

**The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

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

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

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

**1. To elect a Chairman.**

It was proposed by Cllr Southern to elect Cllr Woods as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Cathcart and agreed by all present.

Cllr Woods accepted this position.

**2. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Woods signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

**3. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett, Brown and Mace.

**4. To elect a Vice-Chairman.**

It was proposed by Cllr Woods to elect Cllr Southern as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Cathcart and agreed by all present.

Cllr Southern accepted this position.

**5. To appoint Committees & Representatives to outside bodies.**

The Committees and Representatives to Outside Bodies were approved.

**6. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park application.

**7. 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.

**8. Matters Arising.**

Memorial Bench at Church – Cllr Woods stated that the bench had been ordered as agreed at the previous meeting. He spoke regarding the fixing of the bench and proposed that a budget of £200 was allocated for the bench installation. This was seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.

Bus Shelters -The Clerk informed members that the bus shelters were covered by a blanket cover for street furniture on the Parish Councils Insurance Policy.

CCTV notices – Cllr Woods stated that the signs would be erected in the Parish in the near future.

Flytipping was discussed by members. Cllr Garten spoke regarding the benefits of reporting flytipping online to MBC.

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

No matters were reported.

**10. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.**

A resident reported that the surface of Westwood Road was in a very poor condition, she stated that she had reported it to KCC, however no action had been taken.

It was agreed that Cllr Woods would take photographs of the road and the Clerk would report this to KCC.

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

**11. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

It was reported that the central reservation vegetation on the A249 was overgrown. The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

A resident spoke regarding Yulger Lane. The Chairman confirmed that this was in Swale and he explained the parish boundary for Stockbury.

**b. Junction 5 improvements**

Cllr Woods stated that the Parish Council had corresponded with Helen Whateley MP and Highways England was now requesting a meeting with Stockbury Parish Council.

A date for the meeting was agreed and the Clerk was asked to respond to Highways England regarding this.

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

Cllr Woods stated that the current scheme put forward by Highways England was not workable and Helen Whateley was backing the Parish Council on this matter.

He stated that Highways England had a deadline to undertake the work and they were due to meet with KCC on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Cathcart spoke regarding the A249 improvements and information that the funding of the traffic lights was no longer available, he asked Cllr Garten to investigate this matter.

He stated that he would forward details to him.

**12. Planning Matters.**

**a. Planning Applications.**

19/500730/FULL      Basset Barn Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent  
Erection of a detached triple garage.

The Chairman reported that a Planning application for Longton Manor had been submitted to MBC, however this site was within Thurnham Parish. This was discussed and it was agreed that Stockbury PC would support any objections put forward by Thurnham PC.

**b. Binbury Park**

No matters were raised.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/501171/PNPA

The Workshops Land Adj To White House Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7QD  
Prior notification for the change of use of five buildings and land within their curtilage from light industrial use to 8no dwelling houses (Class C3). For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - Where the building is located in an area that is important for industrial services or storage or distribution services or a mix of those services, whether the introduction of, or an increase in, a residential use of premises in the area would have an adverse impact on the sustainability of the provision of those services.

Application Permitted

19/500149/FULL

Cherry Tree Farm West Wood Road Stockbury Kent

Part retrospective for the siting of 2 additional mobile homes for residential use by Gypsy & Traveller family

Application Permitted

19/501102/LDCEX

White House Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7QD

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) to establish the lawful use of 5 buildings for light industrial (Class B1) use.

Application Permitted

d. Enforcement Matters.Appsmoor Farm Light pollution

The Chairman confirmed that the letter of complaint regarding the lighting at this site had been dismissed by MBC with advice to make representations to the Environment Department. This was agreed and Cllr Southern stated that she would Action this.

**Action: Cllr Southern to progress.**

Cllr Garten reported that Planning Enforcement had closed the case regarding the Old Forge in Stockbury where Land was used for dog training.

**13. Financial Matters.**a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

It was agreed that two additional cheques would be raised as follows:

Cheque 100076 - £836.44 – Bench

Cheque 100077 - £56.00 – Funeral flowers.

**Bank Balances May 2019**

<b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£45839.27</b>
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£871.75
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£44967.52</b>

*b. 2018/2019 Accounts and Annual Return.*

The Clerk circulated the 2018/2019 Accounts to all members, she stated that these were currently with the Auditor and would be presented with the Auditors report to the next meeting.

**14. External Reports.**

*a. Parish Councillors.*

No matters were raised.

*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.*

Apologies were received from the police.

It was reported that there appeared to be a spate of thefts in the area and she would draft an item for the Stockbury Observer.

**15. Correspondence Report.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

**16. Tri Parish Group/A249 Action Group and JPG.**

No matters were reported.

**17. Any Other Business.**

*a. Members of the Public.*

A resident attended the meeting to seek the Parish Councils support in an issue with their broadband service with BT and Sky. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could not take up this matter as it was not a Parish issue.

He stated that many years ago the Parish Council did assist with having broadband in the area through V Fast.

*b. Parish Councillors.*

Cllr Bingham confirmed that he would be attending the forthcoming Police Liaison Meeting and he asked the Clerk to forward the email details to him.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**18. Date of next meeting.**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.00pm.***

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

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