

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 19th September 2018 at 7:30 PM.

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

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, Public, Police and Cllr Garten.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Tomsett, and KCC Cllr 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 Southern as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Mace 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.

Cllr Bingham – meeting re Catharos Lithos – report under Planning Matters.

Cllr Southern – Remembrance Day Events – Cllr Southern informed members that the event would be reported in full at the next meeting and this would include a Service in the Church, the lighting of a Beacon and a small exhibition and food in the Village Pub.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

Cllr Southern reported that there was flytipping at Bull Lane, this had been reported to MBC but had not yet been removed. It had now been in Bull Lane for two months.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to MBC CE Alison Broome regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to Action.

Cllr Southern spoke regarding the KCC Waste Consultation and stated that the Parish Council should respond to this as the proposed change would encourage flytipping.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Woods would respond on behalf of the Parish Council and an article would be placed in the Stockbury Observer to encourage residents to respond to the consultation.

Action: Cllr Woods and Southern to action.

Cllr Garten spoke regarding the Waste Consultation and the fly tipping in Bull Lane. He stated that MBC now had a 68% chance of prosecuting fly-tippers as they now had a fully staffed Enforcement Team. Cllr Woods asked how many fly-tippers in Stockbury had been prosecuted. Cllr Garten stated that he would look into this.

Cllr Southern informed members that she had now received two complaints from residents regarding the HGV signage at the bottom of Honey Crock Hill, as it obstructed the visibility of vehicles. The Clerk was asked to write to KCC to ask for these to be repositioned.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Cllr Southern spoke regarding the Horse Signs placed along Pett Lane and stated that these had no effect on the traffic. She stated that Helen Whateley MP had written to KCC to seek to lower the speed limit to 30mph and she asked for members views on this. Members supported a 30mph speed limit along Pett Lane.

Cllr Southern stated that there had been complaints from horse riders regarding vehicles driving along the lanes tooting their horns, she stated that she had spoken to drivers and the police regarding this matter and she asked the PC if there was anything that could be done.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that an article would be placed in the Stockbury Observer.

Action: Cllr Southern to action.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

18/504716/FULL

Appsmoor Farm South Street Road Stockbury Kent ME9 7QS

Retention of existing log cabin and its use as an annexe in connection with

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residential use of dwelling permitted under planning permission re 15/502939/full.

Members discussed this application and agreed that objections should be made to the application as it was a condition of the original planning application to demolish the cabin when the house was finished.

It was agreed that this would be an overdevelopment of an already overdeveloped site.

The Clerk was asked to submit objections to the application and request that this was called in to the Planning Committee for determination.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Appeals and Decisions.

No matters were reported.

c. Enforcement Matters.

Cllr Bingham reported on a meeting that he had attended with Cllr Garten regarding Catharos Lithos and the security fencing of the site.

Cllr Garten stated that since the meeting further representations had been made to MBC by the applicant regarding the fencing, however the Planning Officer backed the view of the Parish Council and MBC Ward Councillor.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bingham and Cllr Garten for following this matter up.

Longton Wood – Cllr Garten spoke regarding the appeal decision for Longton Wood and stated that a period of grace had been granted regarding the activities on site. He said that the conditions stated that only four mobile homes were permitted on site.

Cllr Southern gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8.05pm.

Cllr Garten reported that Quinn Estates had now submitted their application to MBC and it was awaiting validation.

Cllr Woods confirmed that Stockbury would work with the neighbouring parishes of Detling and Thurnham when considering the application.

Cllr Garten spoke regarding this and stated that the site lies within an AONB and it was not in the MBC Local Plan as a land allocation. He spoke regarding the Local Plan.

Cllr Garten spoke regarding the Bicknor Farm Cooler application and stated that if approved the transportation route was likely to be through Stockbury. He stated that he would not support the route through Hollingbourne.

Cllr Woods stated that as the MBC Councillor for Stockbury Cllr Garten should be supporting it.

Cllr Garten stated that in this case he would support Hollingbourne over Stockbury.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at Cllr Gartens comments.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Statement of Accounts.

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

Bank Balances September 2018

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| Opening Balance on Current Account | £37576.99 |
| Add deposits | £0 |
| Less Account for payment | £824.68 |
| Closing Balance on Current Account | £36752.31 |

b. Cheques for Payment.

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

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.

Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

d. Police Report.

The PCSO for Stockbury attended the parish and gave a crime report to the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

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

Cllr Cathcart stated that he was awaiting a date from Helen Whateley for the A249 meeting, and this would include discussions in the Junction 5 Consultation.

Tri Parish Group Meeting – To be arranged.

13. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

A resident spoke regarding the missing sign for Stockbury at the bottom of Honey Crock Hill and stated that he now felt that this was no longer worth pursuing to have replaced.

A resident spoke regarding the Stockbury Website and stated that this needed updating.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

14. Date of next meeting.

17th October 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.45pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____