

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Approved minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 14th April 2010 commencing after the planning meeting.**

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

T J Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Apologies had been received for D Fox (County Councillor)

A brief visit was made by PC Sugrue & PCSO Scolding.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting for J Smith & B Alexandre may be late for the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest.

B Alexandre declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 6 as the Council representative on the Hall committee and in an item regarding the entry phone on the Clerks matters of report.

K Garland declared a personal interest in item 6.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 17th March 2010.

Amendment - In payments the sum of £750 was for a grant to the Youth Club not the Hall

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved including the above amendment and signed by the Chairman.

4. Finance.

a) To approve the accounts as presented in annex 1b. For payment.

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| Southern Electricity | Electricity Offices 17.12.09-19.03.10 | £186.61 |
| Wessex Water | Water Office 08.09.09-22.03.10 | £44.64 |
| Wessex Water | Water WC's 10.09.09-12.03.10 | £97.91 |
| B Jones | Flat boiler repairs | £336.11 |
| Wessex Water | Water allotments 16/09/09-15/03/10 | £11.85 |
| Gillingham TC | WC & Street cleaning March 2010 | £1,685.59 |
| Tracey Watson | Mileage attendance of community planning event | £12.06 |
| Tracey Watson | Salary April | £540.39 |
| HM Revenue & customs | Tax & NI April | £96.55 |

Addition to annex 1.b

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| S Pawley | Maintenance of beds on ring 09/02/10—16 & 25 /03/10 | £48.00 |
| BT | Internet Services 01/10/10-30/06/10 | £158.63 |
| The Inwood Estate | Half year rent Stalbridge Playing fields | £1670.00 |
| Partnership Security & electrical | Call out to door entry fault | £70.50 |
| Jason Eyres | Mowing Jarvis way play area April 2010 | £496.17 |
| British Gas | Gas offices 24/12/09-07/04/10 | £152.52 |

RESOLVED: In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty- Smith and seconded by D Hine and agreed that the presented cheques be signed.

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Arising from the approval of additional payments and day to day running expenses the Clerk requested approval of a transfer of £7,000.00 from the deposit account to the current account.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by D Hine, seconded by K Garland and agreed to transfer the funds as specified and the transfer request was signed.

5. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a

| Date | From | Info | Action |
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| 15/03/10 | Diane Churchill DCC adult & community services. | Invitation for groups to take part in Dorset Arts week. | Agreed to pass to Stalbridge Art Group & Guggleton Gallery. |
| 15/03/10 | Andre Rosser NSPCC | A request for a web link on the Town Council web site to the NSPCC helpline site. | RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to have the web link |
| 25/03/10 | Geoff Jones DT11 Forum | Invitation to TC & local organisations to participate in DT11 Green week initiative. | Members declined the invitation as they felt that it was out of the Stalbridge area. |
| 18/03/10 | Steve Shaw Unlock Democracy | Invitation to make representation requesting that the sustainable communities act amendment bill receives the needed parliamentary time. | N/A due to general election |
| 21/03/10 | Mr Ian Forward | E-mail various issues and comments | Members considered the document as presented RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to instruct the Clerk to respond incorporating member's comments. |
| 23/03/10 | Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald Communications Team | Invitation to participate in a post scene survey - A303 Willoughby Hedge to Mere. | Invitation declined |
| 29/03/10 | Rebecca Buck (Legal & Democratic Services) DCC | Notice of confirmation of public Path Extinguishment Order Highways act 1980 (Footpath 71, Stalbridge) | Noted |
| | Addition to Annex. 1.a | | |
| 06/04/10 | Trudy Cox | E mail complaint re food waste & general litter on paths leading from the top corner of Jarvis play area all the way along the path until it meets with the old railway line. | RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to instruct the Clerk to write to all the business in that area advising the problem and asking them to respond with proposed actions. CC to EHO & Trudy Cox. |

6. To receive an application from the Hall committee for a grant of £1250 towards a new roof for the main Hall.

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The Clerk advised that the Hall have £1768.92 left for the 09/10 grant, and that there was a further £1,500 in the budget for 2010/2011. Members understood that the Hall committee need to be able to demonstrate the TC's support to obtain the other funding. The reasons for needing a new roof on the main hall was discussed and members felt that as the Council is being asked to spend public funds the main hall should be available to everyone.

A proposal was made that the Town Council will support the Hall Committee and agrees to a 5% grant towards the cost of replacing the roof.

An amendment was made to add ' up to a maximum total gross cost of repairs of £25,000'

The amendment was approved in voting.

