



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

**Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th February 2022.
(Held at The Stalbridge Hall Commencing at 7 p.m.)**

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, P Hancock, B Lovell, B Penfold, M Robinson & S Waite

Absent Councillors: D Stockley

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

Present: no members of the public were present

G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor) was present

J Wardell (Rights of Way Liaison officer) was present

Open Forum:

J Wardell gave an update on her investigations in relation to a request for a second hand rail on FP 21 at the chocolate steps. Having consulted with DC Rangers and Highways it was understood that the path does not meet the criteria for a second hand rail due to not having lots of foot traffic and the width of the path.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies had been received from H Hatcher.

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

K Garland: Pecuniary item 11a. in relation to payments to IK Services.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2022

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

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

Overgrown hedges on Jarvis Way obstruction the pavement - Dorset Council Highways Liaison officer has carried out a visual inspection along all of Jarvis Way of the hedges found that none of the hedges are at intervention levels as they must be 50% or greater than over a footway before section 154 advisory notices can be issued.

Vandalism at the public WC's – Caused flooding – reported 101

Antisocial behaviour and vandalism of public big at the top of the hall drive - reported 101

Correspondence:

L Rogers – Dog fouling on the bridleway

ACTION: J Wardell & D Andrews to visit the area concerned and report back

Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities- response to the Town Council letter regarding levelling up of rural towns in Dorset

5. To receive Town Councillors reports.

No written reports

S Waited – Attended the station Rd appeal via VC

6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

G Carr Jones gave members some figures with regard to the make up of the council tax charged by Dorset Council [\(Link\)](#)

Advised he will be not support planning application P/FUL/2021/03744, Demolish existing barn and erect new dwelling with modifications to existing access at Waterloo Lane, as the site already has part Q permission, and this application is an abuse of the planning system

Attended the Station Rd appeal via VC

7. To investigate the possibility of a 20 mile an hour speed limit in Stalbridge. (The limit to run from the bottom of Grosvenor Rd to the Church & from Jarvis Way to the A357 at The Ring. R Lovell

R Lovell advised that the proposal had arisen after an approach made by a member of the public. G Carr-Jones advised members of his knowledge of the 20 is plenty campaign which he has experienced in many of his ward parishes. It was understood speed watch evidence over a 2-year period is required and then consideration need to be given to how any new speed limit if achieved is enforced. There was further discussion regard HGV use of the high street and P Hancock offered to liaise with Henstridge PC in relation to their current traffic project. It was understood that after April 2022 the 20mph was going to DC scrutiny and R Lovell agreed to attend if invited.

[No Vote](#)

8. To consider the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Stalbridge and give further instruction. P Hancock

P Hancock suggested that the TW work with groups and organisations to draw together a single calendar of the various events being held in the town over the long Jubilee weekend. He had reservations regarding the potential of holding a beacon event on 2nd June due to the potential location and time.

The Clerk presented the Guggs idea to knit bomb The Cross which members felt was not appropriate for a scheduled monument.

Information was given about the events being held by other groups and organisations.

RESOLVED: To commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Stalbridge the Town Council will:

- fly 70 union flags down the A357.
- Promote a Town scarecrow festival
- Refurbish the bench and stone at Bazils Hill which was installed for the in 1935
- Plant 2 trees at Jarvis field play area and install a commemorative plaque.
- Facilitate a picnic in the part on Sunday 5th June
- Work with groups and organisations to draw together a single calendar of the various events being held in the town over the long Jubilee weekend

9. To review the annual risk assessment 21/22 and give further instruction.

Actions: Quarterly allotment representative reports. Letter to Scouts regarding permission & risk assessment for bonfire event. Review Station Rd car park use. Annual review of Hub SOPS and lone working policy. Assistant Clerks training. Update the annual register of gifts. Liaise with the town orderly regarding fly posting. Collate results for regular play area inspections. Rolling refurbishment of seats/ benches.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the annual risk assessment as presented.

