



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022.
(Held at The Hub Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), P Hancock, B Lovell, B Penfold, M Robinson & D Stockley.

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

(N Eastgate Assistant Clerk)

Present:

G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor)

J Wardell (Rights of Way Liaison officer ROWLO)

There were 2 members of the public present (Jane Rose from Henstridge Parish Council regarding item 5 & Chris Rose regarding item 6)

Open Forum:

J Wardell gave an update on local rights of way. DC Rangers had attended to cut back overgrown vegetation on footpaths in the Town at the end of June. An electric fence placed on FP 1 Wood Lane to Grosvenor Rd had narrowed the path. Low tree branches at Woodmills were obstructing FP 20B and she was concerned to find event notices stapled to trees in the town, which she had acted on.

1. To receive apologies

S Waite, H Hatcher & D Andrews.

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (Please notify the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

K Garland: Pecuniary item 12a. in relation to payments to IK Services.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2022

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

4. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

July written report had been received and G Carr-Jones gave an update on the tree enforcement action at Saffron Restaurant Lower Road.

5. To receive an update on the Stalbridge Youth Club provision viability study K Garland

a. To hear from Jane Rose (Henstridge Parish Council Youth Club representative) about their experience with Youth Connect South West and receive members questions.

Jane Rose addressed the meeting and explained that historically the Youth Club in Henstridge had been run by volunteers supported by Young Somerset. When the funding from Young Somerset was withdrawn at short notice the club had struggled to continue. She was pleased that the Club had been able to continue and flourish with enhanced activities and life education given by Youth Connect South West, supported by local volunteers and financial support from Henstridge Parish Council and the Hall Committee. She went on to outline the package of service offered by Youth connect south wet which included publicity, funding applications, trips, safeguarding, first aid, and quarterly reports to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Jane for her time and enthusiasm and hoped that Henstridge and Stalbridge can work together in the future on Youth Services.

b. View the proposal from Youth Connect South and give further instruction

The proposal had been circulated to members prior to the meeting which included a breakdown of what YCSW as a professional youth work organisation could potentially provide in Stalbridge which included:

- Delivering a Youth session once a week for 44 weeks a year, 52-week contract with the other weeks being used for training and staff holiday
- The staffing would be 3 hours for delivery x 2 and an additional 3 hours for all the surrounding admin work and prep. (volunteers or extra staffing may be required if there is a high demand in terms of numbers of young people.
- Clubs for 11-19, with a focus on secondary school young people, or inters and senior sessions could be provided.
- All safeguarding and compliance issues around delivery would be our responsibility (including a full suite of insurance)
- developing funding opportunities to increase the range of activities that could be delivered including trips, sports and additional sessions
- Newsletters or similar and use of social media groups to show the work to local residents.
- Provision of reports for the council once a quarter or more frequently as required (within reason)

The approximate cost was understood to be £9,143 for a year. Covering all overheads, activity costs and paying staff at the JNC rate (professional youth work pay conditions)

It was understood that currently YCSW are not able to accept this work until they can find at least three areas who want their service so that they can recruit a local worker. They are working with a number of areas to develop a needs assessment and expect that in Sept/Oct they will have a clear way forward for youth work in the area.

K Garland advised that in addition to the above costs the Youth Club had historically paid the Hall Management Committee a sum of £1,080 P/A for hire of the youth and community areas which was funded by a grant from the Town Council. Going forward she hoped that the Management Committee would be willing to offer some financial assistance.

RESOLVED: To invest in Youth Provision in Stalbridge based on the proposal made by Youth South West Connect.

- 6. Proposal to approve expenditure of up to £1,000.00 on materials to make some improvements to the pump track to make it flow even better, following a presentation from Chris Rose.** **K Garland**

Chris Rose addressed the meeting and outlined the plans to make some alterations within the current track layout to improve the riding experience. It was noted that the track was very popular and attracts riders from outside the town. The costs involved were for materials only as the labour was being given free.

RESOLVED: To approve expenditure of up to £1,000.00 on materials to make some improvements to the pump track to make it flow even better

- 7. To receive an update on the Dog Fouling poster campaign** **K Garland**

K Garland explained that the campaign had been well publicised and appeared to be making a difference. A suggestion was made that some signs could be put on the new Bovis site unadopted path with permission.

- a. To approve the purchase of a banner made from artwork provided for year 2 of the primary school and a class thankyou gift.**

K Garland explained that the banner was to reinforce the campaign message by engaging with local children. It was noted that a 1800 x 650 pvc free banner was approx. £90.00. She suggested a book chosen by the class as thankyou gift for their help to a value of £12.00.

