

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council held at the Stockbury Village Hall on the 17th of November 2021 at 7:30pm

Councillors present:

**Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Southern
Sumner
Tomsett
Woods**

Also present: MBC Borough Councillor Patrick Garten

This meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received by KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast for absence and Councillor Patrick Garten for late arrival.

2. Declaration of Interest:

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present.
- Cllr Moody noted that in section 7. a. on page 2, the issue of fly tipping was not on Honeycrock Hill, but was actually on Chalky Road.
- Otherwise these minutes were proposed by Cllr Moody as a true record, and this was seconded by Cllr Tomsett and agreed by all present.
- The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

- Plum Tree Lane update: Flooding dealt with by KCC.
- Fly-tipping on Chalky Road update: 2 tyres added to the pile. IT was decided by the council that we will ask Parish Clerk Babington for an update on communications with the trust regarding the rubbish pile.
- Chickenstock: The Council noted rumours suggesting that they are looking for investors in order to expand. Cllr Woods and Cllr Azad suggested extending an invitation to Chickenstock's Moya Taylor to attend two meetings every year: One

in March to update the Parish on plans for the Summer, and another a month after the Chickenstock Festival to hear from the Parishioners.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings:

No Matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations:

No Matters were raised.

7. Parish Council Social Media:

- Cllr Sumner proposed that Social Media posts should have their comments disabled.
- The council will wait for the Parish Clerk to forward Social Media Policy before deciding whether to pursue an active social media presence.

8. Highways Matters:

- a. General Highways Matters: Cllr Cathcart spoke of his concerns regarding the A249 Central Reservation and it's safety. Cllr Cathcart suggested that vegetation could possibly be cut down. Parishioner Rosemary Ballard had been in contact regarding her similar concerns. Cllr Woods to write to Sue Laporte regarding these issues.
- b. M2 J5 Improvements:
 1. Cllr Sumner notes the death of a beloved pet due to recent rat-running and her concerns regarding the safety of all parishioners.
 2. Cllr Woods reported on the earlier meeting with National Highways;
 1. The meeting was positive, and a new Project Manager had been assigned - a Mr. Daniel Rollinson.
 2. The Project Manager was amenable to the idea of a tour in the Stockbury bus.
 3. The Project Manager was amenable to having his phone number shared – the Council voted to have that number held in confidence by the Chairman and one other member of the council.
 4. National Highways will put up a new CCTV system for the works.
 3. It was noted by a Parishioner present that a member of the Highways team mentioned to them that a review of accidents would only be conducted once a year had passed.
 4. Next meeting will be on the 15th of December at 2:30pm.

9. Planning Matters:

- a. Applications for Consideration: None.
- b. Appeals and Decisions: Reviewed (Bimbury Lane Lodge & The Harrow).
- c. Enforcement Matters: Cllr Southern declared an interest (being a neighbor) before raising concerns regarding Foxwood – that they are withdrawing their

current petition with plans to send another. In the meantime, they are still in breach of planning regulations. Cllr Southern asked why there has been no enforcement. Cllr Woods proposes that Parish Clerk Babington send an email to the council regarding Foxwood. Agreed.

- d. The Stockbury Parish Council will write to the Parish Council of Thurnam to let them know that we support their current efforts.
- e. Cllr Cathcart asks Cllr Garten regarding the local plan, more affordable housing (25 homes?) etc. Cllr Garten assured the council that he will update on 'Gypsy and Traveller' communities being accounted for in regards to housing numbers.

10. Financial Matters:

- a. Statement of Accounts:
 - 1. Approved though physical Cheques not present, Parish Clerk Babington will post these to Cllr Woods.
 - 2. Cllr Moody noted that the Observer's costs are not present and will send Parish Clerk Babington a note regarding.
 - 3. Cllr Southern suggested that a breakdown of "General Stuff" be made for the next meeting.
 - 4. Cllr Tomsett raised the issue of whether we shall continue to insure the Bus Shelters (Cllr Cathcart notes that each one is worth GBP 6,000)
- b. 2022/2023 Budget: The Council noted that Parish Clerk Babington has alerted them of the impending addition to the agenda in January of the budget for 2022/2023.

11. External Reports:

- a. Parish Councillors: None
- b. KCC Councillor: N/A
- c. MBC Councillor: Cllr Garten warned of the impending increase of rubbish due to Christmas shopping etc, and a possible increase to water tariffs to certain customers by MBC and SE Water – 4000 customers have already been found. He also reminded the council of the 12th December deadline for the Local Plan. Cllr Garten also notified the council of new Tree Planting Schemes and Funds that are now available at MBC (applications must be made between 22nd December and 22nd January). Cllr Southern and Cllr Azad reminded the council of the Queen's Jubilee and the Green Canopy project and Cllr Sumner suggested that we could use the MBC fund to pay for the project next year.

12. Correspondence Report:

None.

13. Stockbury Bus:

Nothing new.

14. Stockbury Observer:

Cllr Moody reminds the council of the 22nd November submission Deadline. Cllr Garten will send a copy of his friend's article.

15. Any Other Business:

- Cllr Tomsett updated the council regarding the new affordable residence that is to be on the market. Flat will be one bedroom, not two bedroom. Cllr Tomsett noted that the English Rural organisation's poster lists the wrong village. He will notify them and will correct and print the posters to put around the village.
- Cllr Sumner notes that perhaps the council should consider other forms of small residential housing.
- Cllr Sumner suggests that the council send a care package to Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, who has been under the weather. Council agrees.

16. Date of Next Meeting: 15th December 2021