

STOCKBURY PARISH COUNCIL
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Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 in Stockbury Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Members of the Public and press are welcome to attend. Members are summoned to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interests.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

To consider any matters arising.

5. Reports from external meetings.

To consider reports from external meetings.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

7. Highways Matters.

- a. General Highway Matters.*
- b. Highways Improvement Plan.*
- c. M2 Junction 5 Works.*

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications Received

*23/504779/FULL - Cocketts Bimbury Lane Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 1no detached dwelling
(Resubmission 23/500613/FULL).*

*23/504946/FULL - Merriefields Hill Green Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7UN
Demolition of existing double garage and store. Erection of a new detached four bay Garage
together with alterations to the two existing vehicle access points and erection of a new front
boundary wall.*

b. Application Decisions by MBC

23/504085/FULL

2 Harrow Court Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UQ

Erection of shed over pond filter bay.

Application Permitted

23/503870/FULL

Land North of Wildwinds Norton Green Farm Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RL

Stationing of residential mobile home for rural worker with access and residential garden (Resubmission of Previous Scheme Ref: 23/500541/FULL).

Application Permitted

23/503534/SUB

Amberley South Green Sittingbourne Maidstone Kent ME9 7RR

Submission of details to discharge condition 7 - Materials Schedule, Subject to 20/503940/FULL

Application Permitted

23/502979/TPOA

Springfield The Street Stockbury Kent ME9 7UD

TPO application to dismantle one Ash tree in sections to the height of the surrounding hedge (Approximately 2m from ground level).

Application Refused

Following consideration of your application the Local Planning Authority has REFUSED CONSENT under Tree Preservation Order Number for the tree work referred to above. The grounds for such refusal are:

(1) The Council considers that the Ash tree (listed as T1 in the application) makes a positive contribution to local landscape/sylvan quality and amenity of the area. The proposed felling works would be to the detriment of those attributes. At the time of inspection by the Council's Arboricultural Officer on 10/10/2023, the Ash did not display any significant symptoms of Ash Dieback in accordance with current guidelines to suggest that the tree presents a current, identifiable hazard or that it is reasonable to fell trees of perceived amenity on the grounds stated in the application.

Therefore, the Council does not consider that the reasons and supporting evidence for the proposed works are sufficiently robust to outweigh the loss of amenity that would result, which would be to the detriment of the sylvan character and amenity of the area and would therefore be contrary to policies intended to confer protection to trees and trees cover, specifically Maidstone Borough Local Plan October 2017 - Policy DM 3, Local Plan Review, draft plan for submission (Regulation 22) dated October 2021, Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment (March 2012 amended 19 July 2013) and Supplement (2012- Saved Sections of the Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Guidelines 2000) together with Government Policy: Planning Practice Guidance; Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas

c. Appeals

No matters to report.

d. Other Planning Matters

No matters to report.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

To consider the Financial Statement circulated with meeting papers.

b. 2024/2025 Budget and Precept.

To consider the 2024/2025 Budget and agree the Precept.

MBC do not publish the Band D guidance until the end of December; therefore, the budget and precept should be formally considered at the January 2024 PC Meeting when the Band D calculations are available.

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

b. KCC Councillor.

c. MBC Councillor.

11. Correspondence Report.

To consider any correspondence received.

KALC Community Award

We are delighted to announce that we have now launched the 2024 KALC Community Awards Scheme, with support from Kent County Council, the High Sheriff of Kent, and the Mayor of Medway. This follows a very successful 2023 Awards Scheme, which was adopted by 79 member Councils.

The Award Winners receive a Framed Certificate. The Council can decide whether to present something extra to their winner.

The first step is for the Council to agree to adopt the Scheme. The Council would then need to submit its Nomination to manager@kentalc.gov.uk by Friday 2nd February 2024.

12. Stockbury Bus.

To receive a report on the Stockbury Bus.

13. Stockbury Orchard.

To receive a report on the Stockbury Orchard.

14. Stockbury Observer.

To receive a report on the Stockbury Observer.

15. Any Other Business.

To consider any other business not requiring a resolution.

16. Date of next Meeting – 20th December 2023.

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