



# Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024. (Held at The Hub Commencing at 7 p.m.)

### Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), P Hancock, H Hatcher, J Wardell & N Wardle.

### Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

J Wardell (ROWLO) was present

There were 16 members of the public present.

Prior to open forum P Hancock read out the Town Councils statement in relation to the Station Rd North appeal.

### Open forum.

Complaint about the lack of Churchyard maintenance in the light of the town council grant.  
Suggestion that the Town requests village status with the aim stopping further residential development.

Request for an update on the pumps refurbishment.

### **1. Co-option to Vacancy of Office for Town Councillor & Declaration of acceptance of Office.**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received written confirmation that the candidate is eligible to stand. A paper vote was carried out.

**RESOLVED: Jan Wardell was co-opted to Council. Declaration of office signed.**

### **2. To receive apologies**

None.

### **3. 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.

### **4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

### **5. To receive a gift from P Batstone**

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Pauline Batstone & Douglas Adams sister presented a gift of a book '42 The Wildly improbable ideas of Douglas Adams' which was accepted by the Chairman on behalf of the Council. A Blue plaque was suggested at the address where Douglas mother lived and where he wrote the 'Hitch hikers guide to the galaxy'.

**6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.**

Written report received and circulated in the meeting papers.

**7. To receive the Rights of Way liaison Officers report.**

J Wardell advised that DC Rangers are currently very stretched and that there has been no progress on the access to FP 39 from Robin Way.

**8. Clerks report.**

Hunts leylandii hedge adjacent to Jarvis Way: Following complaints from members of the public contact has been made with Hunts and remedial action has been promised.

Electric vehicle charging point installation: Feasibility study has been concluded two areas of concern remain firstly, the introduction of the EV charging points could constitute a breach of a covenant which was included in the land transfer arrangements when the carpark was transferred into the ownership of the Town Council. This matter is currently being reviewed by Assets and Regeneration Department of Dorset Council. Secondly, the proposed licence agreement requires the "host" i.e. the Town Council to enforce any parking restrictions in relation to the charging point spaces. A revised licence agreement is being sought.

Complaints of overgrown verges & paths: Contact has been made with householders and DC Rangers. The situation will be monitored.

Notice pursuant to access of land: Land lying to the east of Park Grove: Notification has been received from Baddow Estates Limited who are developing a site for new housing adjacent to the Allotments. This notification relates to access to the Allotments and parking of motor vehicles during the period of construction. The arrangements have been the subject of consultation with the Chairman of the Stalbridge Allotment Society who has confirmed they are acceptable to the membership.

AGREED: To sign the notification

Southern boundary fence Jarvis field play area - It has been extremely difficult to obtain three quotes for the fence repair works. A quotation will be presented at the August meeting.

**9. Correspondence:**

SCARS – Thankyou for grant & request for funding for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event

AGREED: To congratulate the group on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As funds are allocated to offer the option of hire of the hub at the reduced rate or liaising with the Hall Management committee for a reduced hire fee for the event.

St Marys PCC – Thankyou for grant

AGREED: Thanks, noted Clerk instructed to enquire regarding the current situation of Churchyard maintenance.

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Playingfields management Committee – request for support for section 106 funding application for a tractor store.

AGREED: Support subject to provision of design & costs.

## 10. Future Town Vision Project.

### a. Appointment of portfolio holders

**RESOLVED: To appoint J Wardell as the portfolio holder for Open spaces & N Wardle as the portfolio holder for Sports & Recreation**

### b. To receive members portfolio reports

P Hancock (Infrastructure) – Communication with ward member regarding the recent appeal allowed North of Sation Rd and the way forward for the town. J Wardell suggested pedestrian access and crossing point be incorporation in any future communications.

K Garland (neighbourhood) Dorset Police alert system - Council signed up as a recipient. Methods of sharing information TBC when the system is up and running.

### c. To receive members portfolio proposals.

None.

## 11. Planning

### a. Response to planning consultations

**P/HOU/2024/03579 & P/LBC/2024/03580 Covert outbuilding into self-contained annexe. Rose Cottage Gold Street Stalbridge DT10 2LX. Ms Katie Donaldson.**

It was noted that council had been consulted on a similar application at this address before.

**RESOLVED: To support the application based on the annex being ancillary to Rose cottage and confirmation that no parking is required in association with the occupancy of the annex, as the application form states that existing car parking arrangements will not be affected and curb side parking on Gold street is already a problem.**

**P/OUT/2024/03690 Demolition of Dutch Barn & erection of 1no. detached dwelling (outline application to determine access only). Wards Hill Church Hill Stalbridge DT10 2LS. Mrs M Trott (Brimble Lea)**

It was noted that the application had previously been refused and that the subsequent appeal had been disallowed. Some concerns were expressed at the potential prominence of the dwelling.

**RESOLVED: To support the application in terms of the proposed access.**

### b. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/FUL/2024/01948 Installation of 30 solar panels to existing southwest elevation roof. Stalbridge Hall Ring Street Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2NF. Granted 24.6.24

P/TRC/2024/02777 T1 Pine – Fell. 7 Westminster Cottages Thornhill Road Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2PJ. No objection. 14.6.24.

### c. Report on responses to planning consultations

None.

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#### d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

APP/D1265/W/23/3333249 – Erection of up to 160 dwellings, Land north of Station Road, Stalbridge DT10 2RJ. Appeal allowed and outline planning permission granted. 5.7.24.

P/HOU/2024/02580 – Erect single storey rear extension. 2 Vale Cottages, Ring Street, Stalbridge, DT10 2LZ. To be considered by Northern Area Planning Committee on 16.7.24.

#### e. Members planning matters of report

None.

### 11. Finance.

#### a. To receive a list of payments & receipts

Tesco	Mobile phone	£12.40	
JF design & Print	Stalbridge.info June 24	£288.00	
JF design & Print	Annual subs & hosting stalbridge.info	£285.00	
British Gas Lite	Hub electricity 05/06-03/07/24	£33.99	
EDF	Hub Gas 06.06.24-	pending	
Four County Services Ltd	IT & Viop	£244.44	
IK Services	Town orderly services June s/o	£2,808.00	
British Gas Lite	public WC elec 26.05 - 26/06	£20.57	
Dorset Council	Hub Rates 5 or 10	£848.00	
Dorset Council	car park rates 5 of 10	£542.00	
R Sharp	Grass cutting 21.05-09.07.24 & springfield hedge	£3,424.50	
T Watson	In lieu of payment for container shelves	£250.00	
Clerk	Salary July 24	£1,405.60	
Admin Assistant	Salary July 24	£724.49	
HMRC	Tax / NI July 24	£453.87	
Dorset Council pension fund	Pension July 24	£458.98	
Bankline	July charges	£27.20	
DWP	Hub & town waste july - Sept 24	£780.65	
Youth Connect South West	Youth work sessions Q2 01*07-30.09.24	£2,841.18	
British Gas Lite	Electricity public WC's 26.05-26.06.24	£20.57	
IK Services	Bin Hire		£32.50
Lydlinch PC	Office services April & May		£94.66
Blackmore Vale Lions	Hub hire 13.11.23-13.05.24		£70.00

#### **RESOLVED:** List of payment & receipts received

### 12. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.52pm.