

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 8th February 2017 commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chair), T Bishop, J Cowley, K Garland, R Knapp, C Moore, B Newton, B Penfold & J Wardell

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Apologies had been received from W Batty-Smith (North Dorset Dist. Cllr.) and P Batstone (County Cllr.)

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community Open Forum.

Mr Dunton addressed members in relation to his concerns at the potential substantial housing development in Stalbridge and the negative effect that this may have in relation to the adequacy of the highways infrastructure, adequacy of school number places and the demographic of the Town. He asked members for their thoughts on how economic growth in Stalbridge can be stimulated to support such development. It was noted that at the autumn Stalbright Spotlight On Commerce event over two hundred local business had been identified in Stalbridge and invited to the event.

2. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from P Brember & D Hine.

3. Declarations of interest.

K Garland declared a pecuniary interest item 17.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 11th & 25th January 2017.

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

5. To receive Town Councillors reports.

K Garland - Congratulated the Youth Club on their recent talent event.

J Cowley – The fire hydrant cover outside Candys has been repaired however there are 2 potholes in Coppenn Way that remain unfilled as they do not meet the required criteria for intervention. He expressed disappointment that the Dorset CCG consultation made no mention of Yeovil hospital and felt that the consultation should be responded to by the Council as a whole. This was considered my members and declined in favour of making individual representation.

T Bishop – Promoted the drop in session at Dikes in conjunction with the current Clinical Commissioning Group Consultation . He had attended the meeting to re-form the Stalbridge surgery Patient Participation Group and gave members an update on the proposed merger of Stalbridge surgery with the Blackmore Vale Partnership and the very tight time line and constrains of the merger. He concluded by stressing the importance of the TC being seen to be doing something to support the Community through this process whatever the outcome.

G Carr- Jones – Thanked T Bishop for his involvement and informative and detailed report.

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J Wardell – The White Hart link is progressing with a launch date in April in Stalbridge. She had Chaired the recent Hub User Group meeting and been involved with the permissive bridleway clearance event.

6. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.

G Carr-Jones gave an update on the local government re-organisation the proposal from which is now in the hands of the Secretary Of State.

7. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

None.

8. To consider the issue of speeding cars on and around Station Rd, Jarvis Way, Vale Rd and out towards The Ring and give further instruction. B Newton

It was noted that whilst there may be an issue of speeding the noise nuisance caused by the over revving of the vehicles engine is also an antisocial element of concern. B Newton advised that he has spoken to the PCSO before the meeting who had advised that if note is taken of the offending vehicle number plate the police will visit the driver and give a warning. G Carr-Cones advised that the TC can facilitate a community speed watch programme if there is local interest in involvement.

9. To receive a report for the Planning & Open Spaces Advisory Group regarding the request for a grit bin in Grove lane close and give further instruction. POSAG

The POSAG group had carried out a site assessment in conjunction with the criteria for the provision of a grit bin. It was implied that the grit from the bin in this location was for use on the highway which is not the TC's remit.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement that the site specified did not meet the criteria for the provision of a grit bin and therefore not to provide a bin. The Clerk was instructed to advise the member of the public who had made the request of the Councils resolution.

10. To receive grant funding applications from 16.17 funds from the Playing Fields Management Committee. D Hine

The Clerk advised the balance of the 16.17 general grant fund.

It was noted that whilst the Playingfields Management Committee manages the community space it has limited opportunity in terms of fundraising other than club rents which have recent been increased. The application for £1,600 was to bridge the deficit between income and expenditure in 2016.17.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a grant to the Playing Fields Management Committee of £1,600 for running costs for the financial year 16.17.

The application for between £4,000 & £5,000 was to replace the aged and worn out gang mower. It was understood that the sum quoted are dependent on the model chosen and is subject to a trade in price. It was understood that a volunteer mows the grass at a considerable saving.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a grant to the Playing Fields Management Committee in terms of the purchase of a gang mower to maximum value of £5,000 subject to trade in price from 16.17 funds.

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11. To request that Station Rd is included for resurfacing in the DCC Highways capital programme 17.18. J Cowley

The extremely poor condition of the road surface was noted.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to Write to DCC Highways and make the strongest representation that Station Rd resurfacing be included in the capital programme 17.18.

12. To receive a grant funding application from 16.17 funds from St Marys PCC for a cabinet for the Remembrance book.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to make a grant of up to £420.00 for a cabinet for the Remembrance book.

13. To approve the Street Cleaning Agreement with NDDC 01.04.17-31.03.20.

The payment for the agreement form NDDC was noted in relation to the actual cost of providing the service.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to approve the Street Cleaning Agreement with NDDC 01.04.17-31.03.20.

14. To consider works to the tree in the Springfields hedge and give further instruction.

A quote to reduce by 25% at £160 or fell to ground level at £270 was considered.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to fell the tree in the Springfields hedge.

15. To approve the purchase of a tall metal storage cabinet for the TC Office.

RESOLVED: Agreed to endeavour to obtain a cupboard from Norden

16. Correspondence: as detailed in annex. 1a

Date	From	Info	Action
30.01.17	DCC	Notice of diversion of FP 25	Noted
31.01.17	NDDC	Parish Project consultation online planning	Noted
01.02.17	Litter Free Coast and Sea Project	Invitation to become part of a regular working group of Litter Free Dorset	Declined
01.02.17	DAPTC	Local Government Reorganisation update	Noted
16.01.17	Sturquest	White Hart Link update	Noted

17. Finance.

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

Direct office supplies	2 x ring binders	£4.32
Dorset County Council	2800109367 Dorset Waste Partnership Jan 17-Mar 17	£608.37
EON	Electricity WC's 03.01.17-25.01.17	£24.42
Tesco Mobile	1389976743 Mobile phone charges 09 Jan - 08 Feb 17	£11.50
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL22653 - Silver Support Pack - Jan	£270.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL22844 - Silver Support Pack - Feb	£270.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	Inv 100110 Line rentals inc Broadband Jan	£134.37
T Watson	In lieu Milk LAG meeting	£1.09
Clerk	Salary February	£1,021.73

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Assistant Clerk	Salary February	£388.54
Dorset County Pension Fund	emp & empty pension cont. Jan	£266.76
SEE	Electricity Hub 27/10/16-23.01.17	£118.17
Williams Florists	2 x Christmas trees	£16.00
IK Services	SO Street Orderly Duties February	£1,772.33
Total Gas & Power	Gas hub 31.12.16-31.01.17	£170.75
Openings	Deposit new doors and auto mechanism	£3,052.80
Playingfields Management Ctte.	Grant for running costs 16.17	£1,600.00

RESOLVED: Proposed by J Wardell, seconded by B Newton and all agreed to approve the payments as presented.

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

The Clerk made a request for a transfer between the Deposit and instant access accounts of £20,000.00 to cover day to day running expenses.

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

RESOLVED: In accordance with standing order 10a. xi. It was proposed and agreed to exclude the press and public.

18. Clerks report on matters arising.

Report received regarding a possible insurance claim.

Web site report – last month 1529 page views top three being agendas & mins Councillors & about us. 1238 unique visitors. Average 40 per week.

Antisocial behaviour in Station Rd car park – cars have had tyres let down / damaged.

Use of the Electoral role – From democratic services - Extract taken from the Electoral Commission Manual on the supply and use of the register.

Restrictions on use of the full register

4.32 A Councillor or employee of the Council who has a register may only supply a copy of the register or disclose or make use of information contained in it that is not contained in the edited register for the discharge of a statutory function of the Council or any other local authority relating to security, law enforcement and crime prevention.

19. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2017. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 28th February 2017.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date: 8 March 2017

Signed: