

## STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 commencing 7-00 p.m.

Present Councillors W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold,  
J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr. D Fox

1. To receive apologies P Ashcroft, B Alexandre and J Smith
2. Declarations of Interest None
3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

J Wardell pointed out that J Smith had reported overgrowth from the bank rather than a hedge in Barrow Hill.

#### 4 Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

Westree Company Work on path from Pound Close 425.50

#### 5 Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

Gillingham Town Council	£1685.59
D J Hine	554.26
Dorset C C Section 137. The Library	6584.50
Westree	425.50
Allianze Insurance	2805.09
R Sharp NDDC and The Pound	827.40

The Clerk presented the Annual Return to the Auditors for Approval and signature. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Grimes that this be agreed and signed. All agreed.

#### 6 Training for Councillors

G Carr-Jones advised that he had spoken to John Parker at DAPTC with regard to this and he is willing to come to Stalbridge for a training session particularly with regard to Planning and

administration. It was suggested an ideal date for this would be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August which is scheduled for a Planning Meeting.

Clerk to arrange

#### 7 August meeting

After some discussion it was agreed to hold a full meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August. See above with regard to the Planning Meeting.

#### 8 Snapshot of Stalbridge Books

It was agreed to get these properly bound and also to adapt or replace the existing cabinet so that it can be wall mounted in the Library. J Cox will deal with the binding.

#### 9 Proposed up-date of Jarvis Field Play Area

The Playbuilder Scheme which has allocated £50,000 to be spent on the Jarvis Field Play area up-dating was discussed and Councillors agreed to go forward with the scheme. Plans will be produced and further discussions will take place with regard to what is proposed.

#### 10 Councillors' Reports/Questions

J Cox reported the vandalism that had taken place on the Jarvis Field Play Area. The new fence has been damaged and the swings. The Clerk advised that the swings had been temporarily removed for the chains and bolts to be replaced. They will be replaced shortly. Quotation has been requested for re-instating the fence.

J Cowley asked how often the roads are inspected for damage etc. D Fox will ascertain this.

W Batty-Smith advised that he had noticed a large extension being built by ASD and had queried whether this is in accordance with planning permission. This is being investigated. He also advised that he had sent an e-mail to J Mann of DCC Highways regarding the state of the road surfaces.

R Penfold asked if the pathway from Pound Close to Dike's Car Park is going to be surfaced. This to be decided once the legal position has been finalised.

D Grimes suggested that a "keep clear" box be marked on the main road at the access to Dike's Car Park as traffic is tending to get held up there. This was agreed.

Clerk to write

J Cox asked about the proposed letter to the Breast Screening Unit, this will be sent shortly

G Carr-Jones advised that the Clerk had given notice that she intends to retire on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. An advert will be placed in the BVM and a short-list of applicants will be interviewed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk. In the absence of the Chairman, W Batty-Smith will be his replacement.

#### 11 Arrange Inventory check

Copies of the Inventory to be available for the Planning Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> June to enable the check to be organised.

12 Correspondence

Letter from the Allotment Society asking for a convenient date for the official opening. This was agreed as Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The position with regard to permission required for sheds on the allotments to be established. Also the possibility of further land being available as at present there are 9 people on the waiting list.

Clerk to write

Advance Notice of Blandford Civic Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Carol Service on 4<sup>th</sup> December also Wimborne Civic Walkabout on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Invitation to Sherborne C A B AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> June

E-mail from DCC asking for a representative older person to sit on the project board that is directing the re-ablement project

Letter from G Jarvis of Losan Ltd., regarding the Planning Application to vary condition 10 of an earlier application in respect of the noise of aircraft.

Note from S Gardener, our maintenance man, re. spring see-saw in Jubilee Play Area advising that he feels that it should be removed following further vandalism. His Carpenter has quoted at least £125 to repair it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....  
Chairman