

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 13th December 2006 commencing 8-10 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, B Booth, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes  
J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** None

**To receive apologies** C Cllr D Fox and D Cllr G Carr-Jones

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

**Proposed Expenditure**

All expenditure previously approved

**Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed All agreed

D J Hine Salary £494.10  
B Telecom 148.05  
Soc LCCLerks 85.00  
S & A Builders 282.00  
Direct Office 95.75  
University of Gloucs (Town Plan) 75.00  
NDDC rent for Pond Close 11.75

**Extension to Churchyard**

A letter received from Savills the Agents for the Stalbridge Estate pointing out that the Town Council would be responsible for all legal and surveyors fees in connection with any transaction and a signed letter of agreement is required. They also suggested that the TC put forward an offer for the piece of land in question. The Clerk advised that she had worked out that the land in question is approximately one third of an acre and that she had taken the advice of a local Valuer who recommended an offer in the region of £5 - £6,000. After some discussion it was proposed by J O'Hare and seconded by W Batty-Smith that an offer of £5,000 be made. J Cox proposed an amendment to £6,000 which was seconded by D Grimes. The amendment was voted on with the result of 4 in favour

6 against. The original proposal was carried on a vote of 6 in favour 5 against. It was agreed to write to Savills and point out that the TC had to work on a restricted budget etc.

Clerk to write

### **Budget/Precept 2007/8**

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 18th December to discuss this in detail

### **Town Plan up-date**

The Clerk advised that the questionnaires are now finalised and they would be distributed during the period between Christmas and New Year with a collection date of 31st January

### **Pedestrian Crossing up-date**

The DCC had advised that the Rights of Way Committee have turned down the request for a Pedestrian Crossing in the High Street. A letter was sent to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council expressing the anger and disappointment of the Town Council at this decision. W Batty-Smith advised that Tim Westwood and Steve Howard of DCC would be visiting Stalbridge in early January with further proposals to enhance road safety. Letter to DCC asking for dates for this proposed meeting as soon as possible.

Clerk to write

### **Library possible closure up-date**

A letter has been sent to Mr Leivers following the meeting on 27th November, but a reply is awaited. It was suggested that perhaps an approach should be made to Colehill and Corfe Mullen to see if a combined effort could be made. Also perhaps the DAPTC could be of some assistance.

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

D Grimes advised that there had been some complaints regarding the parking of Contractors' vehicles near the Waterlake junction.

R Penfold advised that he had attended the Shaftesbury Carol Service

B Booth asked if it would be possible to move the Notice Board at Stalbridge Weston to a more convenient place. She was advised that so long as it was not on highway land there should be no problem.

It was agreed to write to Mr J Else and congratulate him and the others of the Lights Committee on the very successful late night opening event.

Clerk to check with I Davies regarding the trimming of the JFPA hedge

It was noted that once again the bollard by the Post Office has been destroyed.  
It was agreed to ask the maintenance man to repair the Notice Board on the wall outside Kelly's Pet Store  
Clerk to arrange

R Penfold advised re. The Hall, that bookings are very good. The New fire door is to be fitted and it is also hoped to install a "loop system" to assist the hard of hearing

D Neal attended the Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting at NDDC regarding the Budget

Quotation received for new signs for both play areas. No golf and No dogs and stating ownership; It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox to accept the quote in the sum of £55 to supply and fit both signs. All agreed

#### 11 Correspondence

E-mail from Hugh DeIongh re. The Exchange, Sturminster Newton, suggesting Stalbridge should be part of the catchment area Negative reply

E-mail from Stephen Hill, NDDC to the 5 Town Clerks re. Local Delivery. Confirming that the suggested arrangements for budgets for 2007/8 are legal. Noted

Dorset Older People's Forum List of meetings for 2007

NDDC Notice of appeal by J Harris, 1 Park Grove against planning decision

DCC Official notification that request for Pedestrian Crossing has been refused

E-mails re. Pedestrian Crossing See minutes

Quotation for signs for Play Areas Accepted

NDDC draft Customer Access Strategy

NDDC notification of Memorial Service for Cllr D Whitehead

E-mail from P Leivers with template for budgeting for Library expenses

NDDC Corporate plan for improvement

Losan Ltd letter re Planning Applications on Henstridge Airfield

E-mail from TV Programme Inside Out re. problems relating to Sat Nav systems

NDDC Statement of Community Involvement

### **Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 15th November 2006 commencing 8-10 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, D Grimes, J O'Hare, D Short, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, R Penfold arrived later, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr D Fox and 2 members of the public

**To receive apologies** D Cllr G Carr-Jones, J Cox

**Declarations of Interest** None

### **Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

### **Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the following expenditure be approved

M Cridge Plants for The Cross 14.94

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Salary November £494.10

D J Hine Conference & meeting travel £70.90 £565.00

N Smith The Ring 47.50

M Cridge 14.94

Blackmore Vale Internet Hosting fee 130.00

J Singleton JFPA 437.50

### **Co-opt new Councillor**

It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that Ms Belinda Booth be co-opted on to the Town Council. All agreed. Ms Booth signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

### **Street Cleaning**

Notification had been received from K Wilson of NDDC that Stalbridge now shares a Town Orderly with Sturminster Newton. Where as up until quite recently Stalbridge had a full-time Orderly He works in Stalbridge from 11 am to 1-45 p.m. Monday to Friday and is responsible for cleaning the toilets and street sweeping and emptying bins etc. At weekends 4 hours each day shared with Sturminster is meant to be work. This is obviously totally inadequate. J Cowley reported that the toilets were in danger of overflowing last week. W Batty-Smith advised that Church Hill is never swept and various bins have not been emptied. It was agreed to write to D Cllr G Carr-Jones with full details and ask for his assistance in dealing with this. It was pointed out that under the Tough Choices proposals NDDC have agreed to maintain services at the present level, however the point must be made that we require the service to be at the previous

level i.e. one full-time Orderly in Stalbridge  
Clerk to write

**Town Plan** Nothing to report on this at the present

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

D Grimes advised that Waterlake has now been resurfaced.

