

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held by Zoom on the 20th January 2021 at 7:30 PM.

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

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

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Mace, Tomsett, and Brown, and KCC Shelia 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 Cathcart and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Printer – Cllr Southern reported that the new printer had now been delivered, and it was anticipated that the Stockbury Observer would be produced at the end of January.

Cllr Garten asked if the Parish Council would consider renting out printing services. Cllr Southern stated that this was a possibility as long as it was not taking away local business.

Foxwood lights – The Clerk stated that she would draft a letter to send to the resident as agreed.

Action: Clerk to progress.

5. Notice of reports from external meetings.

No matters were reported.

6. Consultation on the meeting agenda by members of the public.

A resident joined the meeting and asked to speak regarding CCTV. It was agreed that this would be raised under Highway Matters.4

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Highway Matters.

A249 Speed Consultation – It was agreed that the PC would respond to this consultation and submit the comments agreed by email.

Chalky Road – it was reported that the bottom of Chalky Lane was flooding and there were large potholes that needed attention.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

Cllr Bingham reported that there was a trench between two drains outside of the junction to Church Lane and Bull Lane – He stated that he had reported this to KCC.

A resident joined the meeting to discuss the issue of litter and fly tipping in the parish. He stated that he undertook regular litter picks in the parish and was concerned at the amount of fly tipping. He stated that he felt that Stockbury would benefit from CCTV to cover the hotspot areas to ensure that footage was gained for fly tipping to secure a prosecution.

He offered the Parish Council the opportunity to have CCTV in the parish and stated that he would be willing to operate the scheme on behalf of the authority. He stated that partnership between the PC, Police, and the local authority and essential as was signage.

Cllr Woods thanked him for his offer. He referred to a past meeting with MBC regarding fly tipping.

Cllr Garten suggested that the PC should contact MBC regarding this matter as signage was necessary.

This was discussed by members, and it was agreed that the PC was in support of the offered assistance and would welcome the scheme in Stockbury.

The resident offered to liaise with MBC to see if he could also contribute cameras on a consistent basis, and work with them and other Stake Holders regarding the CCTV coverage for the parish.

The Chairman thanked the resident for joining the meeting and his offer of assistance.

b. M2 Junction 5 Improvements.

Cllr Woods reported that the Public Inquiry had now concluded and the outcome would be know in April 21.

8. Planning Matters:

a. Applications for consideration.

Applications Received

20/506085/FULL Three Greens Chalky Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent
Erection of infill extensions to front with creation of a first floor to provide additional living accommodation. Demolition of existing lean to 3 bay garage and erection of new three bay garage with office and above, including dormers (revised scheme to 20/503322/FULL).

21/500095/TPOA 1 Harrow Court Stockbury ME9 7UQ
TPO Application - Leylandii hedge (T1) - Fell due to low amenity value and unsightly. Silver birch (T2) - Reduce by approx 2m in height and shape due to poor shape. Tree to be reduced from approximately 10m to 8m in height. Sorbus (T3-7) - Fell due to low amenity value. Holly (T8) - Fell due to low amenity value and unsightly.

Application Decisions by MBC

21/500115/SUB

Court Farm Yelsted Lane Sittingbourne ME9 7UT

Submission of details to discharge Condition 3 (Parking and turning details) of planning permission

20/502289/FULL.

Application Permitted

20/505371/FULL

The Magpies Pett Road Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RJ

Erection of a garage. New dormer to front together with installation of new windows and Juliet balcony to the first floor.

Application Permitted

20/505580/SUB

Penny Cottage Yelsted Road Yelsted Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UT

Submission of details to discharge condition 3 (materials for external surfaces) of planning permission 18/506361

Application Permitted

20/505432/AGRIC

Land Adjacent To 1-2 Bimbury Cottages Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone Kent ME14 3HY

Prior Notification for the erection of agricultural building. For its prior approval to: - Siting
Prior Approval Not Required

20/505164/SUB

2 Church Farm Cottages Church Lane Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7RD

Submission of details pursuant to condition 5(i) (Archaeological Field Evaluation Works (part discharge)) of application 20/503660/FULL.

Application Permitted

20/505163/SUB

1 Church Farm Cottages Church Lane Stockbury ME9 7RD

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 5 Part i (Archaeological Field Evaluation Works)
Subject to 20/503657/FULL.

Application Permitted

b. Enforcement Matters.

No matters were raised.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Statement of Accounts & Cheques for signature.

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

b. 2021/2022 Budget.

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept Forms had been submitted to MBC as agreed.

10. External Reports:

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. KCC Councillor.

KCC Councillor Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. MBC Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on an issue regarding land at Otham, near to the old Church. He stated that a planning application for the development had been refused by the MBC Planning Committee, and this had been approved under Appeal. He said the site was originally included in the Local Plan and this had significant political implications.

He reported that the Local Plan Review Consultation was due to finish on the 22nd December, however this was extended to the 8th January 2021, the Local Plan process was still on schedule.

He reported on the MBC budget and the Covid support being given by the Borough Council.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence report was noted by members.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Southern spoke regarding a survey that had been undertaken for the Stockbury Bus, she suggested that a Bus Committee meeting should be arranged to discuss this at some point in the future. This was agreed.

13. Parish Council Policy Review.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council policies were due for review. It was agreed that she would circulate these to all members, and they would be reviewed at a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Any Other Business:

a. Raised by Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Raised by Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next Meeting – 17th February 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.38pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____