

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 4th June 2014 commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors: G Carr-Jones (Chair), W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, K Garland, R Knapp & J Smith.

Absent Councillors:

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

Community open forum.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from P Ashcroft, T Bishop, D Hine & C Moore.

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings - held on 7th May.

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

4. To co-opt a new Council member.

Three nominations were put forward: P Brember, B Penfold & J Wardell. The Chairman thanked them for coming forward and encouraged them to keep in touch as the next term of office begins in May 2015. Each candidate gave a short presentation and a paper vote was taken.

RESOLVED: J Wardell received the majority vote and was elected, the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed. (J Wardell joined the meeting).

5. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

Date	From	Info	Action
19.05.14	DAPTC	Notice of AGM Saturday 08 November 2014	Noted
22.05.14	Prodigy PC	Notification of increase in backup charges	Noted
28.05.14	P Hyde NDDC	list of commemorative events planned in remembrance of the First World War	J Smith advised that the RBL have no plans for a public event. Agreed to ask T Lee and the History Group if they have any plans.
	DCC	Ask Dorset road shows	Members were disappointed that Stalbridge had not been selected as a location and the lack of joint working between the County, District and Town / Parish Councils. Agreed to display.

6. To receive a presentation on North Dorset local plan.

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The presentation was deferred to the 2nd July.

7. To adopt the updated NALC Standing orders.

The Clerk had prepared a paper which highlighted the relevant changes. Sections requiring completion were agreed and marked in yellow. Minor changes to wording were marked in blue.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to adopt the NALC model Standing Orders Including minor amendments.

8. To respond to the DCC highways consultation on proposed waiting restrictions in Stalbridge.

Members were pleased to receive this consultation and felt that it reflected the wishes of local residents and traders who had made representation.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed unanimously agreed to support the DCC Highways proposals presented.

9. To review the subjects put forward at the Town Meeting and give further instruction.

The need for volunteers for local groups and organisations was mentioned and also how useful a community diary would be. It was hoped that the planned community web site would facilitate a base for the community diary and it was felt that there may be an opportunity for local groups to recruit at the Lights Group Sunday Fun day event in August.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to make contact with local groups and organisations and arrange a meeting with interested parties.

10. To approve the June issue of the Town Council newsletter.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to approve the June issue of the Town Council newsletter.

11. To receive a report on the Library building condition survey and give further instruction.

R Knapp

R Knapp advised that no plumbing or electrics had been included in the report. It was noted that internal works included filling cracked walls, repainting and re-varnishing window frames and repairing the letterbox fixings. Externally the brick sills, rotten window frames and fascia need repairing. In addition to this B Russell requested that the door from the old WC be removed and replaced by curtain. Agreed not to progress with this until fire regulations advice had been taken.

RESOLVED: There was general agreement to progress with quotations for the remedial works and library window.

13. Finance.

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

HMRC	Tax & NI June	£59.24
T Watson	Salary June	£793.24
T Watson	In lieu of purchase ATM refreshments	£8.58
DAPTC	Annual subscription	£701.70
Stalbridge Hall	Hire Town meeting	£15.00
Local World Ltd	ATM advert	£9.92
Direct Office Supplies	Copier paper	£16.80
Gillingham TC	Black bin bags re-charged to I Kerr	£59.70
British Gas	DD electricity WC's 02.02-01.05.14	£117.08
IK Services	Street & WC cleaning May	£1492.00
K Brown	In lieu of purchase of plants for the Cross planters	£9.00

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The Play inspection Co.	Annual play inspections Jubilee & Jarvis Field play areas	£240.00
Prodigy PC	Silver BS 5 units & back up May	£109.20
Total Gas & Power	DD Gas Hub 31/03-30/04/14	£39.80
BT	DD Line rent & diversion 364177 01.05.-31.05.14	£44.39
BT	DD Line rent & diversion 364276 01.05.-31.05.14	£70.28
IK Services	Hub cleaning 1st - 31st May	£54.00
IK Services	Re-fix bin in Henstridge Layby	£30.82
T Watson	In lieu of stamps purchased	£14.88
OA Bedford	Internal audit Y.E 31.03.14	£75.00
T Watson	In lieu purchase cover zip slide chain	£11.00

RESOLVED: Proposed by W Batty-Smith seconded by R Knapp and agreed that approval of the invoices as presented be made.

b) To approve the transfer between the instant access and deposit accounts.

Not required as 11k receipt for VAT reclaim banked at the end of May.

14. Clerks report on matters arising.

Extraordinary meeting - To close year end accounts Weds 18th June.

Lights Group Event – Permission required for event at the Hub 3rd August. Permission granted

Fly tipping - In the clothes bank at Station Rd re-cycling area passed to DWP to deal with.

Woodmills trees – Pending NDDC action low branches have been removed.

Bin on the A357 – Has been re-instated.

Mid Café at The Hub – Approached by Henstridge resident.

15. To receive Town Councillor's reports.

J Cowley – Progressed investigations into hearing loop. CLERK ACTION.

J Wardell - Fence adjacent to FP 73 has been fixed.

G Carr-Jones – Approached by resident regarding re-instating the BMX track at Jarvis Field play area. Requested 5 aside goals refurbished and re-instated. AGREED.

20. To receive North Dorset District Councillor's reports.

None.

17. To receive the Dorset County Councillor's report.

Footpath barriers erected at the junction of FP 39 with Cooks Lane. The current projects are resolving the issue with Community Library printers and the changes to children's services with a view to improving the outcome for young people in care.

22. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 24th June 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date...02/07/14

Signed.....
Chairman