

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 18th April 2018 at 7:30 PM.**

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

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, and members of the press and public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Tomsett, Brown, MBC Councillor Garten and KCC Councillor Shellina 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 Cathcart as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Woods and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Waste Consultation- Cllr Southern stated that she was progressing this.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park -discuss under agenda item.

Cllr Southern- Quiet Lanes Scheme – discuss under agenda item.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Police Report.

The Police gave their apologies to the meeting.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highways Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that KCC were undertaking a Find and Fix programme to deal with the potholes.

Cllr Cathcart reported that the double yellow lines at the Aerodrome Approach Road were in hand with KCC.

He reported that a lorry was seen driving the wrong way down the A249 and he felt that this could have been caused by HGV's parking and covering the No Entry signs along the Approach Road. He stated that he would write to KCC regarding the matter.

Cllr Southern reported that the rubbish from the recent litter pick was still in the parish waiting to be collected.

Concerns were raised regarding the rubbish along the A249. It was noted that MBC would clear this ahead of the Kent County Show.

A general discussion took place regarding the litter in the Parish and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask MBC to undertake a litter pick of Stockbury.

b. Quiet Lanes Scheme.

Cllr Southern reported that David Miller had now obtained the evidence to support the usage of the lane by horses and therefore it had been agreed that the 'Beware of Horses' signage would be erected along the Lane.

She stated that KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast had agreed to finance the cost of the signs from her grant fund.

She suggested that when the signage was erected, the Parish Council could write to local businesses to make them aware of the new signage.

Cllr Woods spoke regarding speed awareness in the Parish and suggested that the Parish Council could purchase a speed camera for approximately £150.

This was discussed and it was agreed that purchasing the equipment may be a deterrent to speeding vehicles, however the information gathered could not be used.

This was discussed and Cllr Woods suggested that the Parish Council should have a strategy to deal with this issue.

It was agreed that Cllr Woods would draft a report outlining possible options as a starting point for the Parish Council to consider.

Action: Cllr Woods to action.

9. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

18/501530/FULL 7 Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone Kent ME14 3HX
Retrospective application for the erection of a home Office/garden studio.
Erection of driveway walling and Gates and a new 1.8m high boundary fence.

Objections.

Cllr Cathcart spoke regarding this application and stated that the wall and gate were out of keeping with the adjacent properties. He spoke regarding the history of the site and the parking at the site. Concerns were also raised regarding the home office and whether this was to be used for business matters.

It was agreed to object to this application.

Action: Clerk to Action.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

7/506491/FULL

Wheatsheaf Barn Wheatsheaf Farm Hazel Street Stockbury ME9 7SA

Demolition of farm buildings and construction of a detached house and garage

Application Refused

The refusal notice for the Wheatsheaf was circulated to all members for information.

c. War Games, Squirrel Woods.

The Clerk was asked to seek an update on the enforcement action taken to date from MBC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

d. Longton Woods.

It was reported that the Appeal for Longton Woods Site was due to take place in May 2018.

e. Binbury Park.

Cllr Cathcart reported that he had attended a meeting of Detling Parish Council to hear a presentation from Quinns regarding Binbury Park and he reported on this.

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 April 2018

Opening Balance on Current Account	£28427.02
Add deposits	£0
Less Account for payment	£1184.69
Closing Balance on Current Account	£27242.33

b. Cheques for Payment.

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

11. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

Cherry Trees – it was reported that enforcement action had been taken regarding the unauthorised activities on the site.

Cllr Cathcart reported that MBC had placed a Stop Notice on the site and this was last for 28 days, after which an enforcement notice would be issued.

Cllr Southern reported that should this matter go to appeal then the complainants could remain anonymous.

It was agreed that this matter would be monitored.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

12. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

13. Tri Parish Group/A249 Action Group and JPG.

Cllr Cathcart reported that he had written to Helen Whateley MP regarding an A249 Action Group Meeting.

14. Stockbury Orchard.

Cllr Southern reported that a successful Easter Egg Hunt had taken place at the Orchard and a profit of £200 had been raised.

15. Stockbury Community Bus.

Cllr Southern reported that a meeting had taken place between the Community Bus Group and the Community Pub Group to discuss ways in which they could work together to increase the usage of the Community Bus.

She stated that Day Trips had been arranged, however more daily usage was needed, she stated that an item was to be placed in the Stockbury Observer.

16. Policy Review and General Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk circulated General Data Protections Polices and Information to members for consideration at the next meeting.

17. Footpaths and Bridleways.

It was reported that the footpath sign was lying in the hedge at footpath KH88.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

18. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would take place before the next PC meeting on 16th May 2018 and this would start at 7pm.

19. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next meeting.

16th May 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.35pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____