

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council held at the Stockbury Village Hall on the 16th of March 2022 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 for absence were received by KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast.

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 Cathcart noted that in section 13 a reference to something Cllr Moody said was incomplete.
- 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:

- Cllr Tomsett had a meeting with Riverside regarding Bull Lane, where they reiterated that a local connection is necessary. Cllr Tomsett will email them to request that the Parish Council be kept informed and updated in order to confirm local connections.
- Post & Chains: A Quote came to Cllr Tomsett from J. Goldfinch for repair of the damage. All Councillors voted to accept the quote and to request a quote for the signpost as well.
- Cllr Tomsett informed the council of the need to replace the whole Cherry Orchard's young trees and is in talks with Pipa Palmer regarding this.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings:

- Cllr Moody met with the current PCSO Siobhan who mentioned that there is to be a six-month review soon with the aim to decrease the number of serving PCSOs. She suggests CCTV will help. Has only provided email address for communication with the council.
 - Cllr Southern notes that given the increase in budget, the police can afford to assign PCSOs and suggests that as we do not report crime here, the police have listed Stockbury as a low crime area. Cllr Southern suggests that the Parish Council advise parishioners to report all crimes.
- Cllr Woods met with National Highways
 - Bridge cost has increased from 8 million pounds to sixteen million pounds.
- Moya Taylor, business owner of Chickenstock, in attendance.
 - MT said:
 - Chickenstock has been licenced for three years
 - Sent letter to all neighbouring farms and homeowners
 - The event this year will take place from the 28th to the 31st of July
 - Have revised traffic route this year
 - Hired extra security to stop people from driving through people's farms
 - Traffic will go through Pett lane and Dean's Bottom
 - Have submitted above plan to KCC, still pending response
 - If refused, will request traffic light
 - Member of the public, David, said he had not received any letter. Is not happy with the concert.
 - Cllr Woods and Cllr Southern requested clarity on how best to minimise disruption and one person in a decision-making position with which parishioners can communicate with immediately if something goes wrong.
 - MT agrees and will give Head of Security's number
 - Cllr Moody took noise readings from his home, which is a little further away, last year. Reading: 70 decibels.
 - Moya said this was within legal limits
 - Cllr Woods advises more communication; Cllr Moody suggests better signage. MT agrees to consider these.
 - MT apologised to member of the public, David.
 - Postcode discrepancy, gate signage and sewerage issues to be dealt with
 - Chickenstock will advertise in the Observer

6. Public Comments and Observations:

No Matters were raised.

7. Parish Council Social Media:

- No issues raised

8. Highways Matters:

- a. NH say that they will continue to use Church Hill
- b. Cllr Woods and Cllr Cathcart spoke of the feasibility of road cut offs
- c. Cllr Woods said that he will write something in the Observer inviting parishioners to a May meeting to discuss the bridge issue

9. Planning Matters:

- a. 8, The Street: Action for Clerk to write regarding lighting restrictions
- b. Cocketts: Planning Permission recalled as did not match village look – PC is fine with it and will reiterate
- c. Binbury Park: Cllr Garten and Cllr Moody will be in attendance on the 31st at the Planning Committee meeting

10. Financial Matters:

- a. Statement of Accounts:
 1. Approved Cheques
 2. Cllr Moody to be added as a signatory

11. External Reports:

- a. Parish Councillors:
 1. Cllr Southern asks that the PC requests Parishioners to comment on the 322 bus and the bridge consultations
 1. Audience member speaks of how sixteen children use the bus and that her family relies on it
 2. Cllr Southern speaks of how it is a key space in ensuring village children socialise with each other on the way to different schools
 3. Audience Member gave us a letter
 4. Audience Member will help Cllr Southern to post about this on the Next-Door app
 - 5.
- b. KCC Councillor: N/A
- c. MBC Councillor:
 1. North Downs to become Bexley Downs.
 2. He is not happy with the changes.
 3. He will make a personal appeal to the electoral commission

12. Correspondence Report:

- Cllr Southern will head the Jubilee subcommittee and said that it will meet soon.

13. Stockbury Bus:

- Cllr Cathcart spoke of how Detling is losing their bus and perhaps we could use the opportunity to ask them to use our bus.

- Cllr Moody will speak to their chairman

14. Stockbury Observer:

- a. Nothing new

15. Any Other Business:

- a. Cllr Moody said that the advertising year for the Observer is coming to an end, but rates will not change

16. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th April