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council did not raise any objections to the application.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

The Police gave their apologies to the meeting.

Cllr Tomsett informed members that the advertising vans were back parked at the bridge in Bull Lane. He stated that he would liaise with the police regarding this problem as they were causing an obstruction in the road.

Cllr Southern raised concerns that the police no longer attended Parish Council meetings. Cllr Garten stated that this was a matter that would be raised at the forthcoming meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott.

Cllr Woods questioned why the Parish Council had to go to meet with then PCC when he could attend the community he represented. This was discussed.

Cllr Tomsett referred to the meeting with the PCC and asked members to forward any questions for the meeting onto him.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highways Matters.

Cllr Tomsett reported that an emergency road closure had taken place at Cowstead Hill when it was believed that the road would be resurfaced. He stated that the only action that had taken place was for pot holes to be repaired to a very poor standard and this was now very hazardous to cyclists and horse riders.

The Clerk was asked to raise this with Cllr Prendergast.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Quiet Lanes Scheme.

Cllr Southern stated that she was due to meet with KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and Highways Officer, Sue Laporte to discuss the Quiet Lanes Scheme.

Cllr Cathcart arrived at the meeting at 7.45pm.

9. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

There were no applications to be considered.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

17/503176/FULL

Basset Barn Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RJ

Conversion of existing barn to a detached dwelling, and erection of single storey side extensions.

Application Permitted

c. War Games, Squirrel Woods.

No matters were reported.

d. Longton Woods.

No matters were reported.

e. Binbury Park.

No matters were reported.

f. MBC Local Plan.

No matter were raised.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances March 2018

Opening Balance on Current Account	£30735.33
Add deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£855.75
Closing Balance on Current Account	£29879.58

b. Cheques for Payment.

The cheques for payment were authorised by members. These were then signed by two authorised signatories. (Cathcart/Woods)

It was agreed that an additional cheque for £100 would be raised for the maintenance payment.

11. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He stated that he had submitted a written report to the Stockbury Observer. He reported that MBC had cleared the verges on the A249.

He reported on the AONB Partnership and stated that this was due to be taken to full Council regarding its future funding.

A discussion took place regarding the Kent Medical Campus and Cllr Cathcart asked where the Section 106. funding would be spent from this development. Cllr Garten stated that he would look into this matter.

12. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

Cllr Brown spoke regarding the Village in Bloom correspondence and she asked for members approval to look into this for Stockbury.

Cllr Southern suggested that Stockbury could also take part in the Village of the Year Competition. It was agreed that Cllr Southern and Brown would take these matters forward on behalf of the PC.

Action: Cllrs Southern and Brown to progress.

13. Tri Parish Group/A249 Action Group and JPG.

Cllr Cathcart reported that a Tri Parish Meeting had been arranged for 28th February at 7pm in the Harrow.

It was agreed that Cllrs Cathcart, Woods and Tomsett would attend this meeting.

14. Stockbury Orchard.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the Orchard.

He stated that the new fencing and owl boxes had been delivered and payment of £287.76 was approved from the Orchard Fund.

15. Stockbury Community Bus.

Cllr Tomsett reported that the number of users for the bus had severely dropped and some days it had not been in use.

He asked members for ideas on how to regenerate the bus and consider other uses.

This was discussed by members and it was suggested that the bus could be used for day out and it could possibly be linked in with the Community Pub.

Cllr Southern suggested that the Community Pub Group met with the Community Bus Group to consider this matter further.

This was agreed.

16. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Cllr Brown stated that she would inspect the footpaths to ensure that they were all cleared and marked.

Action: Cllr Brown to Action.

17. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

Mr Rich spoke regarding the minutes of the previous meeting and the request for a village clean up. He stated that he would progress this further.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Woods reported that part of Queen Down Warren in Stockbury was inaccessible as the entrance had been blocked off.

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the cows in the field at Cradles Road that borders Hartlip. It was reported that this was a matter that should be looked at outside of the PC.

18. Date of next meeting.

21 March 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.29pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____