

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council  
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

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

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

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

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Mace, and KCC Cllr Prendergast.

**2. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr Cathcart – Binbury Park application.

**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.**

Land opposite Appsmoor Farm – it was reported that enforcement action for this site had been closed as there was no breach at the site.

Bench at Church – The Clerk stated that she would contact MBC Officer John Edwards to see whether they could supply a bench.

Cllr Woods asked if a new bench fitted the criteria of the Cultural Fund. This was discussed and it was agreed that it would if it was hand made by a someone in Stockbury.

***Action: Clerk to liaise with MBC.***

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

Cllr Woods – Junction 5 Meeting – Agenda Item.

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

**a. Members of the Public.**

Honey Crock Hill – Flytipping.

**b. Parish Councillors.**

No matters were raised.

**7. Highways Matters.**

**a. General Matters.**

Cllr Cathcart reported that HGV's were ignoring the restrictions at the Aerodrome Approach Road and he was taking photos as evidence.

Cllr Southern reported that there were deep potholes in Chalky Lane, and she would report them to KCC.

**b. Junction 5 improvements**

Cllr Woods reported that the Parish Council had held a meeting with Highways England. He confirmed that they had settled for the hybrid option, Highways England took them through the proposals which would see the remodelling of the Stockbury Roundabout. He stated that the Parish Council had impressed upon them to keep both sides of the A249 open as there was a rumour that the police wanted to close all crossovers from the M2 to the M20.

Cllr Woods stated that there was a meeting arranged with Helen Whateley MP and Shellina Prendergast to discuss the proposals for Junction 5.

He reported that Highways England had invited the Parish Council to a meeting with Swale BC in February and the PC would impress upon them the effects to the villages south of the M2.

A general discussion took place regarding the Junction 5 proposals.

**8. Planning Matters.**

**a. Planning Applications.**

18/506501/FULL      7 Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone Kent ME14 3HX  
Erection of new front boundary wall, gates and native hedgerow (part retrospective).

***Objections submitted to MBC.***

18/506547/FULL      2 Harrow Court Stockbury Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7UQ  
Rear Extension - Replacement sun lounge.

***No objections.***

**b. Binbury Park**

No matters were raised.

**c. Appeals and Decisions.**

No matters were raised.

**d. Enforcement Matters.**

Concerns were raised regarding the light pollution coming from Appsmoor Farm. The Clerk was asked to raise this with MBC.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

**9. Financial Matters.**

**a. Statement of Accounts and cheques for payment.**

The Financial Statement was circulated and approved by all present.

**Bank Balances January 2019**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance on Current Account</b> | <b>£35861.27</b> |
| Add deposits                              | £0               |
| Less Account for payment                  | £859.80          |

**Closing Balance on Current Account**

**£35001.47**

**b. 2019/2020 Budget.**

The draft budget for 2019/20 was circulated with a report to all members for their consideration. This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Cathcart to increase the Precept by 2% to £14657.00 for 2019/20, this was seconded by Cllr Tomsett and agreed by all present.

**Action: 2019/20 Precept agreed - £14657.00**

Parish Services Grant – It was agreed that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

**Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.**

**10. External Reports.**

**a. Parish Councillors.**

Cllr Tomsett spoke regarding waste land at Buxton Meadow and stated that he would liaise with English Rural regarding the maintenance of this.

**Action: Cllr Tomsett to progress.**

**b. Kent County Councillor.**

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her apologies to the meeting.

**c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.**

MBC Councillor Garten gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that MBC were working towards a 3% increase in their budget and there was a possible increase to the garden waste collection.

He reported that MBC had been part of a Business Rates Retention Pilot for the past year and they were not part of it in the forthcoming year.

Judicial Review – He reported on the Judicial Review between MBC and KCC regarding the Section 106 funds spent on the Feasibility Study for the Leeds/Langley Relief Road and reported that to-date MBC had spent £20,000 on this.

He reported that MBC had commissioned a Property Asset Review for the Borough to look at assets for potential development. He confirmed that the report was the consultants view of the land stock held in Maidstone. He stated that Plum Tree Bottom, owned by MBC appeared in the report.

**d. Police Report.**

No matters were raised.

**11. Correspondence Report.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

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

No matters were reported.

**13. Any Other Business.**

**a. Members of the Public.**

Flytipping – It was reported that there was a lot of flytipping on Honey Crock Hill. The Clerk was asked to report this to MBC.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

A resident reported that he had witnessed a person flytipping and he had reported this to MBC and the police.

Steps Hill Lane – Members asked the Clerk to establish why this Lane was still closed.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

*b. Parish Councillors.*

Cllr Bingham spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Group and stated that no information was being passed over by the police. He stated that the Police were looking for a new NHW Coordinator and the position had not yet been filled.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the police to establish the current situation.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**14. Date of next meeting.**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.42pm.***

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

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