P Ashcroft attended the Stalbridge Lights meeting, all arrangements seem to be in place and leaflets will be printed. Marshall should assemble at the Butcher's Shop at 6-00 p.m.

W Batty-Smith reported that the High Street (A357) road surface is getting very bad again particularly opposite the Chemist's Shop and at the junction with Station Road.  
Letter to J Mann, DCC Highways.  
Clerk to write

J Cowley attended the NDDC budget form at the Hall which he felt was a useful exercise although not many people went. He pointed out that he felt it was wrong that the whole of North Dorset had to subsidise the Steam Fair.

D Fox advised that DCC have taken over responsibility for the footpath/cycle path from Larksmeadow to Jarvis Way including the Hedge.

W Batty-Smith confirmed that the re-cycling area is the responsibility of NDDC. There is some damage in this area. With regard to Planning Decisions and delegation of powers, the Town Council will still be able to request that an application goes before the Planning Committee rather than be decided by Officers.

The Chairman thanked all those that had attended the Service on Remembrance Sunday.

The School Governors are looking to appoint a new Head Teacher.

The Notice Board at the top of Station Road has again been damaged. To be looked at with a view to deciding whether to repair to remove.

There has been an informal meeting with the Landowner of a field off Station Road with regard to his proposals to create a nature reserve there. However, there will have to be a planning application for change of use.

### **Correspondence**

DCC P Lievers via D Fox re. The Library meeting 27th November. Actual letter now received from DCC. The meeting will be attended by the Chairman and some of the other Cllrs.

DCC J Staddon. Reply re. Entrance to Keeper's Cottage, Copse House Lane

DCC A Ackerman re. Possible Prd. Crossing. He has asked for the scheme to be

progressed

DCC D Ackerley re. FP49 Advising what action is being taken

Diana DiCanio Community Service. Making arrangement for work requested to be carried out

Invitation to Active Dorset's Partner & Stakeholder Event Dorchester 21st November

NDDC Invitation to Community Partnership Presentation Evening. 5th December

Guide Dogs. Request to be allowed to put box in Office for collecting unwanted jewellery, watches etc. Reply in the negative.

NDDC Awards for All Funding Workshop. 24th November

Environment Agency Leaflet Informing on priorities for South Wessex Area

NDDC Notification of the death of Col. Whitehead, Leader of NDDC

DCC Notification of Management Committee meeting of S. Newton Youth & Comm. Centre

DCA Hugh De Iongh Notification of meeting of Sports Forum and also meeting re. future of S. Newton Leisure Centre

Rev. W Ridding. Letter enclosing estimate for cutting the churchyard for 2007

N D CAB Request for Grant

Sth Somerset Statement of Community Involvement

NDDC L Goodall Reply to letter re. Tough choices

NDDC S Caundle Solicitor. Re. Tough choices and involvement of District Cllrs in Town and Parish Council meetings

NDDC copy of letter to Sth Somerset re. P A for additional residential aircraft, Henstridge

Mrs M Edwards Thank you letter for grant to Lunch Club

NDDC Notification of road closure for late night shopping event

Lights Group details of activities

NDDC Corporate Plan for Improvement

DAPTC C Exec. Circular

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 23rd August 2006 commencing 7-40 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes, J O'Hare, D Short, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr. D Fox

**To receive apologies** D Cllr G Carr-Jones and Cllr R Penfold

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments

Item 9 add "It was proposed by J O'Hare and seconded by D Grimes that J Cox liaise with Steve Brett from the Community Service Unit as to what work should be carried out in Jarvis Field Play Area and what materials will be required"

Item 12 First para. add after reported "that a decision from the Neighbourhood Fund had been deferred"

Item 12 Last para. Change "about" to "that" now reads Concerns expressed that funds committed to the cemetery, could be diverted .....

**OPEN FORUM** No reports

### **Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

S Harris £76.86

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Salary £494.10  
Soc. L C Clerks. Conference 265.00  
BDO Stoy Audit fee 411.25  
R Sharp NDDC Grass 40.00  
S & A Builders Maintenance 15.10  
B Telecom 137.16  
S Harris 76.86

### **Approval and acceptance of Annual Return**

The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2006 has been returned by the auditors. The only issue arising from the audit is a suggestion that the Fidelity Insurance cover be checked to ensure that it is sufficient. The Clerk advised that it is at present up to £45,000, it was agreed to look at this before the next renewal. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the Audited Annual Return be approved and accepted. All agreed

The Clerk asked if Councillors had looked at the amounts of the Insurance values. J Cowley queried the value of the Cross. It was suggested that the clerk ask how much the

Shillingstone Cross is insured for.  
Clerk to enquire

### **Jarvis Field Play Area**

J Cox advised that the Community Service will be contacting her regarding a site visit to assess the work required. She also advised that it would appear that some BMX jumps are being constructed but she will have a look at them to see if they are causing any problems. It was suggested that the broken Goal Post be replaced.

Clerk to obtain a price

Put on next Agenda

### **Draft Regional Spatial Strategy**

J Cowley suggested commenting to the effect that the Town Council is broadly in agreement with the District Council's views and would not wish to see the number of completed dwellings exceeding the present level. Such housing that is permitted should be social housing within the envelope of the existing towns. Stalbridge should be included under Development Policy C relating to "small towns and villages"

### **Agree maintenance work required**

Councillors felt that some maintenance work, in particular on the seats, should have been undertaken. Clerk will check regarding seat inspections etc.

