

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 20th of March 2024 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Southern
Woods

Also, present: Parish Clerk and Members of public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Southern.

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Tomsett and Sumner, MBC Councillor Garten, and KCC Councillor Prendergast.

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 Woods as a true record, 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.**

Meeting to be arranged with MBC Planning to discuss Planning decisions.

5. **Notice of reports from external meetings.**

No matters were reported.

6. **Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were reported.

7. **Highways Matters.**

a. **General Highway Matters.**

Members discussed road closures, diversion routes and potholes.

It was agreed to place an item in the Stockbury Observer to advise residents to report potholes to KCC.

It was suggested that why the A249 was closed that MBC should undertake a clean-up of the A249.

b. **Highways Improvement Plan.**

It was suggested that gateway signs at the church should be an item for the next Highways Improvement Plan.

c. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods suggested that better liaison was needed between National Highways, KCC and the contractors regarding signage. This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Moody would email National Highways and request additional signage.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications Received

24/500368/FULL - Windyridge Hill Green Road Stockbury Sittingbourne
Change of Use of agricultural land for stationing of one static caravan for use as a holiday home.
No objections.

24/500682/FULL - Foxwood Chalky Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7QR
Erection of a double garage and driveway (Part retrospective).

It was agreed to object to this application, the site was already in breach of planning regulations, the site was overdeveloped with a vast amount of hardstanding, the garage had also been refused under appeal.

Action: letter of objection to be drafted for approval and submission to MBC.

24/500890/FULL - Volente Hazel Street Stockbury Kent ME9 7SB
Retrospective application for the change of use of part of the existing equestrian facilities to use as a dog boarding kennel.
No objections.

b. Application Decisions by MBC

23/505721/SUB

Cam Hill South Lees Lane South Green Kent ME9 7RY

Submission of details to discharge conditions 7 - Landscaping, 10 - Biodiversity Enhancement and 11 - Pool Hard Landscaping, Subject to 22/505188/FULL

Application Permitted

23/505636/LAWPRO

Cherry Tree Farm Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RL

Lawful Development Certificate for the Proposed siting of a mobile home within the garden on a hard surface (Resubmission of 23/504607/LAWPRO).

Application Permitted

c. Appeals

No matters to report.

d. Other Planning Matters

Meeting with MBC re planning inconsistencies – Clerk to follow up with MBC.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

To consider the Financial Statement circulated with meeting papers.

The financial statement was proposed by Cllr Woods and seconded Cllr Moody and agreed by all present.

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

The Clerk reminded members of the election procedure and time scales.

12. Stockbury Bus

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

13. Stockbury Orchard.

It was reported that the grant application for the hedging and fencing for the Orchard would be submitted before 31st March 2024.

Cllr Southern reported that there had been a change of personnel on the Orchard Committee.

14. Stockbury Observer.

It was agreed that information re the forthcoming Council Elections will be included in the next edition of the Observer.

15. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

Members discussed planning matters and public rights of way within the parish.

It was reported that children had destroyed the daffodils on the village green, the issue had been discussed with the parents.

16. Date of next Meeting.

17th April 2024.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____