



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 16th August 2023. (Held at The Hub Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, H Hatcher, N Penny & M Robinson.

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor) was present

J Wardell ROWLO / TC Auditor was present

There were 5 members of the public present.

Open Forum:

The applicants of P/RES/2023/03735 gave a presentation non the application.

T Wood requested an updated on the installation of a container and the Hub extension.

J Wardell spoke to members about the paper form the Library friends

1. To receive apologies

P Hancock, B Penfold & V Zarucki

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

K Garland item 11a pecuniary in relation to the payment to IK Services.

M Robinson item 9 non – pecuniary.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12th July 2023

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

3. Town Clerks report & Correspondence

Clerks report

Flag pole on the ring – has been repaired.

Vegetation blocking the public footpath on Barrow Hill – Removed by Sovereign.

Overgrown vegetation on footpath N51/4 Barrow Hill to Pond Walk - Removed by Sovereign.

Woodmills trees – Works have been done to remove low branches.

Reply from the tree officer regarding the TC's request for TPOs on trees at land adjacent to pond walk – The trees to which you refer are already protected by virtue of being located within the Stalbridge Conservation Area and at this time there is no benefit to be gained from applying a TPO. If a tree works notification was received requesting excessive tree surgery operations to the trees, we would, of course then apply a provisional TPO to the trees. Until such time, the trees are adequately protected by the Conservation Area designation.

In relation to the request made by a member of public that the Town Council finance the removal of green waste from the land at the rear of the Stalbridge Hall. Clause 4c of the lease states that it is the lessee's responsibility to keep the demised premises and all fixtures and additions to said premises in good and substantial repair.

Correspondence

Friends of Stalbridge Library – Noted

Police & Crime Commissioners stakeholder letter - Noted

4. To receive Town Councillors reports.

None.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

G Carr-Jones expressed disappointment at the access route for application P/RES/2023/03735 not being from Park Grove and the small number of houses proposed.

7. To resolve if the council wishes to subscribe to the Rural Services network.

A link had been provided to members to the Rural Services network web site. The cost of annual membership of £132 + VAT was noted.

RESOLVED: Agreed not to subscribe at this time. Clerk instructed to contact the DAPTC regarding other councils that subscribe.

8. Youth services in Stalbridge

K Garland

a. To receive an update

K Garland advised that the position of the Senior youth worker had been offered to an applicant. Pending their acceptance, the next stage is to re-connect with the 8 volunteers in the hope that the club may be up and running in September.

9. Town Future Vision Project:

P Hancock

a. To receive and update on the amended portfolio titles

In the absence of P Hancock N penny presented the updated portfolio headers. M Robinson expressed concern as to if the Town Council have adequate member resource to facilitate the project and there would need to be some prioritisation of projects. However, there was a general opinion that it is very necessary in a growing town.

b. To review and approved the artwork for the project.

RESOLVED: Main logo for the project to be the eye with the yellow and red colour pallet, put the top on the cross, reduce the size of vision and change the wording to 'what would you like for Stalbridge.

10. Planning

a. Response to planning consultations from Dorset Council

i. P/RES/2023/03735 Erect 9 No. dwellings. (Reserved matters application to determine access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following the grant of Outline Planning Permission No. 2/2018/0372/OUT). Land At E373160 N117864 Pond Walk Stalbridge DT10 2PY. Baddow Estates Limited

J Wardell (RWLO) requested that if FP4 is to be enclosed by hedging it should be a minimum of 2.5 metres in width as per outline application 2/2018/0372/OUT 2611-P-03D.

G Carr-Jones had been on the team that negotiated the land allocation at Grove House and expressed disappointment that the access route was not from Park Grove, as this had been the point of the negotiations. He also expressed disappointment that there were not more houses proposed.

Members expressed concerns regarding the construction traffic via Barrow Hill. A potential footpath to park Grove was noted. It was noted that the dwelling would achieve EPC B or above with insulation photovoltaic panels and air source heat pumps. The applicant committed to putting lockable bollards on the car parking spaces reserved for the allotments. Concerns were expressed at the future maintenance of the hedge boundary to Footpath 4.

RESOLVED: Members support the application based on the following

- **Use of local stone.**
- **That there is a robust construction traffic management plan in place**
- **Footpath 4 is 2.5 meters wide, as detailed in 2/2018/0372/OUT 2611-P-03D**
- **There is plan for the future maintenance of the hedge at the boundary with footpath 4**

Should there be an opportunity to re-consider the access from Park Grove members would strongly support this.

ii. P/HOU/2023/03902 /P/LBC/2023/03903 Covert outbuilding into self-contained annexe, Rose Cottage Gold Street Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2LX. Ms Katie Donaldson.

