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Approved minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Present: Councillors:** G Carr-Jones(Chair) K Garland, J Cox, J Cowley, W Batty-Smith, B Alexandre, B Penfold, P Ashcroft, J Wardell & J Smith.

T J Watson (Clerk)

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Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

**1. To receive apologies.**

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None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

Amendment item 15b replace ~~The Ring~~ with The Cross.

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

**4. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.**

Date	From	Info	Action
24.11.10	Mary Bennett	Letter reply to TC letter 8 <sup>th</sup> November requesting access onto Town Council property at the Hall is closed off.	Members considered the objection raised by the Hall Committee and Mrs Bennett's letter. <b>ACTION:</b> It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to take the TC's solicitor's advice with regard to the potential problems that could be caused in granting access. K Garland agreed to contact Mrs Bennett and advise her accordingly.
?	Ian Forward	Letter re Stalbridge postal address.	G Carr- Jones advised that as Stalbridge does not have a sorting office it will fall under the nearest office at Sturminster Newton and therefore this will be reflected in the address. He had advised Mr Forward of this.
?	Kevin Mahon	Letter re. Street fayre Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May and The Royal wedding celebrations in Stalbridge.	Deferred to the next meeting.
07.12.10	Nick Brown	Request for contribution for printing Stalbridge Trailway & Nature Reserve Leaflets.	The Clerk advised that there is £500 in the budget for footpaths. <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was proposed and agreed to contribute £43.23 as requested.

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