Clerk to progress

### **Up-date on latest news re. The Library**

Letter from DCC enclosing summary of direct costs for running Stalbridge Library 2005/6. It was agreed that some of these could be reduced. It was suggested that we endeavour to obtain some sponsorship from local businesses. The biggest cost is the Librarian's salary at some £14,000. Another suggestion is that we suggest the Town Council match fund the expenses with the County Council. Sponsorship letter to be drafted.

### **Up-date on Local Delivery proposals**

The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting at NDDC on the 18th August. The main point from this meeting was that NDDC require a contribution of £300,000 from all the towns and villages in North Dorset towards their budget for 2007/8. If all agree, it will mean an additional £11.48 per annum on a Band D Council Tax or less than £1 per month, which is similar to the amount council tax payers would have been paying if the original (uncapped) amount had been allowed for NDDC. If this happens this will give 12 months in which to agree the way forward with the running of such things as public toilets, car parks, street sweeping etc. It was pointed out that if all the parishes did not agree and some refused to pay the extra amount, then the £11.48 would increase to cover this shortfall. After some discussion it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by



D Short that the Town Council agree in principle to the £11.48 p.a. increase only and the proposal was carried on a vote of 7 in favour and 2 against. J Cox and J O'Hare voted against.

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

J Cowley reported receiving some complaints regarding loud music from the Stalbridge Arms on a Friday and Saturday evening. It was agreed to write to NDDC Licensing and ask them to remind the Licensee of his obligations.

Clerk to write

D Grimes congratulated and thanked the Chairman for all his additional work during the Clerk's absence. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs S Harris who deputised

J Wardell advised that the application for funding for printing the Health Walks booklets has been turned down. It was suggested that Awards for All be contacted.

P Ashcroft advised that there is a School Governors' meeting on 12th September.

The street light outside 5 Cale Close has not yet been re-instated.

D Fox advised that the A357 at Newton would be closed from 21st to 29th September

Vale FM would like a copy of the Minutes however, it was pointed out this would be a bit pointless, but that could have a copy of the Agenda. Their e mail address to be ascertained.

A reminder that the North Area DAPTC meeting is to be held in Stalbridge on 6th September

Park Wall getting overgrown along Park Grove and Church Walk

Weeds and undergrowth along the path from Pound Close to The Pound, suggest a letter to landowners either side.

Clerk to write

The possibility of holding a Farmer's Market to be investigated.

Clerk to check

### **Correspondence**

Sturminster TC Notification of resignation of Chairman P H Rhodes

Mrs M Bennett of Robinson Heights. Complaint re. Jarvis Field Play Area. Action being taken.

Clerk to write

Jane Godfrey NDDC next meeting of Play Provision Partnership 4th Sept.

DCC re. Footpath/Cycleway Larks Meadow-Jarvis Way. Advising that request for re-classification has been added to the list

NDDC Adopted Statement of Community Involvement  
DCC Details of Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund  
ENCAMS A Guide to Litter and the Law  
Details of Conference on Restoring the Rural to Highways  
Copy of Community News  
Copy of Annual Report of Crown Prosecution Service  
DAPTC C Exec Circ. 10/06  
Minutes of DAPTC N Dorset Area meeting of 18th May

**Present Clerk with W W Y C Course Certificate**

The Chairman presented the Clerk with her Course Certificate and congratulated her on her success.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 26th July 2006 commencing at 8.20 p.m**

**Present** Councillors W. Batty-Smith, J. Cowley, J. Cox, D. Grimes  
J. O'Hare, J. Wardell, and D. Neal Chairman, S. Harris (Clerk)

**In attendance** District Councillor G. Carr-Jones

**To receive apologies** P. Ashcroft, D. Fox, D. Hine

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Confirm minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 28th June, having previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by D. Grimes, seconded by J. Cowley.

**OPEN FORUM**

No matters raised

**Proposed expenditure**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D. Grimes and seconded by J. Cox that the following expenditure be approved.

R.Sharp and M.Dunning – Springfield Hedge £168.00  
Including clearing away debris  
Trinity Mirror Southern Ltd (BMV Magazine) £ 22.38  
Direct Office Supplies £ 13.51  
Mrs. Sue Harris £124.03  
John Singleton – grass cutting £437.50  
R.Sharp £ 20.00

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D. Grimes and seconded by J. O'Hare that the following cheques be signed

D.J. Hine – Salary July £494.10  
Pond Close grass £210.00  
M.Dunning £ 84.00  
R.Sharp – NDDC grass, The Ring, The Hedge £583.00  
Trinity Mirror Southern Ltd £ 22.38  
Direct Office Supplies £ 13.51  
Mrs. Sue Harris £124.03  
John Singleton £437.50  
R.Sharp £ 20.00

### **Flag at the Ring**

A letter has been received asking about the policy for flying flags as U.S.A. flag was flying on Independence Day. It was a request of the resident who paid for the flag pole that the U.S.A. flag he supplied be flown. It was proposed by W. Batty-Smith and seconded by J. Wardell, that only the Union flag and flags of the member states of the U.K. be flown. The Chairman will speak to Mr. Hedditch and Mrs. Gibbs

### **Security System for Town Council Office**

Two quotes have been obtained out of three asked for. Partnership @ £358 + VAT, and £465 + VAT from Wessex Fire and Security. D. Grimes proposed accepting the quote from Partnership after checking finances, W. Batty-Smith seconded.

### **Insurance Values/Inventory**

An inventory has been prepared. A number of maintenance items have been identified. After checking the funding situation D. Neal and J.Cowley will decide what needs to be done. The inventory also needs to be checked at J. Foster-Pegg's.

D. Neal will check the situation re the cover to the water hydrant on the Ring, which has been left open.

### **Jobs for Community Service Workers**

J. Cowley proposed and W. Batty-Smith seconded that the urgently needed weeding round the Jarvis Way climbing frame be done. Once clear the situation re sand will be reviewed

## **Library**

D. Neal proposed and W. Batty-Smith seconded that Paul Leivers be asked for a detailed breakdown of the costs of running Stalbridge Library, also showing how much is re charged County overheads.

