

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors K Garland (Chair), P Brember, J Cowley, B Newton, R Knapp & J Wardell.
T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

Cllr. Val Potheary (North Dorset District Council Chairman) was in attendance

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

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

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community open forum.

Suggestions were made regarding recognising local heroes. Concerns were expressed at the speed of traffic at Thornhill.

2. To receive apologies.

G Carr-Jones, B Penfold, D Hine, C Moore & T Bishop.

3. Declarations of interest.

K Garland declared a pecuniary interest item 16.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 4th October 2017

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

5. To receive Dorset District Councillors reports.

None.

6. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

None.

7. To receive Town Councillors reports.

J Wardell highlighted the need for information to be available to encourage responsible walking on footpaths in and around Stalbridge. She advised that the Community Library have a forthcoming author talk on the 28th November and that the heater has been fitted behind the library desk. The Stalbridge short walks leaflet is due out soon and interest has been expressed by Henstridge Parish Council regarding extending the trailway north.

J Cowley queried the progression of liaison with Henstridge Parish Council regarding highways and the potential developments.

Post meeting note (TCM 05.07.17 B Penfold, J Wardell, and B Newton & J Cowley to liaise.)

8. To make representation regarding proposed introduction of a recharge to town and parish councils for the costs incurred by the District Council in organising town and parish scheduled ordinary elections.

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It was noted that the other Dorset District Councils recharge to town and parish councils for the costs incurred in organising town and parish scheduled ordinary elections. Some concerns were expressed regarding the potential impact on democracy with the possibility of candidates being discouraged from standing in order to avoid the need for a poll and associated recharge costs.

RESOLVED: Agreed to respond that should the re-charges for town and parish scheduled ordinary elections come into force advance financial information in terms of costs be provided in order for the Town Council to be able to cover any costs via the precept.

9. To receive an update on the Jubilee play area refurbishment and give further instruction.

The Clerk advised that only multiplay foundation was left. It is hoped to have three schemes in the New Year. A tree survey has been done the results have not been received as yet.

10. To receive a request from the Hall Management Committee for fencing around the town bins and give further instruction.

It was noted that this was not a formal request for the Hall Management Committee.

RESOLVED: B Newton to assess the viability and costs and report back to Council.

11. To hold a Community Litter Pick / Action Day in Stalbridge. G Carr-Jones

Cllr. Val Potheary explained in the current climate of change in local government the pertinent subject was finding joint projects that the Towns & Parish Councils and District Council could work on together. Whilst a Community Litter Pick / Action Day may be one way of working together she was also looking for other suggestions locally. She advised that in the New Year as Chairman of the District Council she will be leading a 'Community Heros' initiative.

12. To receive a quotation for an automatic door opener for the Library door, including new auto door push pads & give further instruction.

The cost of the door push pads with 'push' replacing the current wheelchair sign was considered to be excessive and it was agreed once the opener has been installed to monitor use.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to install a new automatic door with the current push pads.

13. To receive responses to the TC's correspondence regarding defecation on the trailway and give further instruction.

Responses had been received from 2 of the business that the TC had written to. Both were happy to engage and had taken some initial remedial actions.

RESOLVED: Given the actions taken to monitor the situation with the assistance of those who had made the original reports and bring back to Council in six months if the issue is not raised again in the interim.

14. To receive a request for funding for the fancy dress prize in association with the 'Tea With Santa' event and give further instruction.

It was understood that the event was not intended as profit making.

RESOLVED: To grant fund fancy dress prizes in association with the 'Tea With Santa' event to a value of £40.00.

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15. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

10.10.17	Mr S Cox	Copy of letter to NDDC planning dev regarding the proposed Barrow Hill development site access via Grosvenour Rd.	Noted
18.10.17	DCC Highways	Proposed closure of Landshire Lane	Noted
01.11.17	Connells	Letter reference land included in the strategic sites housing assessment	Noted

16. Finance: as detailed in annex 1b.

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

EM PWLB DD	Office loan 2nd payment 2017	3,614.42
I K Services	WC (Store) replace and fit new door lock & replace high cistern flush bracket	£ 66.00
I K Services	Street Cleaning Services - Nov	£1,816.67
Dorset County Council	DWP - Hub and Town Waste July 17 - Sept 17	£ 609.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL26240 - Silver Support Pack - November	£ 241.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	Line rentals - November	£ 135.20
EON	Electricity supplied to Toilet Block - 15 Sept-16 Oct	£ 21.57
Graham Carter	Repairs to Bier House	£ 800.00
John Fieldhouse Design & Print	Web authoring for Stalbridge.info for w/e 15/10 - 29/10/17	£ 216.00
P Garraway	In lieu - postage VAT reclaim	£ 0.98
P Garraway	In lieu HM Registry - Title Plans for 2 properties @£3 each	£ 6.00
P Garraway	Salary - November	
T Watson	Salary - November	
T Watson	In lieu Stamps	£ 13.44
HMRC	Tax & Ni Nov	£ 251.12
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl pension contribution Nov	£ 377.66
Direct Office Supplies	Stationery - Laminating Pouches (160 Micron)	£ 17.39
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Great Western IT Ltd	Renewal for 24 months from 01.12.17 domain name registration fees for stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk	£ 158.40
Water2business	Water allotments - 24/03/17 - 29/09/17	£ 124.82
Water2business	Water The Hub 15/03/17 - 29/09/17	£ 176.60
Total Gas & Power	Inv 3003222926 Gas supply The Hub 31/08/17 - 30/09/17	£ 11.04
Tesco Mobile	Inv 134008327908 - mobile phone charges 09.10.17-08.11.17	£ 11.50
SSE	611629501/0020 Electricity supply - The Hub - 22 Jul - 24 Oct 17	£ 59.55
R Sharp	STC & NDDC grass cutting 07/09-01/11	£ 1,947.50
RBL	Remembrance wreath	£30.00
Stalbrige Hall Management Cttee.	funding for the fancy dress prize in association with the 'Tea With Santa' event	£40.00

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

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

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b) To receive the quarterly financial report ending 30.09.17

The bank statements and reconciliation sheet were verified and signed. J Cowley queried the cost of IT provision.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the Quarterly financial report ending September 2017 as presented.

17. Clerks report on matters arising.

The Clerk advised that subsequent to the previous meeting and the resolution regarding making a record of voting numbers. S.O 3.Xr.is in bold and therefore contains statutory requirements. It is recommended that Councils adopt standing orders in bold them without changing them.

Therefore without changing a bold standing order the resolution cannot be applied. However S.O 3.Xr. states that at the request of a Councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question.

Reported – loose pavier at the roadside parking area on Station Rd.

18. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th December 2017**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.43pm

Date: 13 December 2017

Signed:

Chairman