

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 5th August 2009 commencing 7-15 p.m.

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

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance Mrs T Watson who will be the Town Clerk as from 1st September

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman asked that an additional item be placed on the Agenda. As no expense would be involved this was agreed.

1. To receive apologies C.Cllr D Fox. Cllr G Carr-Jones
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.

The Clerk reported that no information has yet been received regarding the frequency of road inspections. With regard to the street light at the start of the path to Jarvis Field Play area which has not been replaced, the Clerk advised that this was not part of the new design but the T C could ask S.E.C. to provide one at a cost of approx. £300 for the connection charge, SEC would provide the light and DCC would add it to the inventory.

Next Agenda

4 Proposed Expenditure

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

Spectrum Housing Fee for Licence to use path	
From Pound Close	£250.00

5 Sign Cheques

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

D J Hine Salary August	554.26	
Gratuity	21.59	
Post	12.09	587.94
B Telecom (already signed)		155.25
Spectrum		250.00

Westree. Repair JFPA fence	151.80
J Singleton	496.17
R Sharp NDDC £730.00	
Ring 135.20	865.20
B Gas	89.61
S Electric Toilets	22.07

6. Sign minutes of Annual Town Meeting

These were approved and signed. (Clerk's note. These will be filed at the back of the Town Council Minute Book for the period)

7. Jubilee Play Area

The Clerk advised that the Playing Field Committee had raised some £450 towards up-dating the Jubilee Play Area and are hoping that the TC will match this sum to provide a replacement for the broken spring see-saw. There will be a RoSPA Safety Inspection of the Play Areas during week commencing the 17th August. It was agreed that the see-saw should be removed. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that £450 be allocated towards providing a replacement. All agreed. It was agreed to put on the next Agenda a discussion to produce a plan for some re-furbishment of both play areas (work on JFPA fenced off area is not included in the £50,000 allocated to the area) The Playing Field Cttee also advised that they will having the bushes and undergrowth between the Jubilee Area and the Park Wall removed in order to try and deter further vandalism of the wall.

8. Request to form simple cycle hazards at Pond Close recreation area

A letter received from the young people of Pond Walk asking for permission to use some of the "spoil" from the building work to form simple jumps and hazards for use by the "mountain bikers" on the recreation area in Pond Close. A plan and some photos were provided together with a request for consideration at this meeting in order that they could enjoy the activity during the remainder of the school holidays. It was agreed that they be given permission on a temporary basis and at entirely their own risk until the end of the school summer holiday provided that the work did not interfere with the public footpath across the area or the path from the car park to the allotments. After that date the matter will be considered again.

Clerk to write

9 Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes reported hole in the road halfway down Copse House Hill. To be reported to CLARENCE (as per correct system) in the first instance. Letter to be sent later if no action.

R Penfold attended the Ceremony of the Keys at Portland which was most impressive. Letter of thanks to be sent.

J Wardell requested that the results of the Inventory inspection be put on the next Agenda. She also asked about the broken Grosvenor Road sign and was advised that NDDC have a new one on order.

B Alexander asked who she should contact with regard the Hall Committee as she is the TC rep. Advised to contact the Secretary Colin Rhymes.

J Cowley has been approached by Mr F Fowler with regard to felling the dead trees in the hedge alongside the JFPA Bridleway. It was agreed there was no objection to this. Problems being caused by cyclists on footways also the congregating of young people in Lower Road to the rear of Ring Street Filling Station. P C Sugrue to be advised. The low wall on the point of The Ring again damaged. It was agreed for all Councillors to have a look at the area to see if a permanent solution could be found.

J Cox reported that unfortunately the Youth Club area at the Hall had been broken into and a great deal of damage caused and expensive items stolen.

10 Correspondence

John Foster-Pegg re. Extension to churchyard. Explaining how this could be transferred to the Church. It was agreed to ask him to deal with transfer as suggested

Hugh Delongh re. Dorset Town's Forum

Sarah Pickering re. Jarvis Field Consultation Day

CPEND Small grants scheme

Henstridge Airfield – notice that a formation display team has applied to use the airfield and this is being considered (Clerk's note. Further e-mail received indicating that the Airfield have agreed to this request)

DCC P Impett. Notification of alteration to bus service on account of road closure at Henstridge

DAPTC C Exec. Circular 09/09

DAPTC notice of additional Seminars

Confirmation from Hammonds that the Public Toilets have been attended to by Cowley Plumbers.

Notification of work on A303

Dorset Strategic Partnership Partner Bulletin June 2009

Sth. Som. DC re. 01845 Request for variation of decision notice re. various aircraft has been granted.

DCC Notification of closure of A357 north of Lydlinch for 2 weeks from 17th August

Sth. Som. DC Notification of present position regarding Section 106 Notice and Henstridge Airfield Master Plan

Invitation to Wimborne Civic Walkabout Weds. 23rd September

D Fox. Details of diversion and road closure of C15 at Poolestown from 1st to 11th Sept.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 p.m.

As this was the last meeting that the present Town Clerk would be attending, a presentation was made in recognition of 22 years service.

Date.....

Signed.....
Chairman