

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June commencing after the Planning Meeting which starts at 7pm.**

**Present Councillors** G Carr-Jones (Chair), K Garland, T Bishop, B Newton & J Wardell.

T Watson (Clerk)

## **In attendance**

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

G Carr-Jones (Dorset County Cllr & North Dorset Dist. Cllr.) was present. Apologies had been received from W Batty-Smith (North Dorset Dist. Cllr.)

## **Welcome to members of the public and introductions.**

### **1. Community Open Forum.**

It was noted that Landshire Lane wall had been repaired.

### **2. To receive apologies.**

Apologies had been received from P Brember, D Hine, R Knapp, C Moore & B Penfold.

### **3. Declarations of interest.**

K Garland declared a pecuniary interest item 15.a (IK Services) and stated that she would abstain from the vote on that payment.

### **4. To approve the minutes of the meetings - held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

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

### **5. To receive Town Councillors reports.**

J Wardell – Attended Friends of the Library AGM & Annual open meeting of the LMG. Item covered Library Service van parking on pavers at the Hub and charging structure for visually impaired users. The use of funds will be discussed at the next meeting. White Hart Link – Henstridge Parish Council are interested in an off road link between Henstridge and Stalbridge.

Community Defibrillators – to be discussed at a further meeting

B Newton – thanked for the training courses he had received.

K Garland – Requested a record made in the minutes of the fact that Town Councillors don't get paid

### **6. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.**

None.

### **7. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.**

None.

### **8. To receive a quotation for remedial works to the Bier House and give further instruction.**

A condition report was received

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the quotation in the sum of £982.00 for remedial works to the Bier House (J Cowley voted against)**

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## 9. To discuss proposed development off Lower Road. J Cowley.

J Cowley raised concerns over the public utilities and highways infrastructure in relation to the proposed development site in Lower Road alongside that of the other two sites that are proposed. He was thanked for his input and encouraged to make comment in the sites survey.

## 10. To receive an update on the future provision of GP's surgery services in Stalbridge and give further instruction. T Bishop

A report was received and it was understood that the surgery PPG are now taking this issue on and that there will be quarterly update reports over the next 12 months. He was thanked by the Chairman for his continued involvement.

## 11. To receive a request to paint the bus shelter on the Ring with the grievances concerning the alterations to the bus routes in Stalbridge and give further instruction. J Rabbetts (TC Public Transport Rep.)

Although members sympathised with the sentiment to obtain media interest by painting the grievances on the bus shelter as it was not clear exactly what would be displayed and for how long, and what arrangements were being made for putting the bus shelter back to its original condition they had reservations.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed that K Garland and B Newton would liaise with the organisers and report back to Council.

## 12. To receive an update on the land transfers and lease from NDDC and give further instruction. T Bishop

It was understood that T Bishop would have a further appointment with Battens to discuss the land transfers and lease.

## 12. To approve the June issue of the Town Council newsletter.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to approve the June issue of the Town Council newsletter.

## 13. Correspondence: as detailed in annex. 1a

Date	From	Info	Action
22.05.17	NDDC Licencing	Notice of application for new premises licence Unit 4 The Sidings	Noted
25.05.17	Carter Jonas LLP	Joint Town Centres and Retail Study request for Town tour	G Carr Jones conducted the tour
01.06.17	Dorset Highways	Proposed temporary closure of Stalbridge Road, Stourton Caundle – 24.07.17-04.08.17	Noted
30.05.17	SSE Enterprise	Street Lighting Replacements Consultation - Stalbridge	Date to be confirmed
25.05.17	Wessex Water	Works to replace approx. 355m of water main in Barrow Hill, Stalbridge – December 2017	Notice to be displayed
26.05.17	Seafarers UK	Request to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – 03.09.17	Noted

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## 14. Finance.

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

Water2business	Water 21-09-16-23-03-17 Allotments	£ 23.62
Westree Company	Removal of oak tree - Jarvis Way Playing Field	£ 576.00
R Sharp	NDDC & STC grass 15.05-06.06.17	£1,332.50
I K Services	Street Orderly Services - May	£1,772.23
EON	Electricity Supplies - Toilet Block 16.04.17 - 24.05.17	£ 31.31
DAPTC	New Councillors Induction Training - B Newton	£ 35.00
T Watson	In lieu ATM - Refreshments expenses	£ 19.53
T Watson	Salary - June inc back pay	£2,046.75
P Garraway	Salary - June inc back pay	£ 749.80
HMRC	Tax & NI June	£ 992.83
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl pension contribution May	£ 625.12
Direct Office Supplies	Paper and drawing pins	£ 18.24
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL24309 Silver Support Package June 17	£ 234.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	100223 Lines & Services Plan - May	£ 134.37
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT24397 VoIP line June	£ 36.00
Total Gas & Power	Gas supply The Hub 30.04.17 - 31.05.17	£ 23.02
J Fieldhouse	Annual hosting of Town Council website from 27.05.17 for 12 months	£ 144.00
Tesco Mobile	1398028352 - mobile charges 09.05.17-08.06.17	£ 11.50
Playingfields Man Cttee.	Grant for Playingfields running costs	£1,600.00
Life Education Wessex	Grant Contribution to 2 day visit to Stalbridge School	£ 315.00
Stalbridge Youth Club	Grant for rent of the Hall	£1,500.00
St Mary's PCC	Grant for Churchyard Upkeep	£3,000.00

**RESOLVED: Proposed by B Newton, seconded by T Bishop and all agreed to approve the payments as presented.**

It was noted that the standing order to IK Services had changed in conjunction with the agreed SLA and the documentation was signed accordingly

K Garland abstained from the vote on the payment to IK Services.

The Clerk requested a transfer be made from the deposit to the instant access account of £30,000 to cover day to day running expenses.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make the transfer as requested.**

## 15. Clerks report on matters arising.

Overgrown hedges adjacent to the footway on Jarvis way - Highways template letters have been sent to resident of properties in Meadow Close.

Planning consultation – I have received comment regarding members expressing a preference when attending the consultation sessions.

Social media – Re-issued the TC social media policy and suggest all members that use social media read and adhere to the policy.

Water leak near The Ring – Reported.

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Open Land adjacent to Pond Walk – Has been cut thanks to R Selway.

Jarvis Way – Graffiti removed from slide.

NDDC land adjacent to the open land at Pond Walk – NDDC have asked if we can arrange a sub-contractor to deal with overgrown boundary issues raised by neighbouring properties and re-charge to them. Agreed 20% surcharge.

Stalbridge.info – J Fieldhouse has asked if the TC would take this on to futureproof the site.

**16. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Date: 5 July 2017

Signed: .....

Chairman