## **Town Plan**

District Councillor Carr-Jones reported that the questionnaire would be out in September.

## **Councillors Reports**

J. Wardell reported the Neighborhood Fund from Signpost is available; there is a meeting at the end of July.

J. Cowley reported that vegetation needed cutting alongside footpaths particularly Church Walk. The path between the garage and Stalbridge Arms has been cleared. Overhanging ivy by steps of Station Road has been reported to Clarence.

G. Carr-Jones reported that bin emptying is not being done regularly enough. He is trying to persuade regular weekly refuse collectors to empty bins along their route. Dog bins are filled up every other day, most people are very responsible.

D. Neal reported that the e-mail sent to Mr. Ackerman re pedestrian crossing had been acknowledged by his secretary.

He had also asked Mr. Hill for minutes of the Durweston meeting and a breakdown of costs. The minutes have now been received.

G. Carr-Jones reported that the correct date for the meeting at Durweston about @Tough Choices@ was on August 15th.

D. Neal and D. Grimes had attended the meeting at Blandford re toilets, where it was stated that Stalbridge has the best toilets in North Dorset.

D. Neal had made clear that Stalbridge was not prepared to take on the £32000 cost of bringing the toilets up to the standard required to comply with regulations, the work would have to be done first.

Concerns were expressed about funds committed to the cemetery, which could be diverted to maintaining the toilets. There are concerns about a general decline with a gradual loss of the Post Office, then the bank, then the library.

## **Correspondence**

Letter re the Big Lottery Fund Children's Play area scheme requesting a reply by 28th.July.

2 letters from parishioners re trees at Hunts Freezer Store. D Neal reported that Hunts have confirmed that the trees will be pruned on Friday 28th. July.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 28th June 2006 commencing 8.25 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P. Ashcroft, W. Batty-Smith, J. Cowley J. Cox, D. Grimes, J. O'Hare, R. Penfold, D. Short, and D. Neal Chairman, S J Harris (Clerk)

**In attendance** District Councillor Carr-Jones County Councillor David Fox

**To receive apologies** J. Wardell D J Hine (Clerk) D. Short for leaving early

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Confirm minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by D. Grimes, Seconded by J. Cox

**OPEN FORUM**

No matters raised

**Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with SO No. 40 it was proposed by D. Grimes and seconded by D. Short that the following expenditure be approved:

P. J. Watts Internal Audit £45.00

M. Cridge Plants etc. the Cross troughs £14.38

**Sign Cheques**

In accordance with SO No. 40 it was proposed by D. Grimes and seconded by D. Short that the following cheques be signed:

D. J. Hine Part Salary June £247.05

P. J. Watts 46.00

Air Ambulance Grant 400.00

S & A Builders Inspections 126.90

R. Sharp The Ring and NDDC Grass 102.00

P. Ashcroft Book Tokens 35.00

R. Sharp The Ring and Footpath and NDDC 452.00

M. Cridge 14.38

Blackmore Vale Internet 54.00

Direct Office 51.56

## **Request by \_Signpost Housing Association for the Town Council to relinquish part of Pond Close for Development**

Councillors felt strongly that the houses needed to be for local people but this could not be guaranteed. Concerns about extra traffic would be dealt with when the plans are received. Bill Batty-Smith proposed and D. Grimes seconded to agree to release land for the construction of 10 houses, with the condition that precedence be given to local occupants. 8 No. for, 1 No. against. Also ask for a replacement site as mentioned at the meeting and assume this would have a 25 year lease. Legal fees to be paid by the applicant.

## **Security system for Town Clerk's Office**

One quote obtained so far from Wessex Fire and Security.  
Agreed to obtain further quotes.

## **Insurance Values/Inventory**

Arrangements were made for councillors to check the inventory on July 10th @ 7p.m. J. Cowley also suggested checking document held by solicitor but this should not need changing.

**Jobs for Community Workers** – The following were suggested but no decision taken.

- Grosvenor Road Play Area clean up
- Paint Bus Shelter
- Walkway at Pond Walk very overgrown
- Jarvis Way playarea in poor condition. Needs renovating as school holidays are coming up.

## **Library Closure**

John Cowley said he could not get a statement about whether D.C.C. problems are revenue or capital. He had received conflicting reports. David Fox said there was authority wide pressure on every service and he would like to see the review revisited. The issue has been raised in Parliament. B. Battye-Smith said the library site as real estate becomes capital, and the solution relies on releasing capital to use in other places. It was suggested that C.C. Member Alan Havelock be invited to a Town Council meeting.

## **Councillors Reports/Questions**

Highways: Meeting with Mr. Ackerman from D.C.C.Highways re crossing. He was very pleasant, but produced no information. as to the County Council's thinking. He will report back to the Town Council.

Dorset Data Book: Dorset Bakery listed under Sturminster Newton. This should be changed in the 2006 edition.

Keys for lighting system at the Market cross: required by Julian Else

Liveability Presentation: Paperweight presented to R. Penfold

Mr. Batty-Smith reported to the meeting that the drain at Church Hill had been reported

to Clarence and has now been cleared  
Light at entrance to Jarvis Close: broken:

Mr. Carr-Jones reported that the Town Plan is proceeding

Path from Larks Meadow: David Fox is looking into.

Access to Sewage Works has been re-surfaced

S.I.D.S. posts have been erected on Thornhill Road and outside Cranleigh. Stalbridge will get feedback with information. Police have agreed to follow up speeding traffic identified at regular times by S.I.D.

Path by filling station needs cleaning.

Community Support Police Vehicle has been seen where children were reported causing a nuisance.

### **Correspondence**

Society of Local Council Clerks: Letter to the Chairman advising that the Clerk has been awarded her Certificate of Achievement in respect of the Working with your Council Course.

