



# Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
(Held at The Stalbridge Hall Commencing at 7 p.m.)

### Councillors present at the meeting:

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

### Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

Present: 4 members of the public were present

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

Open Forum:

T Wood spoke in relation to item 6. Whilst he was disappointed he thanked G Carr-Jones for the idea and members for keeping him in the picture.

J Ralph advised that the History Society had no specific plans but were willing to participate in facilitating the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee. She had given the Clerk some images of the shop windows in the high street decorated for previous celebrations. She also spoke about the importance of keeping the archive in Stalbridge and putting the North Dorset legacy fund to good use on a heritage project.

### 1. To receive apologies

None

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

K Garland: Pecuniary item 8a. in relation to payments to IK Services.

S Waite: Pecuniary item 11 in relation to St Marys PCC

D Stockley & B Lovell: Pecuniary item 11 in relation to Stalbridge Hall

### 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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

### 4. Correspondence

Police & Crime Commissioners letter regarding the 22.23 precept increase to facilitate additional police officers. (Noted increase in precept of £10 per annum on a band D property to fund extra police officers )

Request for support for section 106 funds application by the Stalbridge Hall Management Committee. (Agreed to support application)

Stalbridge History Society regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee. (Group of interested parties to be formed)

**5. To receive a request from the Library Management Group to fund new blinds in the Library area and give further instruction.**

The amount requested was £316.00. The Clerk advised that there were adequate funds in the general maintenance budget

**RESOLVED: To fund new blinds in the Library from the general maintenance budget at a cost of £316.00.**

*N.B Item 6 is a special motion to reverse a motion within six months and the Clerk had received written notice of 5 councillors in relation to this.*

**6. Not to acquire the units 1&2 of the old Meaders shop for heritage use subject to surveys, as it is considered that the Town Council does not have the financial resources to carry this project through to the standard expected of a public body using public money at the present time.**

**S Waite**

S Waite expressed disappointment that at this point the project was not viable.

**RESOLVED: Not to acquire the units 1&2 of the old Meaders shop for heritage use subject to surveys, as it is considered that the Town Council does not have the financial resources to carry this project through to the standard expected of a public body using public money at the present time.**

*B Penfold abstained from the vote*

**7. 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)**

It was noted that Chairman & Vice Chairman would meet week commencing the 31<sup>st</sup> January to agree a report on the hub building for the February meeting.

**b. Services & expenditure**

All service have remained operational to date. Expenditure stand at £334.68

**c. Meetings (full council & sub-committees)**

To be held at the Hall until the end of March as agreed at the previous meeting.

**8. Finance.**

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

British Gas	The Hub-Gas	£114.14
Four Counties Services Ltd	IT Support January	£108.54
Four County Services Ltd	Broadband & Voip January	£100.80
Clerk	Salary January	£1,225.11
Assistant Clerk	Salary January	£461.50
HMRC	Tax & NI January	£240.98
Dorset County Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution January	£403.57
IK Services	Street Cleaning - November	£2,616.67
R Sharp	STC & Dc grass cutting 27/09-16/12/21	£2,102.50
Stalbridge Hall	meeting Hire Oct to Dec 21	£120.00
JFDP	signs for play areas	£267.64
DWP	Hub & Town waste Dec 21- Mar 22	£671.40
North Dorset Electrical	Repair rear external light at Hub	£40.80
Hydro Cleaning Solutions	Jet wash hub papiers and replace sand	£300.00
Bauchamps Chartered surveyors	Building survey	£1,200.00
Bank line	December charges	£24.95
ICO	Data Protection registration 2022	£40.00
Youth Club	grant 21.22	£402.89
T Watson	In lieu of printer cartridge from cartridge save	£100.10
SEE	WC elec 21.10.21-14.01.22	£144.33

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

*K Garland abstained in relation to the payment to IK Services*

**b. To receive the quarterly financial report ending 31.12.21**

Members had received papers prior to the meeting. The cash book was verified against the current and deposit accounts by H Hatcher (TC Auditor) .

**RESOLVED:** There was general agreement to accept the figures presented for the first 9 months of 2021-22.

**9. To consider the information presented regarding the Council's predicted position at the end of the financial year 31.03.22.**

Members had received paper prior to the meeting ..

**RESOLVED:** There was general agreement to accept the predicted figures presented for the end of the financial year 31.03.22.

**10. To consider the figures set aside for allocated reserves (capital & general) and give further instruction.**

**RESOLVED:** To re-allocate suggested funds total £5,000 from play equipment and the heritage project to the neighbourhood plan.

**11. To consider the grant applications for the budget period 22/23 and give further instruction.**

It was noted that six grant applications applied for by the playing Fields Trust , St Marys PCC, Stalbridge Hall, The Gugg, The Mens Shed & the Youth Club totalled £20,852.89. This figure represented 15.5% of the total precept amount and was more than previous years grants budgets of £12,000.

Consideration was given to the services provided by the applicants for the town that would otherwise have to be provided by the Town Council. Each application was considered individually. It was noted that there were allocated funds held for the youth club in lieu of the 21.22 budget.

**RESOLVED: To include an amount of £17,750.00 in the 2022/23 and award the following grants .**

**Playing Fields Trust £2,500 (maintenance of the playing fields sports facility)**

**St Marys PCC £6,750 (Churchyard maintenance)**

**Stalbridge Hall £6,000 (new front doors)**

**The mens shed £1,000 (fit out a new workshop)**

**Youth Club £1,500 (rent to Stalbridge hall & insurance)**

**12. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 22/23 in forecast income and give further instruction.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the figures presented for the Budget period 22/23 in forecast income excluding the precept.**

**13. To consider the figures presented for the budget period 22/23 forecast payments and give further instruction.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the figures presented for the Budget period 22/23 forecast payments.**

**14. To resolve the level of the precept 2022/2023.**

It was noted that the tax base figure had increased meaning that the total charge was being shared by more properties paying full council tax. The previously reviewed forecast income and expenditure was considered in relation to the tax base precept toolkit, which illustrated the effect of any precept change on a Band D equivalent charge.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make a precept demand for the period 22/23 of £131,500, which equates to an increase of 15p per annum on a Band D Equivalent Charge for the TC's part of the council tax.**

*Vote 7 for. S Waite & B Lovell abstained from the vote*

**15. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm