

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 17th January 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Bingham
Cathcart
Southern
Tomsett
Woods*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, 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 Brown, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and MBC Councillor Patrik Garten.

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 Cathcart and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Cathcart – JTB Meeting – report under Highways.

Cllr Bingham – Police Liaison Meeting – report under Police Matters.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

Members of the public asked to speak regarding the Quiet Lanes Scheme and the Community Bus. The Chairman stated that this item would be discussed under Highways Matters and Community Bus.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

The Police gave their apologies to the meeting.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highways Matters.

Cllr Cathcart stated that he had attended the Joint Transportation Board Meeting to ask the question regarding double yellow lines at the Aerodrome Approach Road.

He reported that the outcome was that double yellow lines would be a budget provision in April 2018.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cathcart for attending the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was reported that the drains were blocked, and the road was flooding at New Cockhill Farm at the bottom of Whitehill Road / Scragged Oak Road.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

b. Quiet Lanes Scheme.

A resident attended the meeting to report on the feedback regarding the Quiet Lanes Scheme operated in Borden, he stated that this had been a success without the need for the Traffic Regulation Order.

He stated that it would cost £2000 to achieve Quiet Lane status, this would cover the cost of the signage and the hedges and verges would be cut less to reduce the sightlines as this reduced speed.

Cllr Southern stated that KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast had other Parishes that wished to achieve Quiet Lane status and she stated that she would follow this up with her.

Cllr Woods raised concerns about reducing the sightlines along the rural lanes.

c. A249 Action Group.

No matters were raised.

9. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

**17/506491/FULL W heatsheaf Barn W heatsheaf Farm Hazel Street
Demolition of farm buildings and construction of a detached house and garage.**

A resident in attendance at the meeting raised concerns about the old barn on site and raised objections to this. Cllr Woods advised the resident to raise his concerns with MBC.

The Chairman referred to an email received from MBC Councillor Garten regarding the planning application for Catharos Lithos and the option for the Ward Councillor to comment on the wording of the condition of planning.

Cllr Bingham reported on the MBC Planning meeting that he had attended regarding the application for Catharos Lithos and the discussion that had taken place regarding the security of the dogs on the site.

Cllr Woods stated that the PC had been asked to comment on the wording of the planning condition for the security fencing. He stated that Councillor Garten had suggested some wording, he suggested that the Parish Council put forward the following wording:

We would ask for the 'in consultation with' to be changed to 'in writing by the Local Planning Authority which, in turn, will only give such approval providing the Ward Members and Parish Council are in agreement'

This was discussed and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to respond to Councillor Gartens email with suggested wording.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

No matters were reported.

Cllr Cathcart asked the Clerk to seek an update on the enforcement action for 7 Bimbury Lane.

Action: Clerk to Action.

c. War Games, Squirrel Woods.

No matters were reported.

d. Longton Woods.

No matters were reported.

e. Binbury Park.

CLlr Cathcart stated that he had received the revised plans from Quinn Estates and he would forward these onto all members for information.

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 February 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. (Mace/Woods)

It was agreed that three additional cheques would be raised, the first from the Cultural Fund, to reimburse the PC for the payment of the signs for the Harrow, and the second would be received from the Stockbury Bus account to reimburse the PC for the second instalment of the Parish Services Scheme Grant that was paid into the incorrect PC account.

It was also agreed that a cheque for £25 would be raised to the Harrow for the payment of the electricity used for the Christmas Lights. (Cathcart/Bingham).

c. 2018/2019 Budget.

The Clerk circulated the draft budget to all members. It was agreed that the Precept for 2018/19 would be set at £14370.00, this was proposed by CLlr Cathcart, seconded by CLlr Bingham, and agreed by all present.

Action: Precept approved £14370.00.

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 apologies to the meeting.

12. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

13. Tri Parish Group.

It was agreed that a Tri Parish Group Meeting would be arranged in the near future.

14. Stockbury Orchard.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the Orchard.

15. Stockbury Community Bus.

Fiona Moody attended the meeting and gave an update on the progress of the Community Bus. She reported that the bus was progressing well, but there was a need for more passengers. It was agreed by members to advertise the bus.

16. Footpaths and Bridleways.

It was reported that footpaths KH653 and KH81 were impassable.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

17. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

A resident attended the meeting to ask the PC if they would be organising a Litter Pick. The Chairman stated that this was organised by residents, Mr Porter and Mr Rich.

b. Parish Councillors.

Members discussed the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May 2018 and it was agreed that the PC would invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend this.

Action: Clerk to report to progress.

18. Date of next meeting.

21 February 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.47pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____