

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 8th July 2009 commencing 7-00 p.m.

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

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance PC P Sugrue

1. To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, Cllr. B Alexandre
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.

Arising

E-mail received from C Cllr D Fox advising that he is obtaining details of routine inspections of various types of highway

P Ashcroft suggested that Mr Pawley be asked to ensure the new tree on The Ring is watered

4 Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by J Wardell that the following expenditure be approved

S Pawley	Gardening The Ring	£222.00
S J Harris	Locum Clerk	£ 19.63
M Cridge	The Cross troughs	£ 15.98

Transfer total balance in Bonus Saver Account
to D J Hine approx £1,080

5 Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by J Wardell that the following cheques be signed

Stalbridge Playing Fields.	Part of Grant	£3,000.00
DJ Hine	Salary July	£554.26
	Postage	23.33
		577.59
P J Watts	Internal Audit	50.00
Stalbridge Land Settlement.	PF Rent	£1,670.00 Cancelled
Gillingham Town Council.	May	£1,685.59

S J Harris	19.63
Blackmore Vale Internet	108.00
Direct Office	53.45
Southern Electric	130.41
S Pawley	222.00
Cornwall & Devon Media Advert	81.36
Gillingham Town Council June	£1,685.59

(Clerk's note. The cheque for Stalbridge Land Settlement was subsequently cancelled as I realized that the rent for the Playing Fields is not due until September, there was apparently a "glitch" with the Estate's system and the bill should not have been sent)

6. Appointment of new Clerk

The Chairman advised that Mrs Tracey Watson has been appointed to succeed Mrs Hine and will take up her appointment on the 1st September. Mrs Hine advised that she has 3 weeks holiday owing and will therefore not officially be working after the 7th August.

7. Up-date of NORDCAT proposed bus service

No further news at present

8. Councillors' Reports/Questions

K Garland reported that there had been some complaints about the holes in the pavements made in relation to the new street lights. However, it was also pointed out that when completed the re-instatement of pavements has been carried out successfully and that some disruption is bound to be caused in the short term.

J Cox mentioned the light in Jarvis Way which also illuminates the path to JFPA. It was pointed out that any additional lights will be considered when the contract is complete and the new lights are working.

J Cowley/J Smith suggested that barriers where the pavement meets the road at the end of FP from Coppern Way to Vale Road and FP from Vale Road to Blackmore Road be fitted to prevent cyclists exiting from the FP straight into the road.

Letter to DCC

W Batty-Smith advised that half of Bagber Bridge will remain closed for some time longer than originally estimated.

R Penfold asked about the surface of the path from Pound Close to Dike's Car Park. Quote received from Westree to dig out approx. 6" and fill with compacted scalpings. Clerk to obtain permission from Signpost, if required, J Cox proposed and R Penfold seconded that the quotation be accepted. All agreed.

W Batty-Smith reported that several adverts for Archstone Homes are attached to official road signs. Clerk will investigate who's problem this is

(Clerk's note. Having spoken to both DCC and NDDC neither of which are certain if it is their problem, I will endeavour to contact Archstone and ask them to remove the signs. Alternatively, the TC can take them down if they are so minded)

D Grimes reported problems with Contractors vehicles parking at the entrance to Waterlake and obstructing sight lines. P C Sugrue will investigate.

PC Sugrue advised that reported crime figures are down on last year. Some vandalism and anti-social behaviour still occurring but much less than earlier in the year.

9 Correspondence

- Details of closure of A357 north of Lydlinch from 17th August for 2 weeks
- Dorset Strategic Partnership Partner Bulletin 12th June
- Details of closure of Kings mill Bridge from 31st August for 5 weeks
- Details of DSP Small grants scheme 09/10
- E-mails from/to W Batty-Smith and M Hansford Highway Maintenance
- DAPTC C Exec Circular 08/09
- Sturminster Newton TC Invite to a presentation by Dorset & Somerset Air Ambuland at their meeting on Thursday 8th October. D Grimes will attend
- Community Partnerships Exec. Minutes of meeting 12th May
- DCC R Turner Highways Manager. Asking of Stalbridge are interested in taking part in a Lengthsman Scheme. Reply in the negative
- Interoute. Details of meetings to discuss proposed closure of A303
- E-mail from DCC A Culley Traffic Management in reply to our letter requesting "Keep Clear" sign at entrance to Dike's access road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-20 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....
Chairman