Meeting re Public Conveniences on July 26th: John Cowley and Doug Neal will attend.

Allianz Cornhill re: Damage to Pavilion: Claim is less than the policy excess.

Invitations to Bridport T. Council and Wimborne T. Council walkabouts: D.Neal to reply to both.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45

### **Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 31st May 2006 commencing 7-45 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors J Cowley, D Grimes, J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr D Fox

**To receive apologies** P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cox, and D Cllr G Carr-Jones

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

## **OPEN FORUM**

C Cllr D Fox advised that he has been in touch with Mr Ackerman of DCC regarding a visit to Stalbridge to discuss pedestrian crossing and speed of traffic and various other highway matters and it is hoped to arrange this for Monday 26th June

## **Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J O'Hare that the following expenditure be approved

D J Hine Part Salary June £247.05  
Roy Spicer Roofing 4,770.50  
Allianz Cornhill Insurance 2,236.20

## **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J O'Hare that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Part Salary June £247.05  
Roy Spicer Roofing 4,770.50  
Allianz Cornhill Insurance 2,236.20  
B Telecom 145.87  
R Sharp Pound & Ring £62.00  
NDDC 335.00 397.00  
BVPubs 83.07  
Stalbridge Hall 30.00  
D Holloway 45.00  
Stur IT Grant 200.00  
S Harris Notes of public meeting 52.74

Cllr D Short was thanked for touring Stalbridge with the public address system to encourage residents to attend the public meeting

## **Library proposals – next step**

After studying 3 draft letters, the final draft of a letter to E Taylor was agreed. It was also agreed to ask that a delegation be allowed to attend the Committee meeting on the 15th June. It was also agreed to provisionally book a bus to take protestors to the meeting. Adverts to be put up in usual places and in the BVM advising that free transport would be available. It was also agreed to hold an informal meeting on Monday 5th with Hugh DeIongh and Hillary Ritchie to try and work out ways in which the Town Council could support the Library.



## **Property Insurance renewal/inventory**

It was agreed to postpone this item to the next full meeting

## **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

As the Clerk advised that no further information was to hand regarding Section 106 agreements as discussed at the meeting with NDDC, it was agreed to chase this matter.  
Clerk to progress

R Penfold asked if there were any other small Hall available for meetings of the Oddfellows as the Methodist Hall would be closing. It was suggested he contact Stalbridge Hall booking agent

J O'Hare advised that there is a system for getting young offenders to spend some of their time working in the Community and provided contact details. The Clerk will contact and obtain further details.

Clerk to contact

D Neal reported that at the DAPTC area meeting he had asked for their support in protesting about proposed Library closures. This was eventually agreed.

He also advised that when Bus Passes are used on buses, the driver should issue a ticket, to prove that the passenger actually used to bus

## **Correspondence**

\*Wessex Alarms. Proposals and quotations re. security system

Next Agenda

NDDC North Dorset Young People's Strategy

DCC re. Complaint about lack of reply re. Ped. Crossing. Apology for delay in replying

\*NDDC Details of Course "Introduction to Planning for Councillors"

No-one interested

Henstridge Airfield – Details of Fly-in on 7th June

Sturminster Newton TC - Details of Chairman etc.,

\*DCC Mr M Hopper LTP & Improvements Group re. Ped. Crossing. Details of new assessment method.

\*DCC Mr D Diaz Confirmation that there is in the region of £9,000 remaining for funding the town centre enhancement scheme

N D CAB Invitation to Annual Public Meeting 14th June

\*1st Stalbridge Guides. Complaint re. Bus Shelter - Noted, may be job for Offenders

NDDC Calendar of Meetings

Wimborne TC Civic Walkabout 12th July

Mr C Mann Acknowledgement of letter re. possible bonfire hazard

Maj. Morton advising that he has written to the new owner of the Stalbridge Motors site

Various e-mails from David Fox re. Highway issues

\*NDDC Wilbert Smith. Inviting attendance at a meeting re. Application to Big Lottery

Fund in respect of Children's Play initiative

No-one interested

Sherborne CAB reply to letter re. their request for a Grant

G Nicholson re. Trailway. Work commencing 22nd May

\*Savills as Agents to Stalbridge Estate. Advice of increase in Playing Fields rent

To be agreed

ODPM Discussion Paper – Local Authority Byelaws

Note from Mr McCleery re. neighbours at Priors Down

West Dorset DC Statement of Community Involvement

\*NDDC Invitation to Liveability Celebration. 20th June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

**Minutes of Annual Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 3rd May 2006 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cox, D Grimes, J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short, J Wardell, and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** D Cllr G Carr-Jones

**To receive apologies** C Cllr D Fox Cllr D Neal

**To Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Chairman – D Neal proposed by J Cox seconded by J Cowley all agreed

Vice-Chairman – J Cowley proposed by J Cox seconded by J O'Hare

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

P Ashcroft asked what had happened about the Trailway. The Clerk advised that the problem appeared to have been dealt with by C Cllr D Fox according to e-mails received (see correspondence)

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

**Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by P Ashcroft that the following expenditure be approved

St Mary's Church – Churchyard Grant £3,500.00  
Disabled Group Grant 100.00  
Friends of St Mary's Grant 100.00  
Vale Crops - Playing Field Grant 123.62

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

St Mary's Church – Churchyard Grant £3,500.00  
Disabled Group Grant 100.00  
Friends of St Mary's Grant 100.00  
Vale Crops - Playing Field Grant 123.62  
D J Hine Salary £494.10 & Postage £30.72 524.92

### **To elect Planning & G P Committee**

In addition to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the following were proposed and seconded J Cox (J Cowley and D Grimes) P Ashcroft (J Cox and W Batty-Smith) J O'Hare (J Cowley and J Cox)

### **To appoint representatives to various committees**

C Office Cttee B Bottomley Chairman, D Neal, D Grimes, P Cossington and S Robinson

Footpath Officer N Brown

Tree Officer D Grimes

Councillor Auditors J Cox and J Wardell

Hall Cttee Rep R Penfold

Playing Fields Rep D Neal

Youth Club Rep J Cox

Pulbic Transport Rep J Rabbetts

Stur. Youth Centre Rep R Penfold

School Rep P Ashcroft

Henstridge Airfield C Cttee R Penfold and D Neal

DAPTC Area To be arranged when required

### **Possible Closure of Library**

After some discussion it was agreed to arrange a public meeting for Wednesday 17th May

### **Pedestrian Crossing up-date**

It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive with the results of the survey and officially request the pedestrian crossing with a copy to A Campbell the Leader of the Council and to C Cllr D Fox

### **The Ring**

It was reported that the work on the Ring is progressing well but there is a problem with the disposal of the rubbish. Councillors agreed that if going to Sherborne they would take one or two bags with them

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

J Cowley reported on the meeting held with NDDC regarding the 106 Agreement money. Further details from NDDC of the amounts concerned and what can be done with it are being forwarded.

J Cox advised that the goal post on JFPA is broken. Advise maintenance man  
She also said that some of the latest minutes did not appear to be on the web site, neither is the Newsletter.

The possible closure of the Methodist church was mentioned together with various suggestions for its future use.

Some concern expressed regarding what appeared to be a small "travellers' camp" at Priors Down

J Wardell reported that unfortunately NDDC had no funds for the Health Walks booklets but application has been made to the Signpost Grant fund. The walks have been done. She also asked if it would be possible to tarmac the short distance along Thornhill Road to connect to Wood Lane

A request made for copies of e-mails sent by the Clerk be put in the letter book

### **Correspondence**

Sth Som. D.C. advising of adoption of Local Plan  
Stalbridge Youth Club request for payment of grant for 2005/6  
Sth Som D C copy of extract of Minutes re. Henstridge Airfield Master Plan  
S. Pitt DCC re. ~Launch of Older People's Partnership for Dorset  
NDDC Interim Planning Guidance on development of amenity open spaces  
DAPTC Minutes of meeting of Larger Parish & Town Councils  
Copy of letter from R Belsham Fifehead Magdalen Parish Meeting re. Speed Trials on Henstridge Airfield  
Various correspondence and copy letters re. possible closure of the Library  
Copy e-mails to Rangers from D Fox re. Trailway.  
Sturquest Invitation to Sturminster Community Lunch  
Sth Som. Draft Statement of Community Involvement  
DCC Notification of Seminar on Highway Maintenance 20th July  
DAPTC Ch. Exec Circular 06/06  
Sturminster Newton community learning centre. Request for payment of grant agreed.  
NDDC re. RoSPA Play Area Inspections

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 5th April 2006 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr D Fox. Footpath Officer N Brown

**To receive apologies** J O'Hare and D Short

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM**

N Brown the Footpath Officer attended to request the Town Council to contact the Countryside Rangers regarding the proposed Trailway on the old railway line. Volunteers have been working hard over the past months but their work will be wasted unless the contractors work is carried out in the near future. The work was supposed to be done on 2005 but it is now Spring 2006 and nothing appears to be happening. C Cllr D Fox and

the Town Council agreed to contact the appropriate people to “chase this up”. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Town Council to all the volunteers for their work

### **Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Short that the following expenditure be approved. All agreed

Scout Jamboree Cttee £50.00  
Valecraft (Ins. Claim Pavillion) 73.05  
Laggan Locks (Ins Claim Flat) 93.00

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed. All agreed

D J Hine Salary (new rate) 494.10  
Inwood Estate 1475.00  
Scout Jamboree Cttee 50.00  
Direct Office 88.47  
Valecraft 73.05  
S Electric 73.68  
Laggan Locks 93.00  
NDDC Rates 862.04

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

The Chairman thanked D Fox and R Penfold for printing the leaflets regarding the crossing. These had been distributed as planned, by the Scouts. J Cowley thanked the Chairman for driving around the outlying areas with the leaflets. It was agreed to publish the result at the Annual Town Meeting on 19th April

### **Town Plan**

The Town Plan will also be publicised at the A T M as Hugh DeIongh will be in attendance. It is planned to have a “Planning for Real” week in the Community Office when residents can come in and detail their wishes for the future of Stalbridge. Stourton Caundle are interested in being kept advised of developments.

### **Office Entry System**

It was agreed to contact Wessex Alarms regarding the possibility of fitting an entry system/intercom so that when the Clerk is in her office on her own she does not have to have the front door unlocked.

### **Councillors’ Reports/Questions**

D Grimes advised that he had again spoken to Mr DePelet re. possible extension of churchyard. Comments awaited from the Estate's Agent

J Wardell reported that unfortunately there had not been much progress on the Health Walks as funding is now in question. But it is hope to include some reference to these in the Town Plan.

Reports of large lorries using Copse House Lane, but not much can be done about this.

W Batty-Smith advised that the Development off Station Road Car Park has now been granted outlet planning permission.

J Cox advised that the Youth & Community project is now virtually complete and it is hoped to open after Easter.

J Cowley advised that he had reported problems with the road surface on the A357. C Cllr Fox will take some action and ask questions regarding highway inspection programme.

D Neal advised that he had attended the HACC Meeting on the 15th March and the next meeting should be 18th October. Nothing drastic to report regarding flying activities.

With regard to the Stalbridge Lighting Group. Light up day will be Monday 4th December with late night shopping on Friday 8th December.

He also reported that he had advised some children using mini motor-bikes on Pond Close that this was illegal. They had stopped the activity but he asked that a letter be sent to Signpost advising them of the possible hazard. Also overhanging hedges are a problem in Pond Walk

Clerk to write

Query raised as to who had erected two signs on Lamp Posts regarding burglaries etc., It would appear that the Police have done this.

