

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 7pm.**

**Present Councillors** G Carr-Jones (Chair), T Bishop , P Brember, J Cowley, B Newton, & J Wardell.

The Chairman welcomed T Bishop back

T Watson (Clerk)

## **In attendance**

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

G Carr-Jones (North Dorset Dist. & DC 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.**

No comments.

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

K Garland, D Hine, B Penfold, R Knapp & C Moore.

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

### **4. To approve the minutes of the meetings - held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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

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

G Carr-Jones advised that the Local Plan Review Issues & Options Consultation event had been well attended in Stalbridge. There is also a consultation in process regarding rules about dogs in public spaces. Purbeck and East Dorset have withdrawn objections and expressed support for the unitary proposal.

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

G Carr-Jones had attended the 'Live Well' event at Dikes. His December report will be circulated to members.

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

J Wardell- Attended the Library Management meeting and the author talk was well attended.

P Brember- Thanks to Stalbright, the town looks very festive. All the festive events have been successful.

J Cowley – Queried the cost of the IT support

T Bishop - Thanks to members for concern expressed. Attended PPG Chairs meeting where extending surgery opening hours and patient transport volunteer schemes were discussed. Update on the Stalbridge Surgery is that there will be an application to convert the surgery to residential use and if this is granted Dr Clayton will then give 6 month notice. Attended the Information Office meeting, there is a local transport survey in process.

### **8. To Approve the December 2017 edition of the quarterly Town Council newsletter.**

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**RESOLVED: The December 2017 edition of the quarterly Town Council newsletter was approved.**

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

The Clerk advised that some members of the POSAG had met on site. A tree inspection had been carried out. No works were proposed to the oak tree in the play area however some works were proposed the horse chestnut in the south-east corner of the Rec, located outside the Play Area but with limbs overhanging. The Clerk advised that the POSAG had reviewed three play equipment schemes. Members were very keen to have the works completed to open the new play area at the beginning of April.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to present the schemes that the POSAG favoured for public comment with a view to making a decision on the 10<sup>th</sup> January meeting.**

10. To receive an update on the Cross survey / remedial works project and give further instruction.

Advice has been received from the Ancient Monuments Inspector (Historic England) that scheduled monument consent will be necessary before any work can be carried out. On advice from both the Ancient Monuments Inspector and the Conservation Officer for Dorset Councils Partnership, additional quotations have been sought, which are awaited along with an updated quote from the first company to quote. J Cowley queried the works required and reference was made to the first quotation received, which is subject to closer inspection when the scaffolding is erected. It was suggested that the contractors be asked if any traffic regulations are required during the works.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Scheduled Monument Consent form be signed by the Chairman and submitted and report back in due course.**

11. For the Town Council to make an approach to the landowner to increase the lease term on the Playing Fields. G Carr-Jones

G Carr-Jones explained that in order for any developer contributions to be available or grants applied for in relation to works at the playingfields a lease with a term to cover the lifespan of the works was necessary.

**RESOLVED: To make a formal approach to the landowner for a long term lease on the Playing Fields circa 99 years.**

12. To receive an update on request from the Hall Management Committee for fencing around the town bins and give further instruction. B Newton

B Newton advised that had looked at the area and whilst the amount of equipment, signs and other items in addition to the three bins had been reduced he understood the Hall Management Committees point. He felt that it would take up to 10 panels and posts and fixing brackets to create an "L" shaped screen for ease of use and access. It was noted that the original agreement was to store two bulk bins and there was question as to who should fund the works. The Clerk asked members to give some long term consideration to storage facilities.

**RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to instruct the Clerk to obtain a quote for the works.**

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13. To support the Royal British Legion campaign to commemorate the ending of the First World War 100 years ago, in remembrance of the sacrifices made by men and women during that time, by placing a Silent Soldier Silhouette on the Ring.

P Brember

**RESOLVED:** Agreed to purchase 2 Silent Soldier Silhouette and for the POSAG to specify the locations.

14. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

13.11.17	Weldmar hospice care	2018 Snowdrop Service invitation Sunday 4th Feb 3pm The Pound Gardens	Noted
22.11.17	NDDC	North Dorset Local Plan Review – Issues & Options Consultation	<a href="https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/north-dorset-local-plan-review">https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/north-dorset-local-plan-review</a>
26.11.17	NDDC	Prepare to live better	<a href="https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/livebetter">https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/livebetter</a>
28.11.17	North & Mid Dorset CCG	Stalbridge Mile Map	Noted sited at the public WC's in station Rd car park and there will be a launch in the new year,
30.11.17	South Western Railway	Longer trains and extra seats for South Western Railway passengers from this December	Noted
01.12.17	NDDC	Request to complete Dog Consultation	<a href="https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dog-warden/north-dorset">https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dog-warden/north-dorset</a>
07.12.17	Dorset CC	Chief execs request for support for the unitary proposal	Declined to respond
08.12.17	North & Mid Dorset CCG	Invitation to attend an Engagement Workshop event	T Bishop to attend
	Natwest bank	Notice of closure of Sherborne branch 20.06.18	Noted
08.12.17	DAPTC	December newsletter inc 18.19 subscription charges	Noted
13.12.17	K Harvey	Enquiry ref purchasing land	T Bishop to review the land transfer document and report back
11.12.17	Simon Hoare MP North Dorset	Invitation to Parish Councils round table event 02.02.17	G Carr-Jones to attend

15. Finance: as detailed in annex 1b.

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

Total Gas & Power	Gas supply Hub 30/08 - 31/10/17	£ 43.93
Tesco Mobile	Mobile charges 09/11 - 08/12/17	£ 11.50
Dorset County Council	Remembrance Parade sign overlays	£ 21.60
Custom Fire & Security	4 x 8w fluorescent tubes for emergency lights	£ 59.95
Custom Fire & Security	labour and battery packs - emergency lights	£ 222.96
Blackmore Vale Blinds	Replacement sloping vertical headrail in office	£ 52.80
Prodigy IT Solutions	Line rentals 1/12 - 31/12/17	£ 134.37
Prodigy IT Solutions	Silver Support Pack - December	£ 241.20

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Direct Office Supplies	Copy paper	£ 17.51
Prodigy IT Solutions	Public machines -Windows updates	£ 96.00
John Fieldhouse Design & Print	Web authoring Stalbridge.Info 05.11.17 to 26.11.17	£ 288.00
EON	Electricity Supply Toilet Block 16/10/17 - 19.11.17	£ 39.42
I K Services	Street Cleaning Services - Nov	£1,816.67
T Watson	In lieu Baker Ross - stationery	£ 17.96
T Watson	In lieu - cartridgesave - Toner cartridges	£ 376.31
T Watson	Salary - December	
P Garraway	Salary - December	
P Garraway	In lieu Postage VAT reclaim	£ 0.64
HMRC	Tax & Ni Dec	£ 251.73
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Emly pension contribution Dec	£ 356.60
I K Services	Removal of Jubilee Park play equipment	£ 465.00
SLCC	Renewal of Membership 01/01/18-31/12/18	£ 165.00
In lieu Debbie Barter	Tea with Santa - fancy dress prizes	£ 40.00
Total Gas & Power	Gas supply Hub 31/10/17- 30/11/17	£ 118.65
I K Services	New bin for Hub toilet	£ 25.00
I K Services	Stalbridge walks sign erected on WC block wall	£ 15.00
Openings	Inner Library Auto door	£ 2,274.00
Dorset County Council	2 x Dumpy Bags salt	£ 144.00
D Baily	Christmas tree installation x 2 hub	£ 30.00
Stalbright	Christmas trees x 2 hub	£14.00

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

## 16. Clerks report on matters arising.

Hub at Christmas day – coffee morning open to all

Public WCs - Will be closed on Christmas & Boxing day

The wall adjacent to the footpath at Woodmills - is owned by the residents whoes land boundries it.

Breast screening unit - arriving after 5 pm 15th Jan for approx. 4 weeks

Water bill public WC's - large bill, carried out a stop cock meter check and there appeared to be a leak. Wessex water check and advised no leak. Will monitor weekly.

Budget workshop - offered and accepted by members, evening session.

**17. Date of the Next meeting** - The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Date: 10 January 2018

Signed: .....

Chairman