

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 6th September commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chair), P Brember, J Cowley, K Garland, C Moore, B Penfold, R Knapp & J Wardell.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

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

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community open forum.

There were questions with regard to how NDDC planning dept. was dealing with the larger development applications in Stalbridge. A ring road was suggested in conjunction with the Barrow Hill application.

2. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received from T Bishop, D Hine & B Newton

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 9th August

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.

G Carr-Jones advised that the Secretary of states decision on the unitary proposal is still pending and NDDC has given notice that they no longer have a 5 year housing supply.

6. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

G Carr –Jones advised that he will be having a drive round Stalbridge with Steve Savage (DCC Transport Development Manager). The school transport changeover has gone better this year and there is a project in place with the Information Office to promote the use of Community Transport .

7. To receive Town Councillors reports.

J Cowley – Attended the public meeting on development at Henstridge. In the main the proposal was opposed one of the reasons being the inadequacy of the highways infrastructure.

B Penfold- There is a Nordcat bus to Dorchester

R Knapp – Also attended the Henstridge meeting

P Brember – Spoken with a group of younger residents regarding the potential development in Stalbridge, none of whom had contributed to the TC survey.

J Wardell – Working with Keith Harrison on the Walking for health map. Asked DCC Rangers for a wish list for potential section 106 monies. Attended a meeting of the Library Management Group.

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The White Hart Link is now open, 18 people attended the launch walk and further improvements to the route are in hand.

C Moore – Communication from T Messenger regarding a Christmas event at the Playingfields

G Carr-Jones – Gave an update on the GP Surgery from T Bishop.

8. To receive a presentation on the DCC Highways working together project from Rolly Skeats (DCC Highways Technical Officer)

R Bell (Community Highways Officer) advised that due to a reduction in funding DCC Highways are now only carrying out statutory functions and presented the options that are available in conjunction with the Working Together scheme. There was further discussion on what functions the TC could take on which included the suggestion of works on the green lane at the bottom of Drews Lane, to alleviate flooding and make it passable as a waking route. On general highways matters members expressed disappointment that despite their requests Station Road had not been included in the capital programme for resurfacing for the last 2 years and there was agreement that this should be further progressed with the help of the County Councillor.

9. To resolve the purchase of the TC wreath for the remembrance service on the 12th November and specify members attending. D Hine

RESOLVED: Purchase of a wreath £30.00 and for the Chairman to attend.

10. To receive a grant application from the Playingfields Management Trust. C Moore

RESOLVED: Agreed to make a grant to the Playingfields Management Trust to cover the cost of the public liability insurance. (Cheques direct to companies)

11. For the TC to commence the project to refurbish the Jubilee Play Area B Newton

It was noted that the current equipment was 20 years plus old and it is becoming increasingly expensive to repair annually.

RESOLVED: To commence the project to refurbish the Jubilee Play Area

12. To approve the September edition of the Town Council newsletter

RESOLVED: To approve the September edition of the Town Council newsletter

13. To resolve the future arrangements for TC banking

It was noted that the mobile bank is no longer coming to Stalbridge. All transactions accept transfers can be done at the Post Office and there is a mobile Service in Fridays at Sturminster Newton. The bank charges were noted along with any time and travel costs and then the three options. 1 Cheque payments and travel to bank for transfers 2. Cheque payments and standing order for transfers 3. Set up Bankline online banking with electronic payments and transfers

RESOLVED: To set up Bankline online banking and progress to electronic payments and transfers. G Carr-Jones & D Hine authorised to accept the bankline terms on behalf of the Town Council and complete and sign the mandate.

14. To consider the repair / replacement of the TC colour printer and give further instruction.

The repair versus the replacement cost were considered.

RESOLVED: To replace the TC office colour printer.

15. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

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09.08.17	Jane Williams, Environmental Protection (West) DCC	Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Dog Related Public Space Protection Order	Noted the Clerk has already offered sports and play areas as possible locations
16.08.17	Dorset Care Record	Better informed means better care	Noted
24.08.17	Dorset Community Action	Conference invitation – Working together for a Stronger Civil Society	Noted
25.08.17	J Bruton	Info re primary school being full and/or over subscribed	Noted County councillor to seek clarification on the information on 'Dorset For You'
29.08.17	DAPTC	DAPTC Autumn 2017 courses schedule	Noted
04.09.17	DCC	Dorset local access forum recruitment	J Wardell involved
04.09.17	Via DAPTC	Invitation to Stepping into nature event	Noted
05.09.17	Stalbridge Hall Management Ctte	Letter ref access across hall land	Noted & Clerk instructed to write to applicant
05.09.17	Wessex Water	E Mail reference hedge removal	Noted

16. Finance: as detailed in annex 1b.

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

Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT25187 Power supply Unit PSU 500w	£28.80
Tesco Mobile	Inv 134004188941 Mobile charges 09-08-17 - 08-09-17	£11.50
Prodigy IT Solutions	100324 - Line rentals	£134.37
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL25488 - Silver Support Pack	£241.20
EON	H14C8871F2 - Electricity Toilet block - 26/07/17 - 16/08/17	£13.44
IK Services	Street Cleaning Services - August	£1,816.67
IK Services	WC (Gents) deep clean	£65.00
The Inwood Estate	Stalbridge Land Settlement second Half Yearly rent for Stalbridge Playing Fields	£2,236.09
Custom Fire & Security	Maintenance agreement and service cover 01.08.17 - 31.07.18 - Intruder & Hold Up Alarm	£76.38
T Watson	Salary - Sept	██████████

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P Garraway	Salary - Sept	██████████
HMRC	Tax & Ni Sept	£272.00
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl pension contribution Sept	£365.70
R Sharp	STC & NDDC grass cutting 05/08-05/09	£1,332.50
Zurich Insurance plc	Playing fields PF insurance premium 17.18	295.84

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

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

17. Clerks report on matters arising.

Overgrown hedges obstructing pavements – Highways template letters sent to Ashmount and The Old Rectory.

Vehicle damage to wall at church hill – Reported to highways ref 1084075

Land transfers – Set to complete today

Major development in Stalbridge- Request from NDDC for TC input regarding suggestions for public contributions to be provided in relation to the potential major developments in Stalbridge.

Public WC vandalism – Ladies WC strap ripped off the baby changer. Meds WC soiled requiring deep clean, plant and tissues stolen and some kind of corrosive fluid poured down the toilet bowls in both gents and ladies.

Hedge on barrow Hill – Has been cut by Sovereign

18. To facilitate the Appraisals for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and receive members comments.

The Clerk left the meeting and K Garland took notes

19. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th October 2017. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 31st September 2017.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Date: 4 October 2017

Signed:

Chairman