Concerns were expressed at the lack of parking and the potential for the application to become an independent new dwelling.

RESOLVED: Support if conditioned as ancillary to Rose Cottage.

iii. P/FUL/2023/04107 Demolish existing (Class C3) mobile home dwelling, carport and shed and erect replacement (ClassC3) Dwelling. Maple Tree Farm Station Road Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2RJ. Mr 7 Mrs Eavis

The history of the site was reviewed and the reason for the proposed footprint to be different to the footprint of the mobile home.

RESOLVED: Support based on the dwelling having an agricultural tie to Maple Tree Farm

b. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/HOU/2023/02904 Erect garage with garden store and storage above. Gibbs Marsh Farm
Landshire Lane To West Mill Lane Stalbridge DT10 2RU

Granted 20.07.23

P/CLE/2023/00964 Certificate of lawfulness to continue the use of Garden Cottage as a separate
single dwellinghouse, specifically not subject to any occupancy conditions Garden Cottage Gibbs
Marsh Farm Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2RU

Granted 21.07.23

P/CLP/2023/02853 Certificate of lawfulness to use land for siting a mobile home for use ancillary
to the main dwelling. Bungays Farm Skylands To Lower Road - Lane Stalbridge DT10 2SW

Granted 08.08.23

c. Report on responses to planning consultations.

None

d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

None.

e. Members planning matters of report.

None.

11. Finance.

a. To receive a list of payments

		payments	receipts
Lydlinch PC	office services June & July		£94.66
Stalbridge History society	Hub booking 09.09.23		£30.00
IK Services	Bin Hire		£32.50
Dorset Council	Grass cutting sla 15.05-11.07.23		£1,350.00
Mr & Mrs Harvey	Cornstore rent 23.24		£493.28
Dorset Council	Street cleaning SLA 23.24		£7,500.00
Stalbridge allotments society	Allotments water 30.09-29.03.23		£15.61
Encompass	Hub hire 27.07.23		£24.00
Choir	hub hire may & June		£216.00
Choir	hub hire July		£96.00
T Watson	in lieu of purchase batteries & copy paper	£9.29	
Stalbridge Archive	VAT re-claim 22.23	£51.83	
K Lillywhite	hub bookings credit	£20.00	
Bankline	Charges July	£24.50	
British Gas Lite	Hub electricity 05.07- 02.08.23	£92.07	
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support August 22	£109.02	
Four County Services Ltd	Broadband & Voip August 22	£100.80	
Tesco Mobile	Mobile phone August 23	£12.99	
British Gas	Gas hub 02.07-01.08.23	£46.00	
JFDP	web authoring (Aug)	£288.00	
Stalbridge CML	VAT re-claim 22.23	£25.59	
Stalbright	VAT re-claim 22.23	£52.16	
IK Services	Street Cleaning - July 23	£2,700.00	
Clerk	Salary July 23	£1,326.64	

HMRC	Tax / NI Aug 23	£258.23	
DC	Pension Aug 32	£434.88	
R Sharp	in lieu of PN31 underpaid	£400.00	
Dorset Council	Hub Rates July	£786.00	
Dorset Council	car park rates July	£493.00	
B & G Down	Cherry picker hire for flag pole	£132.00	
Blandford office supplies	2 x office chairs	£357.60	
Stalbridge Hall	ATM 2023 hall hire	£40.00	
Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd	Professional planning advice in responding with an objection to application P/OUT/2023/02643	£720.00	
R Sharp	Grass cutting sla 17.07-11.08.23	£1,992.00	
Alvian Ltd	Annual play inspection remedial works	£2,712.00	
JFDP	annual hosting & web editor STC web site	£235.00	

RESOLVED: List received

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

RESOLVED: £30,000 for day to day running costs

- c. To receive the quarterly financial report ending 30th June 2023

Budget adjustments to reflect the removal of the milk machine, reduced hub letting, the long term fund to replace the playfields fence, FTV project costs and the potential change in staff costs.

RESOLVED: Quarterly financial report ending 30th June 2023 received.

RESOLVED: In conjunction with Standing order 10a xi press and public were excluded from the meeting during the debate of items 12 & 13

12. To reply to the Trustees of the Guggleton Farm Arts communication regarding the North Dorset Legacy fund.

RESOLVED: Reply to the Trustees of the Guggleton Farm Arts communication regarding the North Dorset Legacy fund agreed.

13. To Decide way forward with administrative duties for Stalbridge Town Council H Hatcher

RESOLVED: Role title, advertising and working hours agreed.

14. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 13th September 2023

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.56pm.