A further amendment was made to add 'The Town Council insist that the main hall is available for all members of the community regardless of age.'

The amendment was approved in voting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that that the Town Council will support the Hall Committee and agree to a 5% grant towards the cost of replacing the roof, up to a maximum total gross cost of repairs of £25,000. The Town Council insist that the main hall is available for all members of the community regardless of age.

7. To consider and adopt the new NALC standing orders.

Copies of the Model standing orders had been provided to members prior to the meeting. The Clerk having reviewed the document the Chair suggested members address each item with either or options or that needed filling in.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by B Alexandre, seconded by W Batty- Smith and agreed to adopt the NALC standing orders including the amendments and additions as discussed.

8. Deferred from previous meetings:-

a) To appoint a Planning Committee & resolve terms of reference.

The Clerk advised that in order to formalise the current arrangement a planning committee that consists of the whole Council needs to be appointed. The draft terms of reference were presented. J Wardell suggested that an update/ training from a NDDC planning officer may be useful. The Clerk committed to provide an info. Note to advise applicants and neighbours of the date of the Planning Committee meeting at which applications are to be considered.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to appoint all Council members to the planning Committee and the terms of reference as presented were adopted.

b) To consider & resolve terms of reference for planning advisory group.

The draft terms of reverence were reviewed.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to adopt the terms of reference including the additions / amendments as discussed.

c) A proposal that the Town Council address the provision of facilities for teenagers in Stalbridge.

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RESOLVED: There was general agreement to defer the item again to a future meeting.

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d) To provide a response to the consultation on the New Plan for North Dorset.

The Clerk apologised for not displaying the poster for the public exhibitions and advised that the deadline for comments on the plan had been extended to Friday 14th May.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to defer the item again to the May meeting.

9. To receive a report regarding the issues raised with SEC regarding phase one of the lighting scheme.
J Cox

J Cox advised that the lantern to the footpath of the last column in Robinson Heights has been realigned so that the beam shines down the footpath and that the lamp at Cale Close had been replaced with one of a higher wattage. The Chair thanked her for her efforts.

10. To resolve the SEC offer of a new extra lighting column approx. 8 metres from Jarvis way along the footpath at a cost of £300.00.

It was understood that the S.E.C. offer is to provide a light at a one off cost of approx. £300 for the connection charge and DCC would add it to the inventory.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by D Hine, seconded by K Garland and agreed that the Town council will pay £300 for the new extra lighting column approx. 8 metres from Jarvis way along the footpath. On the understanding that DCC would add it to the inventory.

11. To receive an update and give further instruction regarding the footpath Jarvis way to the trail way.
J Wardell.

The Clerk had progressed the issue and had been advised that it had been passed to the legal team at Aggregate Industries to deal with.

12. A proposal that the Council resolve what is to be done with the Millennium snap shot books.
J Cox

Members accepted K Garlands offer to approach the Library with regard to whether they would take the books back and the subsequent arrangements for their storage.

13. A request from the Clerk that Council approves the carry over of more than 5 days holiday to the end of August 2010.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to grant the request to carry holiday forward.

B Alexandre left the meeting.

14. Clerks report on matters arising.

Flat Overflow leaking – have booked plumber to fix.

ATM 28th April at the hall @ 7.30pm posters on the notice board at JFP offices advert in the BMV this week. Agendas will be displayed 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Entry Phone Have alternative quote to replace unit outside of £93.00 (Prev. quote £160.00)

Disabled WC hand rail – needs replacing at a cost of £93.69 + £10 carriage

Churchyard Solicitor is dealing with this after initial delay due to work load.

Stones at the corner of the ring dislodged again

The quotes for the entry phone & hand rail were accepted.

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15. To receive :-

a) Items for the next agenda from members.

J Cowley – A proposal to review and adopt additional standing orders from old set.

G Carr-Jones – A proposal that the Town council write to the DC and request that they pay the cost of the replacement Videx external unit which as been damaged by water gathering in potholes outside the office.

B Alexandre – A proposal that the TC request a no HGV's sign at the bottom of Cope House Hill.

D Hine – A proposal that the TC write to the NDDC enforcement officer concerning an unauthorised caravan in field at Thornhill.

b) Town Councillors reports/questions.

J Wardell – Advised that footpath 20 behind the sawmills has been resurfaced.

16. To receive Dorset District Councillors reports.

W Batty- Smith advised that the resurfacing of the high street has been brought forward to this financial year.

17. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

None

18. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday **12th May 2010**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 4th May 2010.

The meeting Closed at 9.39 pm

Date.....

Signed.....
Chairman