

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 18th September 2019 at 7:30 PM.

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

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs S Babington, KCC Councillor Prendergast , and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Parish Cllr Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Brown, MBC Councillor Garten and the Police.

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 Cathcart as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Bingham and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters Arising.

Cllr Woods spoke regarding the issue of loud music from a wedding venue in the parish and stated that this matter was now in the hands of Planning Enforcement.

5. Notice of Reports from External Meetings.

No matters were raised.

6. Consultation on the Meeting Agenda.

A resident asked to speak regarding highway matters.

7. Highways Matters.

a. General Matters.

Cllr Woods reported that potholes in the parish had been marked out for repair by KCC.

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding the Highway Improvements Plan (HIP). He stated that an article has been placed in the Stockbury Observer to establish the views of residents regarding highway priorities in the parish and three responses had been received. These related to speed limits on rural lanes.

He stated that the KCC position regarding speed limits on rural lanes were that this was a national matter.

He stated that KCC Officer Jennie Watson was willing to attend a meeting, but an agreed HIP was needed prior to her attending.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the HIP should be completed with the issues identified and then put to the Parish Council for approval.

Members agreed that an article should be placed in the Stockbury Observer to thank residents for their input.

b. Junction 5 improvements

Cllr Woods reported that the Parish Council was still awaiting the letter with the details for the Public Inquiry.

He stated that the PC had a Consultant to assist with the case and it would keep planning for this as the strength of feeling in the Parish was high.

Members discussed this and Cllr Cathcart asked KCC Cllr Prendergast how much notice was needed from Highway England to KCC before the start of the work.

KCC Cllr Prendergast gave members an update on the J5 M2 works from KCC. She stated that KCC objections had been submitted to Highways England as they have environmental concerns and were dealing with these directly with Highways England.

She stated that KCC had commissioned a traffic count from 23rd to 29th September for Church Lane and the results would be available in October 2019.

She stated that the bridge would go ahead if the traffic counts proved necessary and a business case would be developed for the funding of the Scheme. The DFT would then assess the scheme and decide whether to put to the government for funding.

This was discussed by members.

8. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

No applications were received.

b. Binbury Park

No matters were raised.

c. Appeals and Decisions.

19/503781/FULL

Bimbury Cottage Bimbury Lane Stockbury Maidstone Kent ME14 3HX
Installation of painted larch boarding to the first floor. (Retrospective)
Application Withdrawn

Appeal lodged for Amberley, South Green.

d. Enforcement Matters.

No matters were raised.

e. MBC Local Plan Review.

Members discussed the Local Plan Review and agreed to submit representations from Stockbury Parish Council supporting the submission by the Joint Parishes Group.

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.

Bank Balances September 2019

Opening Balance on Current Account	£41796.51
Add deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£831.10
Closing Balance on Current Account	£40965.41

10. External Reports.

a. Parish Councillors.

No matters were reported.

b. Kent County Councillor.

KCC Councillor Shellina Prendergast gave her report to the meeting.

She informed members that KCC Leader Paul Carter was leaving the role on 17th October, she stated that a new Leader would be elected on 4th October.

c. Maidstone Borough Councillor.

MBC Councillor Garten gave his apologies to the meeting.

d. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the police and a written report was noted in their absence.
His monthly report was noted in his absence.

11. Correspondence Report.

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

Highways Seminar – it was agreed that Cllrs Cathcart and Woods would attend this event.

Action: Clerk to confirm attendees with KCC.

12. Stockbury Bus.

Cllr Tomsett stated that he had contacted the Bus insurance company and confirmed that drivers were able to continue driving the bus until they turned 71 years old, after which they need to be named on the insurance policy.

He stated that he was still progressing the issue to find a new Bus Coordinator and would report back to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Tomsett to Action.

13. A249 Action Group and JPG.

No matters were reported.

14. Any Other Business.

a. Members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

b. Parish Councillors.

No matters were raised.

15. Date of next meeting.
16th October 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____