

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council**  
**held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

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

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

***The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.***

**1. Apologies.**

No apologies were received.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park application.

Cllr Tomsett – Planning matters.

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were proposed by Cllr Cathcart as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

Appsmoor Farm Light Pollution – Cllr Southern reported that the property had now been sold and the lights on the property had not been on since.

**5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.**

Cllr Cathcart – MBC Local Plan – report under Planning Matters.

**6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.**

A resident asked to speak regarding highway matters.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

Cllr Bingham stated that KCC had attended the parish to undertake footpath repairs two to three weeks ago, but there were still repairs to undertake outside of the Forge as tree roots had lifted the footpath.

The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with KCC.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

A resident reported that surveying work had been carried out in Honey Crock and the contractor had left bricks along the side of the field. She stated that this would encourage flytipping.

Cllr Tomsett stated that the entrance to the field was closed and a mound of hardcore had been put across the entrance to stop fly tipping sometime ago.

He stated that the entrance had now been temporarily closed until the Junction 5 Improvement work was undertaken and then the field would be reinstated and landscaped.

**b. Junction 5 improvements**

Cllr Woods reported that the Parish Council and residents had submitted their responses to the Junction 5 proposals, and many were now receiving a response from Highways England.

A resident stated that he felt that the residents should respond to the Highways England letter as this was asking if they were content with their response, and this was not the case.

Cllr Woods agreed and stated that he would update the Parish Councils Facebook page and the Stockbury Observer encouraging residents to do this.

He advised members that the next step was for Helen Whateley MP to put her response stating that she would not support the Scheme, this may then result in a Public Inquiry being held.

**8. Planning Matters.**

**a. Planning Applications.**

19/503781/FULL      Bimbury Cottage Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone  
Installation of painted larch boarding to the first floor. Retrospective

Members agreed to raise objections to this application as they felt that the Kent Peg Tiles should be reinstated, and the existing cladding was out of character with the adjoining property.

**Action: Clerk to submit objection letter to MBC.**

**b. Binbury Park**

No matters were raised.

**c. Appeals and Decisions.**

19/502957/FULL  
Old Barn House Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RJ  
Replacement of a gate.  
Application Permitted

19/502885/FULL  
Bimbury Lodge Bimbury Lane Stockbury ME14 3HY  
Single storey rear extension and erection of a two-storey side/rear extension.  
Application Permitted

19/502850/FULL  
South Dean Farmhouse South Green Sittingbourne ME9 7RR  
Erection of a single storey extension with glazed link. Alterations to existing first floor bathroom to remove chimney stack, form new dormer window and install rooflight. Installation of 2no. rooflights into existing first floor corridor.  
Application Permitted

19/502825/FULL  
Beech Tree Cottage South Lees Lane South Green Kent ME9 7RY  
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension including a first-floor balcony, single storey rear extension and a two-storey glazed front entrance extension,

extension to roof to side elevation to provide porch/canopy and changes to fenestration. Driveway improvements enlarge front parking area and associated earthworks to level garden area.

Application Withdrawn

19/502740/FULL

Hill Reach South Green Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RR

Demolition of existing garage and rear extension and erection of a side and rear extension with rooflights with accommodation and garage to the ground floor and storage over garage

Application Permitted

19/502823/FULL

Beech Tree Cottage South Lees Lane South Green Kent ME9 7RY

Conversion of stables and workshop/garage, including changes to fenestration and insertion of a flue to provide annexe accommodation ancillary to Beech Tree Cottage.

Application Permitted

d. Enforcement Matters.

No matters were raised.

e. MBC Local Plan Review.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the MBC Local Plan Review was currently taking place and the consultation ended on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

He stated that he had written to MBC asking for the simple version of the document, however he had not received a response.

MBC Councillor Garten stated that he would follow this matter up with MBC.

Cllr Woods stated that there was a duty for the document to be understandable and an assessable version should be available for all.

Cllr Garten spoke regarding the Call for Sites and stated that MBC were holding back the publication of the sites at present. He stated that the housing numbers were not up for debate as these were set by Central Government

Cllr Cathcart reported on the Local Plan Meeting he had attending for Parishes at MBC and he stated that residents should be made aware of the consultation.

Cllr Woods said that he would place this as an item in the Stockbury Observer to encourage residents to respond to the consultation.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

**Bank Balances July 2019**

<b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£42704.09</b>
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£907.58
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£41796.51</b>

Cllr Tomsett spoke regarding the insurance cover for the Parish Councils Bus Shelters on the A249. The Clerk confirmed that these were under a blanket cover on the Parish Councils Insurance Policy. Members discussed the bus shelters and the Junction 5 improvements.

**10. 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.

*d. Police Report.*

PCSO Glenn attended the meeting.

He gave a crime report to all present and informed members that a new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator had now been appointed and therefore Parishes should now start receiving NHW updates.

Members discussed an incident that had taken place in the parish.

**11. Correspondence Report.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

**12. Stockbury Bus.**

Cllr Tomsett stated that Fiona Moody was due to leave the role as Coordinator in December and a replacement was needed.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Tomsett would try to generate some interest in the role and report back to the next meeting.

***Action: Cllr Tomsett to Action.***

**13. A249 Action Group and JPG.**

No matters were reported.

**14. Any Other Business.**

*a. Members of the Public.*

No matters were raised.

*b. Parish Councillors.*

Cllr Southern spoke regarding loud music in the parish until 2am in the morning. She stated that concerns had been raised around the village, and it had been suggested that this was coming from the wedding venue.

This was discussed and Cllr Woods stated that a diary of events should be compiled to enable this to be investigated.

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding the dog training business in the parish and concerns regarding the dog's welfare. Cllr Woods stated that these concerns should be reported to the RSPCA.

**15. Date of next meeting.**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_