



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th August 2021. (Held at The Stalbridge Hall Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), J Convoy, H Hatcher, & B Penfold.

Absent Members: R Lovell

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson & Mrs N Eastgate (Assistant Clerk)

Present : Mr G Hitchings & Mr & Mrs Turbull

Apologies had been received from G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor)

- 1. Open Forum : Please note: a period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions concerning items listed on the following agenda**

No comments

- 2. To receive apologies.**

D Andrews, M Dimmer, M Robinson & S Waite.

- 3. To receive declarations of interest & Requests for dispensations (Please notify the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)**

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

- 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2021 [Accessible here](#)**

[RESOLVED](#): The minutes of the meetings having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved to be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

- 5. Town Clerks report & Correspondence: As detailed in annex 1a.**

Woodmills bench - Is due to be installed this week

Community governance review – At the previous meeting members of Stalbridge Town council had not sought to make any changes. However, a tentative approach regarding merging with Stalbridge had been made by Stourton Caundle Parish Council. Subsequently the realised implication of a very large Council Tax increase to Stourton Caundle residents may mean that this enquiry may not be progressed.

From the ROWLO - Jan has had a call from Bovis about the path she reported on last month, alongside Blackmore Meadows: Philip Mathews (who is doing the Management Plan) was going to have a word with the site manager about putting up some signs, when she did a round on Monday 16th had not appeared yet.

SVCS- Have taken their 1,000th booking even though they have been hampered by the Pandemic, which has much reduced the service as a number of Drivers withdrew for the course of the pandemic or until they feel comfortable to return. If any Members know of anyone who might be prepared to join up as a Driver can please can they let Tony Bishop know.

No correspondence

6. To receive Town Councillors reports.

K Garland - Response from Highway's and a works order has been raised for 2 signs 'walkers in the road' on Thornhill Rd. Received notification from Stalbright that their next meeting is on 1.9.2021 and they plan to hold their next AGM at the end of January 2022. As reported at the last meeting DC Highway's don't have signage for small mammals including hedgehogs. It is noted that in some local towns and parishes residents have obviously put their own signs up, obviously no one wishes to harm a hedgehog, but that is an update on the situation. Signage would need permission to be on the highway.

B Penfold – Had contacted DC highways regarding parking around the corner of Grosvenor Rd causing an obstruction.

J Convoy – Overgrown footway on Bazils Hill. Clerk to report to DC Highways (report ref. 1177214)

H Hatcher- Pirate boat at Jarvis field play area loose on fixing. Clerk advised in had as well as the wood on the edge of the tunnel.

7. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

None

8. Members update on the new Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020

3 members present had either attended or booked for the training. K Garland offered to circulate the training power point. B Penfold to meet with the Clerk on Monday to register.

9. To facilitate the annual inventory inspections.

RESOLVED: Agreed to distribute inspection among members as per last year

10. For the Town Council to purchase a new Union Flag for the ring K Garland

K Garland explained that it would be beneficial to have a second union flag to cover times when there is short notice to fly the flag.

RESOLVED: Agreed to purchase a new Union Flag for the ring

11. Planning.

a. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

SCC/3728/2020. Importation of inert waste materials from local construction sites and the applicants own sites. The waste site is to be used for the sole purpose of the applicant and his business. Copse Quarry, Landshire Lane, Henstridge GRID REF 371587 118493.

SSDC no objection to County Matter

P/HOU/2021/00006 Erect carport. Highfield House Church Hill Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2LS.
Granted

P/HOU/2021/00607 Remove garage/store together with linked entrance porch. Erection of replacement single storey extension. The Lilacs Pile Lane To Lower Farm – Lane. Granted

P/HOU/2021/00537 / P/LBC/2021/00538 Erection of orangery with swimming pool with underground access tunnel from house cellar. Thornhill House Access Road To Home Farm And Thornhill House And Cottages Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2SH. Granted

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

P/FUL/2021/01248 Erection of extension to cubicle shed & erection of new cubicle shed. Sturt Farm House Eastop Lane, Stalbridge Weston, Dorset, DT10 2SE.

Support the application

P/PAAC/2021/01994 Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to 5 No. dwellinghouses (Class C3). Grays Farm Shipney Lane Stalbridge DT10 2RJ.

Members do not support the conversion of the buildings to dwelling houses for the following reasons:

- The site is outside the development boundary and is contrary to the local plan which states that land outside the defined settlement boundaries is subject to countryside policies where development will be strictly controlled unless it is required to enable essential rural needs to be met.
- Highways safety in terms of the junction of Shipney Lane as it is on a blind bend and has poor visibility to the West onto Station Rd, which has a national speed limit and is a designated HGV route.
- Pedestrian access to the Town is dangerous as the proposed footway is not 2m wide in places on a road which is a HGV route with a 50MPH speed limit and no street lighting. Further to this access via the footpaths across country are not viable for the less fit or pushchairs.
- The creation of what is effectively a small hamlet away from the town would bring no benefit to the town.
- The size and quality of some of the current buildings are inappropriate for conversion to dwellings.

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

Support the application in principal subject to the 2 dwellings having the same covenants and restrictions and matching the design, materials and construction quality as the current houses in the Court.

c. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

None.

d. Members planning matters of report

None.

12. Review to Town Councils operations in relation to Covid19 and give further instruction in relation to:

K Garland

a. Meetings (full council and sub-committees)

One full Town Council meeting face to face at the Stalbridge Hall held mid-month. Minor planning applications delegated to the POSAG

AGREED: monitor month by month

b. Services & expenditure

same as reported in July

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

With the addition of Tuesdays 2.00pm - 5.00pm the Community library is now open for 3 sessions per week. Currently the main room is being used by the archive society and the chairs for the lobby exhibition area have been ordered.

13. Finance.

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

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

14. The next meeting of the Town council will be on Wednesday 22nd September All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Monday 13th September 2021.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.29 pm

Approved 22/09/2021

Signed.....

Chairman

Date