

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 15th of June 2022 at 7:55 PM.

Councillor's present: Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Southern
Woods

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett, Sumner.

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 Moody as a true record, subject to an agreed alteration, these were 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.

There were no matters arising.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

No matters raised.

b. Highways Improvement Plan.

The draft Highway's Improvement Plan (HIP) was circulated to all members. Cllr Moody spoke regarding this, and asked for members comments before submitting it to KCC. He stated that Kent Highway's had now undergone a reorganisation and the new structure was not yet known. It was agreed that Cllr Moody should finalise the HIP, circulate to all members and submit to KCC when approved.

Action: Cllr Moody to progress.

c. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

The M2 J5 improvements were discussed.

It was reported that a meeting was due with national highways in July and any areas of concern would be discussed.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

22/502444/FULL Land at Pett Valley Stables Pett Road Stockbury Kent
Stationing of a residential mobile home for a rural worker.

PC comments – Request condition of equine use should be placed on application if approved.

Clerk to make a comment to MBC.

22/502693/FULL Orchard Lands The Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Demolition of existing garage and erection of a double garage.

PC comments – No front elevation included with the plans; proposed development intrusive in its location on the street.

Clerk to contact planning officer for further details.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

22/501014/FULL

8 The Street Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UE

Demolition of side garage. Erection of front porch, single storey side and single storey rear extensions with external alterations, including render to side and rear.

Application Permitted

c. Enforcement Matters.

Fox Wood – planning application submitted to Maidstone Borough Council and waiting validation.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Planning Officer to suggest that a site visit took place to see current work being carried out at the site.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was presented to members.

This was approved by members. (Cathcart/Southern).

b. 2021/2022 accounts and AGAR.

The 2021/2022 Accounts and Annual Return was circulated to all members.

i. To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22, Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022. The Chair of the meeting and the Clerk to sign.

It was proposed by Cllr Southern to accept and approve the annual Governance Statement for 2021/22, this was seconded by Cllr Cathcart and agreed by all present.

ii. To approve the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2021/22, Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2022, if necessary, the explanation of the significant variations from last year (2020/21) to this year (2021/22), the explanation of any

difference between Box 7 and Box 8 on Section 2, and the Exemption Certificate to be submitted to the External Auditor. The Chair of the meeting to sign.

It was proposed by Cllr Southern to approve the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2021/22, Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2022 and the explanation of the significant variations from last year (2020/21) to this year (2021/22) and the explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 on Section 2. This was seconded by Cllr Cathcart and agreed by all present.

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the reorganisation of Kent Highway's and confirmed the new officers in place for Stockbury.

She reported that KCC were adopting a five-year strategic plan and she spoke regarding this, and the area is it covered.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Moody reported on the bus.

He informed members that the Meopham Welfare Committee, running a similar scheme to Stockbury were now winding up their services and distributing their funds to similar projects. He stated that he had put together a funding bid and the Stockbury Bus and had been awarded £9500 towards the running of the bus.

A general discussion took place regarding this.

13. Stockbury Orchard.

No matters were raised.

14. Stockbury Observer.

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

15. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

A resident reported an attack on his chickens by red kites in the area.

He also spoke regarding the highway issues in Stockbury and gave his suggestions for a possible solution to these issue regarding a bridge for Stockbury.

The Chairman thanked him for his views.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

Cllr Moody spoke regarding the sewage issues at Bull Lane and stated that MBC Environmental had taken no action and therefore he was trying to contact the Housing Society, Riverside, to progress this further.

He reported that Cllr Garten had also taken this case up with Maidstone Borough Council and was awaiting a response.

Members spoke regarding the successful Jubilee celebrations in the parish and thanked all those involved in arranging it.

16. Date of next Meeting – 20th July 2022.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.40pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____