



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2022.
(Held at The Hub Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

H Hatcher (Chair), D Andrews, P Hancock, , B Penfold.

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

Present:

J Wardell (Rights of Way Liaison officer ROWLO)

5 members of the public

Open Forum:

M Bather advised that she was in attendance on behalf of the history society in relation to item 8.

T Wood hoped that the Town council would approve the plans in relation to item 8 in principle.

The Chairman advised that subsequent to Bob Lovells stepping down after the last meeting Stuart Waite had stood down due to ill health and Debbie Stockley as she is leaving Stalbridge.

1. To receive apologies

M Robinson & K Garland

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

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 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.

None.

5. To receive the Rights of Way Liaison Officers Report

J Wardell advised members that she had been communicating with DC Rangers regarding the temporary closure of public footpaths n51/30, Stalbridge and n47/4, Marnhull (listed in

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correspondence) . It was noted that a diversion route would not be specified as the initially proposed diversion route was too long and incorporated a hazardous stretch of the highway for pedestrians.

P Hancock suggested the pedestrians in road signs may need to be install during the closure.

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

[8.22 – REPORT – KG Youth club](#)

It was understood that Youth Connect South west is now in consultation with 6 other Parish & Town Councils in the area and they hope to have the results of this by late September.

ACTION : Clerk to post update blog on the TC web site

7. Town road traffic management.

P Hancock

a. receive a background report

[8.22-REPORT – PH Road traffic volumes PH](#)

Conclusion – Reassuring facts were gained from Dorset Council Highways personnel; Helen Jackson, Steve Savage and Joe Allen in relation to the existing measures already in place to mitigate the use of the A357 by transiting HGV traffic. However, whilst new HGV drivers to the area that have either studied the Dorset Advisory HGV Map and/or abide by the information displayed at Blandford will transit through to Shaftesbury using the A350, Satnav systems will always display the shortest routes. Drivers experienced in driving the A357 will regularly use this route. Stalbridge Council need to create its own Traffic Management Plan with developers for proposed future additional housing sites, minimizing the impact of this additional traffic through the town.

b. To capture road traffic data going through the centre of Stalbridge by adopting the use of Temporary Pneumatic tubes.

H Hancock advised that the proposal had arisen as no recent road traffic data exists which supports personal views of dangerous traffic levels in our town, data provided will give a snapshot view and will be useful in determining what further reduction measures could be implemented if necessary and, for future discussions on road traffic volumes. The options and cost were discussed.

[RESOLVED: To capture road traffic data going through the centre of Stalbridge by adopting the use of Temporary Pneumatic tubes. \(Three locations on the A357 and Station Road based advice from DC Highways\)](#)

8. To receive a quotation for protective caps for the post around the cross and give further instruction.

It was noted that the quotation was for custom made caps with a single sloped top. Material samples were considered in relation to the options of 6mm mild steel and 3mm brushed stainless steel.

[RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for 10 x 3mm brushed stainless-steel custom-made post caps from Blackmore Vale Forge and place works order accordingly.](#)

9. To receive an updated plan of the Hub extension to provide storage and workspace for the Archive and give further instruction.

The Clerk advised that arising from the previous instruction to consider modular construction it had become obvious that there was no cost saving. This plan is for tradition construction with a SQM footprint based on the 70K legacy funding budget. Should members wish to incorporate the WC and kitchen facilities these would need to be funded separately. It was noted that the Library Management Group has concerns regarding making the route to the rear library door longer. A suggestion was made that the TC Office should be at the end of the building with the archive / exhibition space incorporated in the current building, which would require some alteration to the existing internal layout and fire doors.

