

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 21st June 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Bingham
Cathcart
Mace
Southern
Tomsett
Woods*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, MBC Councillor Patrick Garten, and members of the press and public.*

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Tomsett.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Brown, KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and the police.

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, this was seconded by Cllr Mace and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising.

Website – Cllr Tomsett reported that the parish website was progressing and would be available before the next meeting.

Village Gate Features – The Chairman said that he was still awaiting the design for the village gates.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Cathcart reported that he had held a meeting with new KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast to brief her on parish matters and concerns. He stated that he would report on this further under the Councillors report.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

A Member of the public asked to speak about street signage in the parish. The Chairman stated that this would be discussed under AOB.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

The Police gave their apologies to the meeting.

CLLr Cathcart stated that a resident had told him that at present Stockbury did not have a PCSO covering the parish. He asked the Clerk to find out if this was the case.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Highways Matters.

No matters were raised.

9. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

17/502934/FULL

Hilltop South Green Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RR

Conversion of existing garage building to 2 separate units of ancillary living accommodation to main dwelling of "Hilltop" with raised decking area to front elevation and construction of a new double garage.

No Objections

b. Appeals and Decisions.

The decisions by MBC were noted by members.

17/502172/FULL

Glebe House Hill Green Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UN

Enlargement of existing porch with new canopy and alterations to garage roof

Application Permitted

c. War Games, Squirrel Woods.

The Chairman stated that MBC CLLr Garten would update members on this matter under his report.

d. Longton Woods.

The Chairman stated that MBC CLLr Garten would update members on this matter under his report.

e. Binbury Park.

No matters were raised.

f. MBC Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances - June 2017

Nat West Current Account

Opening Balance on Current Account £500.00

Add deposits £0.00

Less Account for payment £666.30

Add transfers from Business Reserves Account £666.30

Closing Balance on Current Account £500.00

Nat West Business Reserve Account

Opening Balance on Business Reserve Account £39697.43

Add deposits £0.00

Less transfers to Current Account	£666.30
Closing Balance on Business Reserve Account	£39,031.13
Total of all Bank Accounts	£39,531.13

b. Cheques for Payment.

The cheques for payment were authorised by members. These were then signed by two authorised signatories. (Mace/Woods)

11. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

Fly Tipping

Cllr Garten spoke regarding the use of CCTV for litter enforcement and stated that should the Parish Council install their own CCTV camera system he had been assured by MBC that they would enforce offenders if clear evidence was available to support the offence.

He stated that he had looked into obtaining signage for the Parish Council, however none was available at present, he stated that he would continue to request this.

Squirrel Wood, War Games

Councillor Garten reported that as an application for this site would be for a change of use of the land, a ten-year limitation applied.

He spoke regarding the War Game activities at Squirrel Woods and stated that a new officer had now been appointed by MBC to deal with this. They were now going to request a planning application was submitted and if this is not forthcoming then enforcement action would be taken.

Longton Woods

He confirmed that an enforcement notice had been served for Longton Woods and the owners had now logged an appeal against this. He stated that all enforcement action was now on hold until this had been dealt with.

12. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

13. The Harrow.

Cllr Southern confirmed that the sale for the Harrow Pub had been completed and this was now owned by Stockbury residents as a Community Pub.

She stated that the pub would be open for business on Friday 23rd June and renovation works would be undertaken in July 2017.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Southern and the Harrow Committee for their work on this and all residents in Stockbury for supporting the project.

14. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

No matters were raised.

15. Stockbury Orchard.

Cllr Tomsett reported on the progress of the Orchard.

16. Stockbury Community Bus.

Cllr Tomsett gave a report on the progress of the Stockbury Bus.

17. Parish Website.

The Chairman reported that the website was being progressed.

18. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Cllr Bingham reported that footpaths KH108 and KH101 were impassable due to overgrown vegetation.

The Clerk was asked to report these to KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

19. Parish Plan.

No matters were reported.

20. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

A resident reported that the Stockbury sign on the A249 was missing between Honey Crock and the Stockbury Roundabout, and had been for some time. The Clerk was asked to raise this with KCC.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Parish Councillors.

Cllr Bingham raised concerns about the increase in speeding vehicles in the parish, he stated that this was particularly bad in the morning as people were using the village as a cut through to avoid traffic.

It was suggested that the PC look at the Speed Watch Initiative to see if this could be used in Stockbury.

Action: Cllr Bingham to action.

21. Date of next meeting.

19th July 2017.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____