10. Planning.

a. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/COU/2021/03063- Change of use from an extension to a Holiday Let/Ancillary Annex. Bartletts Farm Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2SJ
Granted- 08/12/2021

P/FUL/2021/02336- Erect agricultural building for storage and housing livestock.
Land off Barrow Hill Barrow Hill, Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2QX
Granted- 10/12/2021

P/LBC/2021/03687- Installation of replacement fire surround and hearth, retention of wood burning stove, lined flue with chimney pot and terminal (Part regularisation of work/s).
1 Barrow Hill Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2QT
Granted- 16/12/2021

P/FUL/2021/01458- Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated garage parking & Landscaping. Land At Stapleford Court Stalbridge Dorset.
Granted- 16/12/2021

P/FUL/2021/03385- Continue use of outbuilding which contains an indoor swimming pool to allow continued use for members of the public. Cooks Farm Cooks Lane Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2SG
Granted- 17/12/2021

P/PAAC/2021/04006- Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to create 5 No. dwellings (Class C3). Grays Farm Shipney Lane Stalbridge DT10 2RJ
Prior Approval Refused 07/12/2021

P/FUL/2021/03054- Erect two dwellings and garages. The Bungalow Thornhill Road Stalbridge DT10 2PS
Withdrawn 07/01/2022

P/FUL/2021/02749 & P/LBC/2021/02750- Lower cill height of existing dormer & increase the width. Carry out associated internal and external alterations. Old Rectory High Street Stalbridge DT10 2LL
Granted – 26/01/22

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

P/LBC/2021/03687- Installation of replacement fire surround and hearth, retention of wood burning stove, lined flue with chimney pot and terminal (Part regularisation of work/s)
1 Barrow Hill Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2QT
POSAG COMMENTS: support subject to conservationists Comments

P/LBC/2021/03263 - Install replacement windows to rear of property. 2 Anglesey Cottages Ring Street Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2NE
POSAG COMMENTS: support application due to the style and materials-like for like upvc at the rear.

c. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

The Ward members address to the inspector was noted on the appeal at Station Rd. [Attached](#)

d. Members planning matters of report

B Penfold reported a gate that has been created onto the DC land at Grosvenor Rd.

11. Review to Town Councils operations in relation to Covid19 and give further instruction in relation to:
K Garland

a. Buildings & land (playgrounds, public WC's & Hub including the community library)

A recommendation for the Hub re-opening was received from the delegated members. Members were not in agreement to keep the kitchen closed.

RESOLVED: The Hub to re-open business as normal all users to consider their own risk in relation to covid 19.

b. Services & expenditure

All services are operational and expenditure to date is £334.68

c. Meetings (full council & sub-committees)

Previously resolved to hold full council meeting at the Hall up to the March meeting.

12. Finance.

a. To receive a list of payments made under the scheme of delegation in relation to covid 19.

JFDP	web authoring (Jan)	£288.00
British Gas	The Hub-Gas	£124.75
British Gas lite	hub electricity 04.01-02.02.22	£123.35
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support January	£108.54
Four County Services Ltd	Broadband & VoIP January	£100.80
SSE	WC electricity 21.10.21-14.01.22	£144.33
IK Services	Street Cleaning - January	£2,616.67
North Dorset Electrical	Repair streetlight in car park & socket in library	£157.20
JFDP	Play area signs	£154.54
T Watson	In lieu of lock online purchase for store locks	£82.31
T Watson	Salary February	£1,224.91
N Eastgate	Salary February	£461.50
HMRC	Tax & NI February	£241.18
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution February	£403.57
Bank line	January	£25.40
SLCC	Membership fee 22.23	£234.00

RESOLVED: List of payments made under the scheme of delegation in relation to covid 19 received.

K Garland abstained in relation to the payment to IK Services

b. To carry out the annual review of direct debits & standing orders.

Members had received a schedule direct debits & standing orders prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the annual review of direct debits & standing orders had been carried out.

13. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 16th March 2022

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9 pm