RESOLVED: Accept in principle subject to further discussion regarding the internal layout

10. Planning.

a. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/HOU/2022/02143 Erect a two- storey side extension and extend existing rear extension.17 Jarvis Way Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2NW Granted 30/06/2022

P/HOU/2022/01566 & P/LBC/2022/01568 Erect two storey extension. Replacement roof, installation of PV panels & vertical blade wind turbine to ancillary barn Antioch House Eastop Lane Stalbridge Weston Dorset DT10 2SF Granted 13/07/2022

P/FUL/2022/01492 Erect Replacement Dwelling (Demolish Existing Dwelling) Bella Vista Wood Lane Dorset Stalbridge DT10 2QZ Granted 20/07/2022

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

None.

c. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

None.

d. Members planning matters of report

None.

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

Clerk report

Second wasps nest at Jarvis Field play area- Dealt with

Bollard at the junction of Barrow Hill and A357 by the Post Office – reported as damaged.

Communication from the developer of the from CC more site - Would like to name it 1-8 St Marys Barns. AGREED: 1-8 St Marys Barns.

Hub hire- enquiry from local solicitor to hold monthly power of attorney advice sessions.

Jarvis Field play area Vandalism - tunnel and train, wooden debris and protruding nails removed.

Play area closed. POSAG asked for comments regarding action repair / remove. Play repairs company recommend removal. AGREED: To remove under health & safety

Correspondence

DC Highways - Road traffic regulation act 1984, temporary closure of public footpaths n51/30, Stalbridge and n47/4, Marnhull. Noted RWOLO's comments supported

CAB - Invitation to a briefing session on the cost of living crisis and the impact on local residents. 2pm on Tuesday 18th October 2022 via zoom. ACTION : Clerk to set up zoom session in the meeting room. Initial attendees H Hatcher, P Hancock & the Clerk.

Volunteer centre Dorset- Volunteer Celebration Evening 2022. Invitation no nominate and attend Thursday 22nd September. ACTION : Clerk to approach two suggested nominees.

Sovereign – Thornhill Rd development offer to transfer the open space to the Town Council

It was noted that the plan of open spaces provided did not match that built under application 2/2017/1095/OUT. The positive gain for the town versus the upkeep cost of the open land was considered. ACTION : Respond declining offer to transfer the open space at the Thornhill Rd development to the Town Council

12. To receive Town Councillors reports.

[8.22-REPORT - PH Stalbright 10th September](#)

ACTION: Members to meet and greet at the event on the 10th September

[8.22-REPORT – HH Domestic boundary hedges obstructing pavements and Jarvis field play equipment](#)

ACTION: Send DC Highways template letters. Jarvis Field play area - remove the 2 wooden bridges under health & safety and Clerk instructed to make statement with regard to new equipment plans.

13. Finance.

a. To receive a list of payments

HMRC	Tax / NI August 22	£233.84
DC	Pension August 22	£410.79
Assistant Clerk	Salary August 22	£469.73
Clerk	Salary August 22	£1,266.24
IK Services	Street Cleaning - July 22	£2,616.67
Tesco Mobile	Mobile phone July 22	£12.99
Four Counties Services Ltd	Broadband & VoIP July 22	£100.80
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support July 22	£108.54
JFDP	web authoring (July)	£288.00
British Gas Lite	electricity hub 04/07-08/08/22	£33.34
Dorset Council	Hub rates 6 of 10 due 01.09.22	£749.00
Dorset Council	car park rates 6 of 10 due 01.09.22	£469.00
JFDP	school banner for dog fouling campaign	£81.50
R Sharp	STC, DC grass cutting 13.06-04.08.22 & Springfields hedge	£2,758.00
N Eastgate	In lieu of class gift amazon	£11.55
N Eastgate	In lieu of Copier paper	£5.49
Openings	2nd auto door service	£300.00
T Watson	In lieu of payment to W Ralph 2nd wasp nest removal	£80.00
Bankline	July	£24.95
D Stubbings C/O Stalbridge mens shed	Grant 22.23 £ 189.53 of £1,000	£189.53
JFDP	STC web site annual hosting & subs	£220.00

RESOLVED: [List of payments received.](#)

The Clerk requested approval of a transfer from the deposit to the instant access account of £30,000 to cover day to day running expenses.

RESOLVED: To approve a transfer of £30,000 from the deposit to the instant access account.

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

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.38 pm