

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 15th December 2021 at 7:30 PM.**

***Councillor's present: Azad
Cathcart
Moody
Southern
Summer
Woods***

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Tomsett and KCC Councillor 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, subject to an agreed alteration, these were seconded by Cllr Moody and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Fly tipping – it was reported that the fly tipping on land adjacent to Chalky Lane was still there and had not been actioned by either MBC or KWT.

Action: Clerk to follow this up with MBC and KCC.

Local Needs Housing – Cllr Southern spoke regarding the criteria needed to qualify for the Local Needs Housing list.

Cllr Moody confirmed that he was due to take this up with Cllr Garten, the issue seemed to be with getting qualifying people on the housing list.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Social Media.

The Clerk was asked to circulate an example of a Social Media Policy to members for discussion at the next PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to action.

8. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that there had been a large amount of fly tipping in Church Hill, and this was blocking one side of the road. He stated that the road had currently been cordoned off and was awaiting action from MBC.

It was reported that Plum Tree Road and Yelsted Road were in a poor condition and in need of pothole repairs and resurfacing.

The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods reported that regular meetings continued to take place with National Highways, although the planned parish tour had been postponed due to the current Covid rates. He stated that this would be rearranged in the New Year.

He stated that the contractors had agreed to use local businesses where possible.

9. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

21/506309/FULL Serenity South Street Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Conversion of existing garage to one bedroom annexe.

PC to comment re conditions if approved.

b. MBC Planning Decisions and Appeals.

21/505367/SUB

Amberley South Green Sittingbourne ME9 7RR

Submission of details pursuant to condition 7 (details of materials), of application 20/503940/FULL.

Application Refused

21/505029/FULL

Land At White House Stockbury Valley Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7QD

Demolition of existing industrial buildings, structures, external storage areas and hardstanding surfaces and erection of 7no. dwellings together with parking and associated infrastructure.

Application Refused

It was reported that a Planning Appeal had been lodged for Yelsted Court Barn.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would reiterate its comments to the Planning Appeal.

Action: Clerk to action.

c. Enforcement Matters.

Foxwood – Members noted that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant and therefore asked the Clerk to raise this with Planning Enforcement.

Action: Clerk to action.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

The financial statement was approved by members. (Cathcart/Southern).

b. 2022/2023 Budget and Precept.

The 2022/23 draft budget and report were circulated to members for their consideration. This was discussed was proposed by Cllr Cathcart to set the precept at £16,015, a 2.5% increase to Band D. This was seconded by Cllr Southern and agreed by all present.

Action: precept agreed at £16,015.

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting:

- The proposal for four yearly elections at MBC was approved.
- Implications of this decision on Ward Boundary Review.
- Executive Committee System at MBC approved.
- Changes to the Park and Ride contract with Arriva.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Moody reported that the bus.

He stated that options for the future running of the bus were being considered. At present no changes were necessary as support was being given as a subsidy and this would continue until March 2022.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would add this item to the April 2022 agenda for further discussion.

Action: Clerk to add item to April 2022 agenda.

13. Stockbury Observer.

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

14. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

- Virtual PC Meetings – The Clerk confirmed that these were not permitted under the current regulations.
- Parish Council Meeting sign – Cllr Azad asked if someone could assist her by displaying this before the meeting.
- Tree planting in the parish – Cllr Azad stated that funding was available for free trees and she would look into this.
- Covid support – Cllr Sothorn stated that the support group was still in force to help residents if necessary.

15. Date of next Meeting – 26th January 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____