## **Correspondence**

NDDC Interim Guidance on development of areas of amenity open space

NDDC Private Sector Housing Strategy

DCC Draft Statement of Community Involvement. Minerals and Waste

DCC re Traffic Management in Stalbridge from D Diaz

Scout Group. Invite to St George's Day Parade

Sth Som Amended version of Henstridge Airfield Masterplan

NDDC Notice of Public Path Order FP No. 49

Sth Somerset DC Notice of intent to adopt Local Plan

Sherborne CAB request for grant

Defra Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act update

RSS Update

DAPTC C Exec Circ.04-06 plus details of Seminars  
NDDC Dev. Control. Copy of comments to Sth Som DC re. Henstridge Airfield PA to increase number of resident aircraft  
West Dorset DC re. Statement of Community Involvement  
Mr N Hann, letter of thanks for street light on footpath between Thornhill Road and Lower Road  
Lights Group. Letter of thanks for support also request that the TC ask if Old Rectory trees could be cut back as they obscure the Cross

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 8th March 2006 commencing 7-55 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, J Cowley, D Grimes, J O'Hare, R Penfold  
D Short, J Wardell and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** D Cllr G Carr-Jones

**To receive apologies** C Cllr D Fox , W Batty-Smith and J Cox

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

**Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J O'Hare that the following expenditure be approved

Four County Services Virus Protection £45.83

P Ashcroft stated that she thinks there is some way of obtaining this protection free via Dorset C C but has no idea who to contact.

**Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J O'Hare that the following cheques be signed



D J Hine Salary £479.98  
R Sharp NDDC Grass 25.00  
Four County Services 45.83  
B Telecom 146.61  
Direct Office 35.18

### **Proposed addition to S O No. 17**

It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by P Ashcroft that the following be added to S O No. 17 in respect of Resolutions Moved on Notice "The Clerk having received a proposal or recommendation, may advise the proposed or mover regarding the wording, but the councillor's view shall be paramount in all cases" All agreed

### **The Ring Beds**

Letter from Mrs N Smith with prices and details of suggested work needed on the Ring and shrubs and heathers required. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by D Grimes that the work be carried out. Agreed.  
Clerk to contact

### **Roof Repairs 8 Ring Street**

The Clerk advised that 3 quotations for the necessary work to replace felt and battens over the whole roof now received as follows:

Dylan Faber Roofing Ltd - £5,675.00 plus VAT  
Rowsell Roofing Ltd - £4,405.00 plus VAT  
Roy Spicer Roofing Ltd - £4,000.00 plus VAT

It was proposed by P Ashcroft and seconded by J O'Hare that the quotation from Roy Spicer be accepted. All agreed.  
Clerk to contact

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

D Neal advised that the Scouts are willing to deliver the leaflet over the weekend of 1/2nd April for a donation of £50. This was agreed. R Penfold will arrange the printing in plenty of time for this delivery. A supply of paper already received. When printed, an evening for folding leaflets to be arranged. An advert to be put in the BVMagazine edition of 31st March emphasising need for reply to leaflet. Leaflets for Knightstone Court, The Old Rectory, Sandhills and Hillcrest to be delivered and picked up by Councillors. D Neal willing to drive volunteers to deliver to Stalbridge Weston and outlying Farms. J Cowley will assist. As still no reply received to letters to the County Treasurer, letter to go to Chief Exec.  
Clerk to write

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

J Wardell asked if anyone could remember a Diversion Order in respect of the footpath near to Keeper's Cottage. Check with file

R Penfold advised that he had attended a meeting of the Management Cttee of Sturminster Youth Centre. He suggested that he might be made official representative for Stalbridge T C as quite a few Stalbridge youths attend. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by D Grimes that he be appointed , all agreed.

P Ashcroft advised that there was no new regarding the School

J Cowley reported that a group had attended the meeting at Melbury Abbas regarding improvements to the A350 but there appeared to be little movement regarding this

G Carr-Jones reported that progress is slow on the Town Plan project but at least we have been awarded a grant.

D Neal reported that some concern had been expressed regarding the safety of The Clerk when in the office on her own. Possible "entry phone" system or bell system so that the door can be locked to be investigated.

## **Correspondence**

02.03.06 Message from C Rogerson NDDC re. Stalbridge Motors site, still trying to contact present owner of site

K Rabbets copy of letter to First Bus re. Public Transport

DCC Notification of road closure A357 Durweston Bridge 1st to 7th April

DCC re. Street Lighting PFI Project Consultation

NDDC Notification of Appeal re. Enforcement Notices on 8 Anglesey Cottages

NDDC Dev. Control. Notification that PA 1127 Erect dwelling at rear of 8 Ring Street has been approved

NDDC Draft Diversity and Race Equality Scheme

NDDC re. Land at Grosvenor Road. Nothing can be done at present re. derelict area

Dorset Police Note of Homewatch Co-ordinators meeting.

Environment Agency. Flood Warden Newsletter

Message from Dog Warden 24th Feb. Dog fouling JFPA being dealt with

DCC re. C21 Landshire Lane road closure 20th to 31st March

DAPTC Chief Exec Circular 03/06 including details of Chairman' Seminar and Councillor's Seminar

Sth Som DC re. Henstridge Airfield Masterplan amended plan

NDDC further responses to Community Involvement draft

NDDC details of Leisure Centre charges

Next meeting HACC 15th March

Letter from Youth & Community Project asking if £5,000 could be put aside for use in an emergency as additional costs have been incurred on the project. This was agreed in principal but terms and conditions to be agreed at the time.

