



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

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

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), P Hancock, B Lovell, B Penfold, H Hatcher, D Stockley & S Waite

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

Present: One member of the public was present

G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor) was present

J Wardell (Rights of Way Liaison officer ROWLO) was present

Open Forum:

TOWLO report from J Wardell advised the procedure for reporting of emergency closures of footpaths. ([link to report](#))

Mr Semple addressed the meeting and queried changes in the Town Councils plans for the jubilee event.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies had been received from D Andrews & M Robinson

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

K Garland: Pecuniary item 17a. in relation to payments to IK Services.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 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.

Antisocial behaviour – Three reports have been made via 111 and there has been 2 meetings with the local

J Rabetts has stood down as Town Council Public Transport Representative

Report on Hub Bookings as of 16.03.21

Request from the town orderly that the TC liaise with the owner of the large leylandii hedge on Jarvis way. H Hatcher and D Stockley volunteered.

Correspondence

Dorset Council – School transport consultation running From Monday 7 March to Sunday 3 April.

Agreed members to make individual response

5. To receive Town Councillors reports.

S Waite – attended DAPTC Neighbourhood planning training

6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

G Carr-Jones expressed disappointment the application P/FUL/2021/03744 at Waterloo Lane had been granted to create a dwelling in the open countryside subsequent to part Q permission being established. He gave an update on Dorset Council actions in relation to the Ukrainian refugee situation. A written report had also been circulated to members.

7. To receive a report on conversations with the A357 group regarding HGV traffic.

P Hancock

P Hancock advised that he had met with the A357 Group in order to understand the effect that any proposed changes to HGV routes may have on Stalbridge. He also expressed concerns at the potential additional through traffic generated by the new developments in Stalbridge and Henstridge and from Poole in relation to more ports being utilised as a result of Brexit. He was keen to engage with the Stalbridge community to gain their opinion on the issue and explore the use of section 106 funds to improve the highway infrastructure in the town.

RESOLVED P Hancock to meet with DC highways officers to consider potential options

8. To receive a report from the Rights Of Way Liaison Officer regarding the issue of dog fouling on the railway.

J Wardell had attended a site visit to bridleway 75 from its junction with Jarvis Way to the 'crossroads' of footpaths 69 and 34, and the Trailway with Cllr David Andrews following the receipt by the Clerk of correspondence regarding an increase in dog-fouling, and depositing of bags, near the access to the new development (Blackmore Meadows.). Possible sites for dog bins were noted, should TC decide that any more were needed. A map was provided showing the existing locations in the general area, and the distances between those and potential sites. It was noted that (excluding the 'dead-end' section of Trailway), the furthest distance to walk for a dog-bin is about 540 yards/490 metres. ([link to report](#))

RESOLVED: To increase publicity to pick up in the area and monitor the situation.

9. To have a new poster campaign in areas where dog fouling has increased. K Garland

K Garland explained that in addition to the railway there appeared to be an increased in dog fouling adjacent to Anglesey cottages and on the high street. She felt that it was an appropriate point to re-launch a publicity campaign to encourage dog owners to be aware and pick up.

G Carr Jones suggested providing bag dispensers that could be sponsored by local businesses. Involving the school was also suggested.

RESOLVED: To have a new poster / publicity campaign in areas where dog fouling has increased

10. In common with many other Towns and cities, to consider how Stalbridge should show solidarity with Ukraine and give further instruction.

K Garland

K Garland advised that the creative have offered to make sunflowers (Ukraine national flower) and put them around the town .

RESOLVED: To support the Creative sunflower project and offer a budget of £100 for materials if required

11. To consider forming a new part of the trailway from Station Rd North towards Henstridge and give further instruction.

S Waite

S Waite explained the motives of his proposal and the potential use of section 106 funds. J Wardell advised that the DC senior ranger is responsible for negotiation with land owners and as the emerging Dorset plan notes the trailway as a strategic resource to the area it will be built into any future planning obligations.

RESOLVED: J Wardell to arrange a meeting with the DC Senior Ranger to consider forming a new part of the trailway from Station Rd North towards Henstridge. To be attended by S Waite, J Wardell & G Carr-Jones.

12. To carry out a review of the Hub terms of letting and give further instruction.

RESOLVED: Delegated to K Garland H Hatcher & P Hancock to bring recommendations back to future TC meeting.

13. To approve the appointment of the internal auditor for 2021/2022 accounting period and review the terms of reference and schedule for the internal audit.

The Clerk advised that the previous internal auditor has left the area and she had approached J Wardell who is interested in taking this on.

RESOLVED: J Wardell appointed as internal auditor for 2021/2022 accounting period and the terms of reference and schedule for the internal audit approved

14. To approve the March 2022 edition of the TC quarterly newsletter

RESOLVED: Approved with the addition of the 101 e mail

15. To award the grass cutting contract 2022-2026

The Clerk advised that the notice of expression of interest to tender had been posted on Stalbridge. Info and via social media. One expression of interest and tender had been received from the current contractor.

RESOLVED: Grass cutting contract 2022-2026 awarded to R Sharp

16. Planning.

a. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/HOU/2021/01581 Erect replacement porch (demolish existing). Nectar, Gold Street, Stalbridge, DT10 2LX
Granted 28/02/22

P/LBC/2021/04714 Remove gas boiler from external wall, replace with internal wall mounted gas boiler with external flue and flue vent and carry out associated internal and external alterations. 1 Barrow Hill Stalbridge DT10 2QT
Granted 28/02/22

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

P/LBC/2021/04714 Remove gas boiler from external wall, replace with internal wall mounted gas boiler with external flue and flue vent and carry out associated internal and external alterations. 1 Barrow Hill Stalbridge DT10 2QT

POSAG COMMENTS: - support the application

c. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

None.

d. Members planning matters of report

None.

16. Review to Town Councils terms of delegation in relation to Covid19 and give further instruction.
K Garland

A recommendation was received from h Hatcher & K Garland that the hub re-open but the kitchen remain closed

RESOLVED: To update the terms of delegation (attached)

a. List of payments made under the scheme of delegation in relation to covid 19.

Bank line	February	£23.60
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support February	£108.54
Four County Services Ltd	Broadband & Voip February	£100.80
Four County Services Ltd	Investigation & updates regarding Bios failure on Clerks desk PC	£72.00
JFDP	web authoring (Feb)	£288.00
British Gas Lite	Hub elec 06/12/21-04/01/22	£132.06
Tesco mobile	mobile phone December	£12.99
Tesco mobile	mobile phone January	£12.99
British Gas	Gas hub 02/02-01/03/22	£100.32
Britidh gas lite	electricity hub 02.02-	£153.72
IK Services	Street Cleaning - February	£2,616.67
T Watson	Salary March	£1,449.92
N Eastgate	Salary March	£498.33
HMRC	Tax & NI March	£399.31
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution March	£502.18
Ashley Blinds	Library blinds	£316.00
Inwood estate	Playing Fields rent 1st payment 22/23	£2,236.09
T Watson	in lieu of flags purchased from party perfecto plus cross ref underpayment PN 165	£57.67
T Watson	In lieu of copier paper from Dikes	£5.49
T Watson	In Lieu of purchase for Stalbridge building PN 165 underpaid	£0.69
N Eastgate	In lieu of flags from e bay	£67.53

Community heartbeat trust	defib support 22.23	£151.20
Such A Service	Replace gate posts at the bin compound	£215.00
Dorset Council	Enhanced ROW SLA 22.23	£386.32

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

17. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 13th April 2022

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9 pm