

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 9th August commencing at 7pm.

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

In attendance

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

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

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community Open Forum.

A request was made for improved signage discouraging HGV's from using Barrow Hill route. Complaint received regarding overgrown hedge on Barrow Hill – The Clerk had previously reported this and agreed to progress with Sovereign.

2. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received from T Bishop, G Carr-Jones, D Hine, and R Knapp & C Moore.

3. Declarations of interest.

K Garland declared a pecuniary interest item 14.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 5th July.

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.

The Clerk read out a statement for the Chairman of the Playing fields Trust.

J Wardell – Advised that the SLA footpaths have been cut. On FP20 the footpath boundary wire keeps being bent. Attended the LMG meeting, there is a new Library web site.

J Cowley – Events that happen at the hall need more publicity

P Brember – Cycling on Station Rd is dangerous. TC have on several occasions requested remedial works which have been declined by DCC Highways. Consider working with the County Councillor in terms of encouraging cycling. Thanks to Tracey for her work on the Sunday Funday.

8. To receive an offer to re-plant a shrub at the Millennium Garden and give further instruction.

N Brown offered the options of replacing or pruning the pyracantha

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RESOLVED: General agreement to accept offer to prune the pyracantha with thanks.

9. To consider a proposal for access over land at Stalbridge Hall and give further instruction.

Concerns were expressed at the proposal and the potential loss of parking spaces on the Hall drive and that it may set a precedent for other requests for access across the Hall land.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed ask the Hall Committee for their position and state the TC's position which is to decline the offer.

10. To consider the condition of the multi play unit at Jubilee play area and give further instruction.

The Clerk gave an update on the annual inspection report. It was understood that some major remedial works were required and that the multiplay unit is nearing the end of its life.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to remove the left hand tower, slide & rope bridge and install a climbing wall on the right hand tower for access.

11. A proposal that the Town Council make the road closure applications in conjunction with the Remembrance Day parades via the A357 from Station Rd car park to the Church and from the Church to the British Legion on Barrow Hill. D Hine.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Town Council will make the road closure applications in conjunction with the Remembrance Day parades via the A357 from Station Rd car park to the Church and from the Church to the British Legion on Barrow Hill.

12. To receive members wish list for the 2018 precept

The following suggestions were made:

Funds for additional town orderly hours. Highways verge cutting. Street scene maintenance i.e. painting railings, aubrietia maintenance on Church Hill. Information board and signage for the White Hart Link. Play / exercise equipment for 10-18 years. Youth Club funding

13. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

Date	From	Info	Action
03-07-17	Countryside Access Management Ltd	NDDC Public Path Diversion Order, Town & country Planning Act 1990, Section 257, Public Footpath No 25, Parish of Stalbridge	Noted
12-07-17	Dorset County Council	Highways Act 1980, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, DCC (Part of Bridleway 74, Stalbridge) Public Path Diversion Order 2016	Noted with thanks to N Brown
July 2017	Paul Dance Limited	Potential New Development Site Submission Form	Noted
05-06-17	R J Williams	Proposed Development sites	Noted
18-07-17	Dorset Highways	Stalbridge Definitive Statement of public rights of way	Note
21-07-17	Dorset Travel	New contracts for the provision of passenger transport	Noted
28-07-17	Dorset CC	Litter Free Dorset Working Group	P Brember to attend

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29-07-17	Bob Lovell	Potential Development Sites	Noted
July 2017	Dorset Community Action	Conference on Working Together for a Stronger Civil Society	Noted
	NDDC	Statement on 5 year housing supply	Noted publicise on TC web site
	DCC	Dorset travel update	Noted
	Stalbridge Youth Club	Letter thanks for grant	Noted

14. Finance: as detailed in annex 1b.

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

Tesco Mobile	Inv 134000072243 Mobile charges 09.06.17-08.07.17	£ 11.50
Dorset County Council	Dorset Waste Partnership - Hub and Town Waste July 17 - Sept 17	£ 613.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT24916 - VoIP charges for August	£ 36.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL24915 - Silver Support Pack August	£ 234.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	Inv 10288 - Line rentals	£ 135.55
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT25233 -ESET Anti-Virus Monthly	£ 7.20
Williams Florist	Plants and compost for troughs at Cross	£ 28.98
EON	Electricity supply Toilet block, 15.06.17 -26.07.17	£ 31.89
SSE	6116295010019 - Electricity The Hub 03 May 17 - 21 July 17	£ 119.85
IK Services	Street Orderly Services - July	£1,816.67
T Watson	Postage - Car Park Land Transfer Docs	£ 4.60
T Watson	In lieu of ESET virus protection - Hub computers - 1 year renewal	£ 76.99 £ 47.99
P Garraway	In lieu 12 x 2nd Class stamps	£ 6.72
HMRC	Tax & Ni Aug	£ 246.00
DC Pension Fund	Emp & Empl pension contribution Aug	£ 356.70
Total Gas & Power	Inv 151727603/17 Gas supply Hub	£ 2.09
Tesco Mobile	Inv 13400212814 Mobile charges 09-07-17 - 08-08-17	£ 11.50
I K Services	Hub Window cleaning; line marking paint, hooks, WC flush valve repair and replacement	£ 90.45
DAPTC	Annual Subscription 2017/2018	£ 752.89
St Marys PCC	Grant cabinet for remembrance book - replace cancelled cheque 3414 in sum of £420	£ 200.00
R Sharp	STC & NDDC grass cutting & worked re-charged to NDDC	£1,909.50
The Play inspection co	Annual inspection Jarvis Field & Jubilee play areas	£ 180.00
Total gas & power	Gas hub 30.06-31.07.17	£ 4.72

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

b) To receive the Quarterly financial report ending June 2017.

The bank statements and reconciliation sheet were verified and signed

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

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed J Wardell & P Brember be added as cheque signatories on the TC bank account.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a transfer of £30,000 from the deposit to the instant access account.

15. Clerks report on matters arising.

Overgrown hedges obstructing pavements – Highways template letters sent to 30 Grosvenor Rd & 2 Pound Close.

Play equipment – Annual inspection has been done cradle swings and zip slide are out of action pending repair.

Hedge at Lower Rd- Dealing with and enquiry with regard to responsibility for maintenance

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

16. To receive an update on a potential insurance claim and give further instruction.

Update given.

17. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 29th August 2017.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date: 6 September 2017

Signed:

Chairman