



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021.
(Held at The Stalbridge Hall Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, P Hancock, B Lovell, M Robinson, D Stockley, & S Waite

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson & Mrs N Eastgate (Assistant Clerk)

Present: Mr & Mrs Turnbull

G Carr-Jones (Dorset Councillor)

1. To receive apologies

B Penfold & H Hatcher

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

K Garland: Pecuniary item 16c. in relation to payments to IK Services.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2021

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.

DAPTC- letter to Dorset Council

Notice of Confirmation of a Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order Footpath 30

5. To receive Town Councillors reports.

K Garland advised that M Dimmer & J Convoy has stood down. She also asked members if they were happy with the accessibility of personal information through the new digital ROI with no checks in place to record IP addresses. Members requested that G Carr Jones take this back to DC.

P Hancock suggested a CCTV camera as a solution to the current problem of anti-social behaviour at the bin compound. Agreed P Hancock to liaise with the Hall Management Committee.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

G Carr-Jones requested that his report be taken in 2 halves with the second part at the end of the meeting with press and public excluded.

G Carr-Jones expressed disappointment that the appeal on the Lower Rd site has been allowed. He felt that a contributing factor was the land in question had been included in the strategic land assessment in the emerging local plan and as such development of the site had been given weight before the plan had been published.

Members agreed that Stalbridge Town Council should write to the appropriate DC Officers CC MP regarding this.

7. Appointment of members to existing committees.

POSAG Membership: K Garland, P Hancock, H Hatcher, B Lovell, M Robinson & S Waite.

Building & Assets Committee TC membership: D Andrews, K Garland & B Lovell

RESOLVED: Members appointed as above

8. Review of representation on or work with external bodies.

The current areas of representation are: Library Management Group, HACC, Stalbridge Hall, Youth Club, Allotments, Playing Fields, Stalbright, ROWLO, Tree Officer, Public transport, Trailway DAPTC.

The Clerk suggested quarterly reports made to TC next reports due March 2022 and asked if members thought that any other representative roles were required.

RESOLVED: Review of representation on or work with external bodies carried out and Police liaison added to representation list.

a. Members representative reports

Following reports were received:

DAPTC – S Waite

HR Committee, Interim Planning Committee, HACC, TC Auditor & Hub re-opening working group – H Hatcher

Community Library - M Robinson

Allotments - D Andrews

No reports were received for: Youth Club, trailway, Stalbridge Hall, Playing Fields & Stalbright as representatives were not present.

b. Appointment to external bodies, committees and roles of responsibility

Allotment Society- D Andrews

Stalbright Representative- P Hancock

Rights Of Way Liaison Officer- J Wardell (non-Council)

Tree Officer- P Ashcroft (non-Council)

Hall Committee Representative- D Stockley

Playing Field Rep Representative - B Lovell

Youth Club Representative- K Garland

Public Transport Representative- J Rabetts (non-Council)

Henstridge Airfield Committee- B Penfold & H Hatcher

DAPTC Area- S Waite

Trailway – M Robinson

TC Auditor- H Hatcher

RESOLVED: Representatives appointed as above

9. To complete the annual inventory review and give further instruction (Items 1-32) (see papers)

RESOLVED: Annual inventory review and give further instruction (Items 1-32) completed

10. Receive a proposal from the working group on the cross post repairs and give further instruction

The proposal was to install stainless steel caps

RESOLVED: To proceed with the project to install stainless steel caps on the posts around the Cross. S Waite to prepare a draft specification

11. To receive a report on the meeting with the site manager of Hampshire Homes at the Thornhill Rd site (see papers) H Hatcher

AGREED: Report noted

12. Proposal that the PCSO be invited to give 6 monthly reports to Council and agree required content P Hancock

RESOLVED: That the PCSO be invited to give 6 monthly reports to Council P Hancock to provide format.

13. To ask central Government to consider Stalbridge and North Dorset, as a levelling up area, and build a walk-in surgery & diagnostic centre, CT, or MRI. scanners. (See papers) R Lovell

R Lovell stated that North Dorset has been starved of infrastructure and funds for many years and felt that Stalbridge and the surrounding villages deserve some investment. Whilst members were minded to support the need for infrastructure and a request for a medical centre the detail in terms of medical provision was not felt to be realistic.

