

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 19th June 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Bingham*
Cathcart
Southern
Woods

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett, Brown and Mace.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park application.

3. 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, this was seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Memorial Bench at Church – Cllr Woods stated that the bench had been installed outside of the church as agreed.

CCTV Notices – Cllr Woods stated that these had now been erected at Honeycrock Hill.

Westwood Road – It was confirmed that the potholes had been reported.

Appsmoor Farm Light Pollution – Cllr Southern stated that she would progress this matter.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Bingham – Police Liaison Meeting – report under Councillors Report.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Matters.

No matters were raised.

b. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods reported on a recent with Helen Whateley MP.

He stated that Highways England had published documents regarding the Junction 5 M2 work.

Helen Whateley had now written a letter stating that she would not support the Bid for funds for the improvements unless a bridge was installed for Stockbury access via Church Hill, or an alternative idea was considered.

He stated that a footbridge had been offered, but this had been rejected by the Parish Council as there were businesses in the Parish and therefore any bridge needed to support HGV's. He stated that Highways England had undertaken to come back by the end of June with a proposal, none had been forthcoming to date.

He suggested that as the Scheme developed the Parish Council should undertake a consultation in the Parish by placing an article in the Stockbury Observer and holding a Public Meeting. This was discussed and it was agreed that a Public Meeting would take place on Wednesday 3rd July at 7pm in the Village Hall. This would be advertised in the Stockbury Observer.

Cllr Woods stated that he had also set up a Facebook page for Stockbury Parish Council and would advertise it on there.

Action: Public Meeting to take place on 3rd July 2019.

He reiterated the current position was that the PC had received a hard copy of the plans, Helen Whateley MP had drafted an article for the Stockbury Observer, and she would not support the scheme Bid unless a bridge was included for Stockbury

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

19/502740/FULL Hill Reach South Green Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RR
Demolition of existing garage (to side) and lean-to extension (to rear).
Erection of a Single storey side and rear extension, insertion of 7 no.
Rooflights with external
No objections.

19/502825/FULL Beech Tree Cottage South Lees Lane South Green Kent
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension including a first-floor balcony, single storey rear extension and a two-storey glazed front entrance extension, extension to roof to side elevation to provide porch/canopy and changes to fenestration. Driveway improvements enlarge front parking area and associated earthworks to level garden area.
No objections.

19/502823/FULL Beech Tree Cottage South Lees Lane South Green Kent
Conversion of stables and workshop/garage, including changes to fenestration and insertion of a flue to provide annexe accommodation ancillary to Beech Tree Cottage.
No objections.

b. Binbury Park

No matters were raised.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/500730/FULL
Basset Barn Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RJ
Erection of a detached triple garage.
Application Permitted

19/502281/NMAMD
Old Barn House Pett Road Stockbury ME9 7RJ

Non-material amendment for planning permission 90/1248 - Replacement of existing wooden 5 bar gate with open design, taller metal gates in a similar design to the other dwellings on the former Pett Farm. The purpose of this is to improve security without detracting from the existing character of the site. The existing brick piers will be maintained, they are 2.08 metres high. I would like the new gates to be slightly lower than these piers, at 1.9 metres, rising to 2.2 metres in the centre.
Application Withdrawn

d. Enforcement Matters.

Bimbury Cottage – Enforcement case by MBC.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances June 2019

Opening Balance on Current Account	£44967.52
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1249.50
Closing Balance on Current Account	£43718.02

b. 2018/2019 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk circulated the 2018/2019 Accounts to all members, she stated that these had been audited and the Annual Return and Auditors Report were included with the meeting papers. These were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Cathcart, seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.
The Accounts and Annual Return were signed by the Chairman.

10. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Bingham reported on the Police Liaison meeting he had attended. He stated that this was a new set up and 22 parish councillors from different parishes attended.
He spoke regarding Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and confirmed that Kent Police had now appointed a candidate for this role.

He reported that the Inspector gave a presentation regarding Kent Police as it stands at present, and copies of the presentation would be circulated to all Parish Councils.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on the progress of the Local Plan Review by MBC and stated that the first consultation was due to commence in July until September 19.

He stated that Cllr Cathcart asked a question about Junction 7 at the last meeting and he confirmed that the signalisation for Junction 7 may take place as part of developer funding, not Highways England funding.

d. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the police.

11. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

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

No matters were reported.

13. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

Fiona Moody attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council that she would be standing down from running the Stockbury Bus in December after ten years, and therefore another coordinator needed to be found.

She stated that there was also a need to find more volunteer drivers as two would be leaving in the next two years due to age restrictions.

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding the Stockbury Bus and his concerns that the service may be lost in the future. He suggested that the Parish Council may need to look to see if the new system could be put in place that would allow drivers to continue past 70 years old.

This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to place items on the next agenda for further discussion.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Southern stated that it was the 75th Anniversary of VE Day next year and she asked for members approval to arrange an event for the parish.

She proposed to sign up for the organised celebrations on behalf of the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Woods and agreed by all present.

Action: Cllr Southern to action.

Cllr Woods reported that he had witnessed a driver dropping litter out of the van in the parish. He stated that he had taken the registration number and a photo of the vehicle and had tried to report this to MBC, however they have not responded to his email or phone calls.

Councillor Garten stated that he would take this matter up with Maidstone Borough Council.

14. Date of next meeting.

17th July 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____