

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 21st of September 2022 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Southern
Sumner
Tomsett
Woods

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from KCC Councillor Prendergast and MBC Councillor Garten (late to the meeting).

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 Moody as a true record, subject to agreed alterations, these were 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.

Orchard Display Board – Cllr Tomsett stated that he would progress with this matter and arrange for the board to be moved.

Church Yard – Cllr Southern reported that the grass at the church yard had now been cut.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

It was reported that Oad Street was still closed. Cllr Moody stated that he had taken this up with Highways Steward Rob Sparrow as this route was also being used as a diversion.

It was reported that this was due to be opened on 10th October 22.

Cllr Southern stated that the bottom of Chalky Lane was flooding again, a resident had been in contact with Kent Highways regarding this.

Cllr Tomsett reported that the vegetation and hedges were overgrown and blocking the footpath on the motorway bridge at Bull Lane, he stated that this had been reported to KCC by the Clerk in previous years.

The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

Action: Clerk to action.

It was also reported that there was a number of pot holes at the bottom of Cowsted Road and this needed resurfacing.

The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Highways Improvement Plan.

Cllr Moody reported that the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) had been submitted to Kent County Council, this was circulated to all present for information.

He asked the Clerk to upload this onto the PC website.

Action: Clerk to action.

c. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

The M2 J5 improvements were discussed.

The Chairman updated members on the issues with traffic associated with the M2 J5 work.

Cllr Moody spoke regarding the closures of the north and south bound carriageway of the A249 over the coming weeks.

Cllr Azad asked about the tress felled due to the work and whether they would be replaced with saplings.

Cllr Woods confirmed that they would and that there was a extensive planting plan available on the J5 website.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

22/503174/LBC - Parsonage Farm South Street Road Stockbury Kent ME9

Listed Building Consent for erection of a single storey pitched roof porch (works started).

No objections.

22/503173/FULL - Parsonage Farm South Street Road Stockbury Kent ME9

Consent for erection of a single storey pitched roof porch (works started).

No objections.

22/503316/FULL - Foxwood Chalky Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7QR

Change of use of residential curtilage to hardstanding for business and personal vehicles and detached double garage (retrospective).

Objections submitted

b. Appeals and Decisions.

22/502315/SUB

Cobnut Farm Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RP

Submission of details pursuant to conditions: 2 (existing and proposed site levels/slab levels); and 3 (materials) of application 21/503471/FULL.

Split - Part Allowed/Part Refused

Following consideration of your application the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Act, has APPROVED PART A and REFUSED PART B.

Part A - Approved with Condition(s):

(1) This decision approves details relating to the following condition:

Condition 2

Part B - Refused for the following reason(s):

(2) This decision refuses details relating to the following condition for the following reason:

Condition 3: the submitted details would not safeguard the character and appearance of the countryside hereabouts that falls within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. As such, the details pursuant to this condition cannot be approved.

c. Enforcement Matters.

It was reported that the Foxwood application had been refused, therefore planning enforcement should now take action on the site. This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would monitor the situation as the applicant may decide to appeal the decision.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was presented to members.

The following additional cheques were approved:

The Harrow - £350 – Jubilee

Cllr Southern reimbursement - £150.79 – Jubilee

This was approved by members. (Tomsett/Southern).

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Moody reported that he had contacted MBC regarding their support for community litter picks.

He stated that MBC would not support the litter picking of rural lanes without footpaths due to H&S.

A discussion took place regarding the areas in the parish that needed litter picking. It was agreed that an item would be placed in the Observer and Cllr Moody would also liaise with residents to see if someone would volunteer the coordination of safe litter picks.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on a Borough Council Democracy Meeting he attended and their proposals to split the Harrietsham super ward. He stated that this proposal would be taken to Full Council.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Moody reported on the bus.

13. Stockbury Orchard.

Cllr Tomsett reported that he was due to meet with Pippa Palmer regarding the management of the orchard.

14. Stockbury Observer.

Cllr Moody updated members on the progress of the Stockbury Observer.

15. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the one tonne salt bags to be ordered and delivered to the following locations in the parish:

- Church Farm
- Parsonage Farm
- Norton Green Farm

Action: Clerk to action.

Cllr Southern reported on the issue with cars driving through the rural lanes and sounding their horns. She stated that this had been discussed with the PCSO and she had been advised that the registration numbers were needed in order for the police to take action.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Southern would write an article for the Observer.

16. Date of next Meeting – 19th October 2022.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.48pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____