RESOLVED: With the assistance of the ward member write to Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Levelling Up) the basis of the letter being a question regarding what has been done for North Dorset in terms of levelling up?

14. For the Town Council to fund the road closure fees for the event to light the lime tree

B Penfold

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will fund the road closure fees for the event to light the lime tree at £75.00.

15. Planning.

- a. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

None.

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

P/HOU/2021/03778 Erect Porch 25 Grosvenor Road Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2PL

Support the application

P/FUL/2021/02749 & P/LBC/2021/02750

Lower cill height of existing dormer & increase the width. Carry out associated internal and

external alterations. Old Rectory High Street Stalbridge DT10 2LL

Support the application

P/FUL/2021/03054 Erect two dwellings and garages The Bungalow Thornhill Road Stalbridge DT10 2PS

Proposed an agreed not to support the application for the following reasons:

- The proposed dwellings lack amenity space
- The proposal constitutes overdevelopment of the site.
- The existing access serving the Bungalow needs to be permanently closed to vehicular traffic and that the property is instead served off the shared access in accordance with DC highways comments.

N.B A site visit had not been possible as the applicant had not contacted the Town Council to make arrangements as requested by the agent.

P/VOC/2021/03777 Erect 9 No. dwellings, form new vehicular access, private estate road and parking. (without compliance to condition 2 (plans) and 6 (access) of planning permission 2/20189/0878/ful - To space parking bays for units 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, &9 with 3 no 3 bay parking garage blocks Laburnum House Ring Street Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2LZ

Support as fine tuning improvement on original plans

P/COU/2021/03063 Change of use from an extension to a Holiday Let/Ancillary Annex. Bartletts Farm Stalbridge Sturminster Newton DT10 2SJ

Support the application

P/FUL/2021/03744 Demolish existing barn and Erect new dwelling with modifications to existing access. Land to North of Waterloo Lane, Stourton Caundle

Support the application

P/PAAC/2021/04006 Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to create 5 No. dwellings (Class C3). Grays Farm Shipney Lane Stalbridge DT10 2RJ

Not to support the application for the following reasons:

- The proposal creates a satellite pocket of residential properties outside the Town which do not have a safe pedestrian route to the Town
- The access track which is narrow with no passing places is not suitable for mixed residential and agricultural use accessing adjacent land

c. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

APP/D1265/W/20/3265743: Land South of Lower Road, Stalbridge was allowed

d. Members planning matters of report

None.

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

K Garland

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

Review of the hub opening will be done before the December meeting.

b. Services & expenditure

All services are in place expenditure to date is £160.95

c. Meetings (full council & sub committees)

Current arrangements to remain.

16. Finance.

a. To agree that the existing signatories can continue to make payment approvals until the bank mandate is updated

RESOLVED: that the existing signatories can continue to make payment approvals until the bank mandate is updated

b. To appoint 2 new cheque signatories.

RESOLVED: New cheque signatories appointed P Hancock & D Stockley

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

PWLB	loan	£3,614.42
Bank line	October	£26.30
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support November	£108.54
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT support in Lieu of 2nd MS licence October	£5.94
Four County Services Ltd	Broadband & Voip November	£100.80
British Gas Lite	Hub electricity	£132.70
JFDP	web authoring (oct)	£288.00
Tesco mobile	mobile phone October	£12.99
SSE	Toilet block electricity	£150.83
IK Services	Street Cleaning - October	£2,616.67
Dorset council	Hub rates period 9 of 10	£749.00
Dorset council	car park rates 9 of 10	£469.00
T Watson	In lieu of hand san & paper towel disp	tbc
T Watson	Salary November	£1,225.11
N Eastgate	Salary November	£461.50
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution November	£403.58
HMRC	Tax & NI November	£240.98
Stalbridge Hall	Hire July, Aug & Sept mtgs	£120.00
Stalbright	TRO Road closure for the lighting of the lime tree event	£75.00

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

K Garland abstained from the vote on the payment to IK Services

18. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 15th December 2021

RESOLVED: In accordance with standing order 10a. xi. It was proposed and agreed to exclude the press and public.

2 part of the report received from the ward member

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 21.05 pm