

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 2nd September 2009 commencing after the planning meeting.

Present Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chair), P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes, J Smith, J Wardell.

T J Watson (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.15

In attendance: There was member of the public in attendance for Item 6.
During open forum the following comments were received regarding:
The wooden post at the beginning of church walk has been removed and is missing.
The efficiency of street cleaning.
Puddle in road outside community office.

The Clerk committed to dealing with the issues raised.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies had been received from K Garland and B Alexandre & W Batty-Smith.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

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

4. Proposed Expenditure

RESOLVED: There was no proposed expenditure.

The Clerk advised that the bank mandate would need to be altered to reflect the new Clerk and members were happy for a record to be made of this at this meeting.

5. Sign Cheques

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| Direct office supplies | Copy paper | £13.23 |
| BT | Tel. calls & Line rent | £164.53 |
| C.J Cox Ltd | C J Cox Tractor Clutch repair (Playing fields Grant) | £646.97 |
| Gillingham Town Council | Street Cleaning to July 2009-09-01 | £1,685.50 |

RESOLVED: In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the above cheques be signed.

6. Footpath Jarvis Way to Railway.

Members considered a letter from Nick Brown (Footpath Liaison Officer). This gave the option of designation of the raised northern boundary as a bridleway, if the Council infill the slope on the

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Hunts food side of track. It was felt that it would be expensive and impractical to take this course and members preferred to remain with their previous resolution, of requesting dedication of the route as a footpath with permissive cycle and bridleway. The matter of gaining ownership of the land was discussed and the Clerk advised that here had been no response to the Council's letter to Aggregate Industries of 7th April, and that on progressing this by telephone it appeared to be in hand, but would not be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Members considered that as the path had been used over a period of 20 years whether the ownership would fall to the Town Council as a matter of Course.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to delegate progressing the issue of the land ownership & footpath designation to J Wardell and the Clerk.

7. Additional Street light Jarvis Way

The Clerk advised that at the meeting 05/08/09 members had been informed that the street light at the start of the path to Jarvis Field Play area had not been replaced and was not part of the new design. Therefore 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. Members felt as the new light is now at the other side of the road, the area at the start of the path is now very dark and were concerned at the safety aspect of this situation. It was understood that it had been previously agreed that the new would light would be sited in the position of the old one and members felt that in this circumstance the TC should not have to pay for an addition light. It was felt that if there had been some failure in the design or implementation of the plan the issue was one to be resolved between DCC and the contractor. Member mentioned other locations in the town where the level of lighting is an issue and the overall plan of replacement lighting by DCC was discussed.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to delegate to J Cox and the Clerk to write to DCC to request that the street light at the start of the path to Jarvis Field Play area is reinstated as a matter of urgency and to further request a statement on the progression of the lighting renewal scheme in Stalbridge.

8. Refurbishment of Jubilee Play Area/JFPA Children's area

Members considered the potential maintenance cost for both the play areas in terms of the 2010/2011 precept. Concerns were expressed at the proposal to use wooden play equipment in the new scheme at JFPA play area with regard to potential vandalism. It was understood that all of the funding available must be spent on addition equipment at the JFPA play area.

9. Results of Inventory inspection

Not all the inspection results were available.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement that when all the inspection results were available, the Clerk would collated and present to the Council at the next TC or sooner if possible.

10. Councillors' reports/questions

G Carr-Jones - Reported the Halletts farm appeal had been lost.

- Advised that PC Segrue is aware of the problems of cars racing in Stalbridge and has encouraged reporting of incidents via the Dorset police safer neighbourhood's web site.

ACTION: Place this contact info. In the ring magazine and ask the community office to publicize also.

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D Grimes - Highways defects as previous.

- A request had been made for additional allotment land as there a waiting list of 9 people at present. It was understood that there is no more land available at present.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

- Value of having CCTV cameras at the youth club. J Cox advised are in place but are sometimes not switched on.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

J Smith - Cyclists using Dikes path at speed and the lack of lighting on the path. An immediate resolution to either of these issues could not be reached at this point.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

- The efficacy of the currant street cleaning arrangements and if work is being carried out in accordance with the specified contract.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain contract and present for review prior to awarding next contract.

- Expressed concerns that items raised in Councillor' report/questions do not seem to have any further action taken. The Clerk explained that the appropriate way to get items discussed and resolved by the Council is to raise a specific proposal to be placed on the next TC meeting agenda.

ACTION: Councillors to send proposals to Clerk in future.

- Dangerous parking outside the Blackmore vale offices. Members agreed that this was a police issue.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

P Ashcroft – Reference the last meeting some earth mounds had been created at the Pond Close recreation area and the grass was shorter.

- The Top of the rubbish bin is missing at pond walk.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange replacement.

J Cowley – Questioned progress on the Gibbs Marsh enforcement officers ruling.

- Ref. the last meeting the low wall on the point of The Ring again damaged.

ACTION: Clerk to ask maintenance man to come up with a long term solution to the problem and report back to Council.

- Post at Church Walk has been removed and is missing.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange replacement.

- Overgrown blackberry bushes at the entrance to the park.

ACTION: G Carr-Jones to arrange for these to be cut back.

- Evergreen hedge at the road into Pineways obstructing the footpath.

ACTION Clerk to report to DCC

- Signs / advert boards placed on the ring.

ACTION Agenda item for the next meeting to address the issue of advertising in public places in Stalbridge.

J Cox - Reported youths congregating at Hunts and requested late night visits by the PCSO.

ACTION: G Carr-Jones to ask PC Sugrue.

11. Correspondence

DCC Environment Dictatorate open Day 21/09/09 Invitation to attend.

There were no members available to attend.

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The Milton Abbas & Milbourne St Andrew Practice. Letter re. Parish/Town Councils financial support towards the upkeep of Blandford Leisure centre.

Members felt that Blandford was too remote for Stalbridge and that Stalbridge residents use Wincanton Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement that it was not appropriate to make a financial contribution support towards the upkeep of Blandford Leisure Centre.

Disability Action group Invitation to attend AGM 22/10/09.

There were no members available to attend.

Sarah Pickering E-mail suggesting dates for second consultation day re. Jarvis field play area.

It was understood that Sarah would be communication with Belinda and Katie regarding this.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to ask for Sat 3rd October for the next consultation day.

S Goddard Letter requesting further action re. fallen tree at 28 Vale Road.

Members understood from a conversation with the lady concerned that the matter had been resolved.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to instruct the Clerk to write to advise that members felt that the matter had been resolved.

DEC Structural maintenance draft list of schemes for Year 2010-2011.

Sarah Pickering E-mail clarification of second consultation day re Jarvis field play area.

NDDC Proposed Street Closure for Stalbridge Christmas fair.04/12/09 1630 – 2100 hrs.

NDDC Public Participation on the core strategy & dev. Management policies development plan document.

Jo Williams Henstridge Airfield E-mail cc re. Yakovlevs flight times, area & noise levels.

DCC Closure of the cutting between Ring Street & Barrow Hill from 21/09/09 for 44 weeks.

DCC Letter reply re. Overgrown hedges & ditches in Drews Lane & the flooding problem in Pile Lane.

DAPTC Chief execs. Circular 10/09

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Any other business

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-03 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

Chairman