RESOLVED: To Purchase a banner made from artwork provided for year 2 of the primary school to a value of £90.00 and a class thankyou gift to a value of £12.00

- 8. To erect a bus shelter above the Congregational Church at the present bus stop** **R Lovell**

Withdrawn: By the proposer

- 9. To approve the July addition of the Town council newsletter**

RESOLVED: Approved with minor amendments

- 10. Planning.**

- a. Response to DC planning consultations**

P/VOC/2022/03824 Demolish existing barn and erect new dwelling with modifications to existing access (with variation of conditions 2, 7, 8 and 10 of planning permission P/FUL/2021/03744 to amend approved plans) Land to North of Waterloo Lane, Stourton Caundle. Mrs Zoe Cheetham

RESOLVED: Not to support the application as it uses a Loophole in the planning system to obtain a new dwelling in open countryside and make separate representation to M Garrity (DC Head of planning and the MOP.

b. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

None.

c. Report on responses to planning consultations made by the POSAG

P/FUL/2022/01324 Erection of dwelling with associated parking Land Northeast of 15 Lower Road Stalbridge

POSAG COMMENTS: The Majority support the application due to the site being small it serves no other purpose and does not overlook neighbours property. However, one objection on the grounds of over development of the site & lack of amenity space to the proposed dwelling.

d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

APP/D1265/W/21/3284485 Develop land by the erection of up to 130 No. dwellings. Land at Station Rd Allowed

e. Members planning matters of report

None.

11. Town Clerks report & Correspondence: As detailed in annex 1a.

Clerks report

Disabled parking at the Stalbridge Hall – The Town Council have been copied in on a letter to the Hall management Committee requestion addition disabled car parking at the Stalbridge Hall. This has been passed to D Stockley as the TC Hall rep

Play area signs and banners – Have been removed from Jarvis fields play area. Have reported on 101. Looking into purchasing security fixings to re-instate.

Jarvis Field play area fencing – will be bringing a condition report to the next meeting

Presentation slides from Town and Parish Council Forum held 27 May 2022 – Link in members area Wasps nest at Jarvis Field play area- Reported Pm 11.07.22 dealt with 11am 12.07.22

Correspondence

St Marys PCC – letter of thanks for grant. Noted

DAPTC – Double star award for training attendance for Stalbridge Town Council. Noted

Stalbridge Hall MC – Letter of thanks for grant. Noted

J Ralph – Gift to the TC of bunting made for the Platinum Jubilee. Accept gift with thanks

J Collins – Overgrown footpath at Lower Rd. Clerk explained that the hedge is cut back to the path line annually in August, will get cut earlier this year. The other paths mentioned are not the TC remit. Clerk instructed to reply accordingly.

12. To receive Town Councillors reports.

No written reports received

13. Finance.

a. To receive a list of payments & receipts

		Payments	Receipts
HMRC	Tax / NI July 22	£263.65	
DC	Pension July 22	£410.79	
Assistant Clerk	Salary July 22	£469.73	
Clerk	Salary July 22	£1,236.63	
T Watson	In Lieu of payment to midland flags for white ensign	£20.98	
Dorset Council	Hub rates 5 of 10 due 01.08.22	£749.00	
Dorset Council	car park rates 5 of 10 due 01.08.22	£469.00	
Stalbridge Building Supplies	Wood and post spike for Dog fouling poster campaign	£12.44	
JFDP	siting posters banners and signs for dog fouling campaign	£177.80	
JFDP	Design artwork & print set up for dog fouling campaign	£165.00	
JFDP	Print costs for stickers signs and banner for the dog fouling campaign	£286.50	
I Semple	Armed Forces flag	£20.98	
Bankline	June	£29.00	
IK Services	Street Cleaning - June 22	£2,616.67	
Four Counties Services Ltd	Broadband & VoIP June 22	£100.80	
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support July 22	£108.54	
British Gas lite	Electricity hub 05/04-04/07/22	£109.32	
JFDP	web authoring (June)	£288.00	
JFDP	Web site hosting 02/07/22-01/07/23	£220.00	
British Gas	Gas hub 02/05-01/06/22	£99.82	
IK Services	Bin Hire		£32.50
British Gas	Gas Hub 02/06-30/06/22	£55.16	
DWP	Hub & town bins June to Sept 22	£695.94	
Dorset Council	Grass cutting SLA May & June		£534.00
Dorset Council	Street cleaning SLA 22.23		£7,500.00
Tesco	Mobile phone July 22	£12.99	
DAPTC	S Waite neighbourhood planning training 10.03.22	£45.00	
Openings	contract 1st service on auto doors	£300.00	
In Lieu to T Watson	Payment for wasp nest disposal Jarvis field play area	£80.00	
SSE	electricity public WC's 23/04-07/07/22	£55.44	

RESOLVED: List received

b. To receive the quarterly financial report ending 30.06.22

RESOLVED: Report received TC internal auditor to verify the bank statements

14. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 17th August 2022

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.17 pm

Approved 17/08/2022

Signed.....

Chairman