

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held by Zoom on the 19th August 2020 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Bingham
Cathcart
Southern
Woods***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, and MBC Councillor Garten.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mace, and Brown.

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 Southern 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.

Parish Website – The Clerk reported that the new PC website was now up and running, however there was an issue with the domain name, as the current one could not be transferred to the new website. Therefore, a new domain name had to be purchased and at present this was not immediately visible when searched. She stated that she had now followed this up with the website provider, and the original domain name of Stockbury.org.uk, was due to be released for sale in September. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would await the release of Stockbury.org.uk and purchase when available.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Hyde Housing Section 106 Agreement – Clerk to follow up with Hyde Housing to ensure agreement transferred with the sale of the houses in Bull Lane.

Action: Clerk to progress.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

Cllr Southern – Grant application to KCC Councillor Prendergast.

6. Consultation on the meeting agenda by members of the public.

No matters were raised, no public present.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that fly tipping was currently blocking Cowsted Road and Bull Lane. He stated that this had been reported to Maidstone Borough Council, and their response had been that they

would not clear this, as it was not their responsibility. He stated that he would follow this up with Maidstone Borough Council and asked MBC Councillor Garten if he would also take this up. Councillor Garten stated that this matter was already in-hand.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods confirmed that the Parish Council had submitted its response regarding holding a virtual public inquiry for the J5 M2 improvements.

MBC Councillor Garten discussed this with members.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

20/502907/FULL Seaview Farm South Street Road Stockbury ME9 7QS
Demolition of dilapidated storage barn and replacement with new gym/games room/home office outbuilding and detached garage.

Members discussed their concerns regarding the location of the buildings, however, they agreed that there were no planning grounds on which to object to this planning application.

No objections.

20/502783/FULL Land Adjacent to Five Kilns Stockbury Valley Stockbury
Retrospective application for creation of new access to "and adjacent Five Kilns Stockbury Valley following full planning approval ref 19/500476/FULL.

No objections.

20/502751/FULL Three Greens Chalky Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7QR
Reduce two-way vehicular access to one, together with widening, brick walls to entrance and solid gates.

No objections.

20/503170/FULL 2 Parsonage Farm Cottages The Street Stockbury
Erection of a single storey rear/side extension.

No objections.

20/503411/FULL Bimbury Cottage Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone
Erection of a double garage /workshop.

Members discussed this planning application and it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask for a condition to be placed on any approval, ensuring that this should only be used for personal/domestic use.

Action: comments to MBC.

20/503413/FULL Cherry Trees The Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Single storey side/rear extension to garage

20/503322/FULL Three Greens Chalky Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Erection of infill extensions to front with creation of a first floor to provide additional living accommodation. Demolition of existing lean to 3 bay garage and erection of new three bay garage with office above.

No objections.

20/503657/FULL 1 Church Farm Cottages Church Lane Stockbury
Demolition of single storey side extension & erection of two storey side extension (Resubmission of 20/501387/FULL)
No objections.

20/503660/FULL 2 Church Farm Cottages Church Lane Stockbury
Demolition of single storey side extension & erection of two storey side extension (Resubmission of 20/501388/FULL)
No objections.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

20/502540/SUB

Wheatsheaf Farm Hazel Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7SA
Submission of details pursuant to conditions 4 (Landscaping), & 5 (Lighting) of application 20/500057/FULL.
Application Permitted

20/502271/FULL

Hinecon South Green Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7QD
Erection of replacement garage consisting of garage with storage, WC, and home office (Resubmission of 20/501220/FULL)
Application Permitted

c. Enforcement Matters.

Hill View - Concerns were raised as the property appeared to have been turned into a garage repairing cars.

MBC Councillor Garten spoke regarding this matter and stated that he had spoken with Planning Enforcement regarding this and they were due to inspect the site.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was approved by members. (Cathcart/Southern).

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Southern reported that she had held conversations with members of the PC, Fiona Moody and KCC Cllr Prendergast regarding the Stockbury Observer.

She confirmed that she had submitted a grant application to KCC Councillor Prendergast, seeking funds for an industrial printer to enable the Parish Council to carry out the printing of the Stockbury Observer in-house.

Cllr Woods briefed members on this matter and stated that the initial cost of a printer was in the region of £5000, and £2000 per annum there after. He stated that this matter would be discussed further, and a revenue plan would be put together to make it viable and enable the cost to be reduced to approximately £1000 per annum.

b. KCC Councillor.

Apologies were received from KCC Councillor Prendergast.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on the Local Plan review, the housing numbers and garden villages.

He stated that MBC briefings had indicated that Planning would not like to see Binbury Park included in the Local Plan as it was within an AONB, however some political groups were very much in favour of the development.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Parish Council Policy Review.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council policies were due for review. It was agreed that she would circulate these to all members, and they would be reviewed by the November 2020 PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

13. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

14. Date of next Meeting – 16th September 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____