

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held by Zoom on the 15th September 2021 at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillor's present: Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Summer
Tomsett
Woods***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, KCC Councillor Prendergast, and members of public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Southern and MBC Councillor 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 Tomsett 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.

Meeting with new Highways Steward – Clerk to contact Sue Laporte KCC.

Hill Green Road – Check job progress.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were raised.

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

A member of public asked to speak on a planning matter. This was approved.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

A resident raised concerns regarding the poor condition of Chalky Road.
Cllr Woods confirmed that the potholes had been reported to KCC.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods reported that contractors were due to start closing the A249 at weekends for a couple of months, however they had now said that this would be deferred for three months.

He stated that the PC would continue to work with KCC and Highways Contractors to minimise the impact on village life.

9. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

There were no applications to consider.

b. MBC Planning Decisions.

21/503721/SUB

Amberley South Green Sittingbourne Maidstone Kent ME9 7RR

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 7 (Materials) Condition 10 (Enhancement of

Biodiversity) Condition 12 (Electric Vehicle Charging Points) and Condition 13 (Surfacing Materials)

Subject to 20/503940/FULL

Split - Part Allowed/Part Refused

21/503460/LBC

Nettlestead House Bull Lane Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UB

Listed Building Consent for demolition of existing garage

Application Withdrawn

21/503471/FULL

Cobnut Farm Pett Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7RP

Removal of a temporary mobile home and erection of a new agricultural workers dwelling.

Application Permitted

21/503459/FULL

Nettlestead House Bull Lane Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UB

Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage. Erection of new summerhouse.

Application Refused

c. Enforcement Matters.

War Games, Squirrel Wood – Clerk to seek an update from MBC Enforcement regarding this matter.

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding the planning application for Foxwood, he stated that he wished to clarify his position, that he had no view regarding the application, and had not raised any objections to this.

The view of the resident was noted, and the Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had submitted an objection to this application.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

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

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She reported on the following matters:

- Consultation regarding Adult Social Care Strategy
- The dramatic increase in Covid cases in schools.
- Waste Recycling Centres Consultation regarding the booking system.

- KCC Budget Consultation.
- Local issues regarding the Local Plan Review.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

Cllr Moody reported on a scheme to recognise people who help support for vulnerable people during the Covid outbreak called *Over the Rainbow*.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Moody reported that the bus was up and running with approximately 30 – 40% less passengers than pre covid, and numbers appear to be reducing. He reported that drivers were also still needed. This was discussed and it was agreed that the bus would continue to run for the remainder of the year to assess usage.

13. Stockbury Observer.

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

14. Social Media.

Members discussed whether having social media would be beneficial to the Parish Council. The Social Media Policy circulated by the Clerk was discussed by Members. It was agreed that the Parish Council would give this further consideration.

15. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

A resident spoke regarding Local Needs Housing in the parish and correspondence he had received from the housing association, Riverside.

Cllr Tomsett spoke regarding the property at Bull Lane and stated that there were rumours that the house had been let to people without a local connection, this contravened the S106 Agreement. This was discussed by members, and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Riverside as a matter of urgency.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

Cllr Azad asked if a sign could be placed outside of the Village Hall in advance of a meeting to encourage residents to attend. This was discussed and agreed.

16. Date of next Meeting – 20th October 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.45pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____