

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tomsett, Mace, and Brown, MBC Councillor Garten and KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast and the Police.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were proposed by Cllr Bingham 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.**

No matters were raised.

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

No matters were raised.

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

No matters were raised.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

Cllr Woods reported that the potholes previously reported to KCC and repaired were now in need of repairing again!

He reported that there was a serious pothole on Yelsted road outside of Frost Orchard and asked the Clerk to report this to KCC. He suggested that the PC ask KCC to undertake a survey of the potholes in Stockbury as the condition of the roads were in a poor state.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

It was reported that the side of the road was falling away outside of the property Nimbus on Bimbury Lane.

**Action: Clerk to report to KCC.**

**b. Highways Improvement Plan.**

The Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) completed by resident David Miller was circulated to all members and it was agreed that would be submitted to KCC for their consideration.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

c. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods updated the meeting on the current position regarding the M2 J5 Improvements.

He stated that KCC were not willing to meet with Stockbury PC to discuss the project, he reported that he had tried to contact KCC Councillor Payne to discuss the Public Inquiry and Bridge option, however no acknowledgement had been received.

He reported that MBC had withdrawn their objections to the Scheme and the decision had been made by officers not members, therefore MBC appeared to have agreed to the Scheme under delegated powers. He confirmed that MBC Councillor Garten was attending a Full Council meeting at the Borough Council this evening and he was due to raise this at the meeting. He stated that KCC Councillor Prendergast was also working in support of the PC.

Cllr Woods reported that the Public Inquiry was now due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with a deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for submissions, and a Pre-Inquiry meeting was to take place with the Inspector on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss this.

He stated that the Parish Council would prepare a case for the Public Inquiry and he suggested holding a public meeting to update residents on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This was agreed.

He stated that the Parish Council had not yet received a copy of the latest drawing for the Scheme from Highway England and the last correspondence stated that the design was being looked at.

He reported that a formal notice had been placed in the latest edition of the Kent Messenger regarding the Highway Improvement Schemes for the area and he asked the Clerk to ascertain further details on this.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**8. Planning Matters.**

a. Planning Applications.

No matters were reported.

b. Binbury Park

Cllr Cathcart reported that the Binbury Park site had been put forward for the Call for Sites and Highways England had registered their opposition to the proposals regarding network capacity.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

No matters were reported.

d. Enforcement Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that the property Foxdene at the top of Chalky Lane had created an additional opening in their hedge and hardcore was now being delivered to site.

The Clerk was asked to report this to MBC Planning Enforcement.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**9. Financial Matters.**

a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present. (Cathcart/Woods).

**Bank Balances December 2019**

<b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£40000.37</b>
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£784.10
<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£39216.27</b>

**b. 2020/2021 Budget.**

The Clerk circulated the draft budget and report to members consideration at the next meeting.

**10. 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 apologies to the meeting.

**d. Police Report.**

No matters were raised.

**11. Correspondence Report.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

**12. Stockbury Bus.**

Cllr Woods stated that Cllr Tomsett had stated that he would cover the Stockbury Bus from January 2020, to ensure that the service was continued in Stockbury.

It was agreed that Cllr Southern would liaise with Fiona Moody regarding the handover of responsibility regarding the bus.

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

The Clerk reported that Thurnham Parish Councillor, John Horne and asked for a joint meeting to be arranged between Stockbury PC, Thurnham PC and MBC to discuss the Call for Sites for both Parishes. She asked members if they were happy for this to be progressed. This was discussed and agreed.

**Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with SPC, TPC and MBC as agreed.**

**14. Any Other Business.**

**a. Members of the Public.**

A resident asked if there was any merit in residents attending the Junction 5 M2 Pre-Inquiry Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

The Chairman stated that this would be beneficial to show the Inspector the strength of feeling in the parish.

He confirmed that all objectors to the J5 Scheme would have the right to speak at the Public Inquiry and he stated that this would be discussed further at the Public Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**b. Parish Councillors.**

No matters were raised.

**15. Date of next meeting.**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.05pm.*

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

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