

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of extraordinary meeting of the Town Council to consider the proposed lighting scheme for Station road. To be held in the Town Council Office on Wednesday 3rd February 2010 commencing after the planning meeting.

Present Councillors: G Carr Jones (Chair) J Wardell, B Penfold, John Cowley, K Garland, J Cox, P Ashcroft & B Alexandre.

In attendance

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from J Smith.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To consider and resolve the proposed lighting scheme for Station Road.

The Clerk reported that SEC lighting designers have had recent discussions with Dorset CC regarding the new lighting for Station Road, Lower Road and Barrow Hill.

The current specification for these areas calls for 5 metre high columns to be installed. The SEC view is that columns at a 5 metre height will mean that there will be a lot of columns, that will look like a forest of columns cluttering the street scene and there is potential for complaints from residents as a result of this.

SEC has looked at deviating from the specification and installing lights at a 6 metre height. This will enable wooden elec. poles to be used where possible and reduce the number of extra poles installed, whilst giving the same level of lighting. They feel that this will improve the street appearance and will be more suitable in terms of height for the HGV's that use Station Road. N.B 6 Metre columns have been installed at Jarvis Way.

SEC is looking for agreement from the Town Council to put the 6 metre schemes.

B Alexandre arrived at the meeting and stated that she had no interests to declare.

Some members had reservations and requested a plan of the proposed pole locations. Whilst others were happy to proceed on the basis of installing 6 metre poles, as they had not been consulted on specific pole locations during installation of phase one.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to agree to the provision of 6 metre poles at Station Road, Lower Road and Barrow Hill, providing the scheme will achieve the required lighting levels set out in the County Council specification. The Clerk was instructed to ask for a copy of the plan showing pole locations as a matter of information for the Council.

The meeting Closed at 7.20 pm

Date.....

Signed.....

Chairman