Clerk to write

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-35 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 8th February 2006 commencing 7-45 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes, J O'Hare, R Penfold  
D Short, J Wardell and D Neal (Chairman), D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr. D Fox

**To receive apologies** D Cllrs W Batty-Smith and G Carr-Jones

**Declarations of Interest** None

**Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

**Proposed Expenditure**

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

D J Hine Travelling and additional hours to attend Meeting with Chief Exec. £40.83  
R Sharp Repairs to ring incl. Posts 275.00  
Clerk to check Insurance regarding claim for damage to Ring

**Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Salary £479.98  
Postage 31.42  
Meeting as above 40.83 £552.23  
R Sharp 275.00  
Direct Office 51.66  
British Gas 104.10

The Clerk presented the quarterly comparison of expenditure to budget up to 31st December

## **Henstridge Airfield Masterplan**

The Planning & G P Committee had agreed to send a letter to Sth. Som. D C regarding this item in support of a letter written by Mr R Belsham of Fifehead Magdalen and again emphasising the problems that could be caused in Stalbridge as a result of additional traffic, especially H G Vs. Sth Som. Needed the letter to be part of their report before this meeting.

## **Pedestrian Crossing – The Way Forward**

Two letters received from DCC, one from LTP & Improvements Group which advised that a survey of the site has been requested the results of which will be reported to elected members in November 2006 or thereabouts. The other letter from Traffic Management, S Howard, advised that unless unequivocal support for the project was proved, it would not go ahead. After some discussion, during which C Cllr D Fox pledged his support and offered his assistance, it was agreed to hold an informal meeting in the office on 15th Feb. to discuss the way forward. In the meantime, Clerk to write again to the Treasurer requesting reply to letter of 16th. D Fox will try and arrange a meeting with the DCC Head of Dept. P Ashcroft will try and find out if the School have a Travelplan or "Safe Route to School" scheme.

## **Proposed addition to S O No. 17**

It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that S O No 17, which refers to Resolutions Moved on Notice, that the following be added

"The Clerk having received a proposal or recommendation, may advise the proposed or mover regarding the wording, but the Councillor's view shall be paramount in all cases"

This item now stands adjourned to the next meeting.

## **The Ring Beds**

It was agreed that some major work needs to be carried out on the Ring beds, either to totally clean them out and start again or to get some advice regarding treatment of the plants there some of which are very overgrown. Mrs Smith of Station Road had been consulted on a preliminary basis and she expressed an interest in assisting with some suggestions regarding the way forward if required. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by R Penfold that we contact her and formally ask her for her recommendations. All agreed.

## **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

D Grimes commented regarding the increase in traffic as a result of plans for Henstridge Airfield that he felt double yellow lines around P O Corner would solve some of the High Street problems and with regard to speed of vehicles, there should be a speed limit on Cooks Lane approaching the Thornhill junction.

R Penfold reported that the road surface at the top of Station Road is deteriorating badly as a result of the very large lorries endeavouring to turn on the junction.

J Wardell reported on the meeting held on 6th Feb. regarding proposed "Health Walks" around Stalbridge. Those present were B Heath NDDC, P Gibbs PCT N Brown Footpath Officer, D Neal and J Wardell. Some initial walks were discussed and these will be checked before the next meeting on 13th March. Group walks have also been suggested but training will be needed for volunteer leaders. There will be some recruitment posters put up.

P Ashcroft reported that there have been several complaints regarding dog fouling of JFPA. Dog Warden to be contacted.

J Cox advised that the Service at the Snowdrop Walk had been well attended and a splendid tea was provided by the W I. The charity rep. had been approached regarding the lack of additional snowdrops being planted in spite of several donations being made. She promised that this would be dealt with. Letter of thanks to W I  
Clerk to write

J Cox also advised regarding the Hall/Youth Club extension. There is a problem with connecting the old roof to the new one (problem with old roof) and this will cost an additional £10,000.

J Cowley advised that Signpost had repaired the fence between the Hall and Coppern Way properties.

D Neal expressed surprise when he discovered that the CAB Rep. was able to obtain the key to the Office and he will bring this up at the next C Off. meeting

## **Correspondence**

DCC Questionnaire re. Repairs to Cale Bridge.

Sth. Som. D C re. Henstridge Airfield Masterplan. Notes of meeting 26th Jan.

NDDC Copy of Responses to draft Statement of Community Involvement

DCC LTP & Improvements Group.re. Pedestrian Crossing request. Advising that a survey has been requested

DCC Traffic Management re. Pedestrian Crossing. Requesting evidence of unequivocal support for the crossing from all those affected

NDDC re. Landscaped Bund Woodmills. Asking of the TC has any objections to transferring this bund to Stalbridge Timber.

J Cowley proposed and J Cox seconded that a letter be sent to the effect that the T C did not object provided that suitable conditions were imposed regarding upkeep of the land and the fact that it must remain a bund in perpetuity. Agreed.

Clerk to write

NDDC S Hill. Re. Adoption of Open Space/Amenity Land. A schedule of areas relating to Stalbridge is being prepared and when complete he will welcome the opportunity to discuss it with the T C

DAPTC N Dorset Area. Agenda for meeting on 8th Feb. and copy of D Webb's report  
D Fox E-mail re. non consultation regarding A350  
N Dorset Rangers up-date on Trailway  
NDDC Enforcement. Tel. call re Stalbridge Motors site.  
Clerk to progress  
Hugh DeIongh e-mail update on his activities on behalf of Stalbridge  
NDDC North Dorset (Off Street Parking Places) order 2006 (no change for Stalbridge)  
NDDC re. Land off Station Road Car Park asking for TC views on allowing access through  
the Car Park together with reply  
Stur Quest Invitation to Annual Meeting 17th Feb.  
Copy of letter from N D Footpath Group (Ramblers Assoc) with objections to diversion of  
FP49  
DAPTC Ch. Exec Newsletter 01 and 02/06

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Query raised regarding the building being erected in the garden of Laburnam House.  
Clerk to check

B T to be asked what is happening regarding the telephone kiosks, as they seem to be in  
a poor state.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

### **Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 11th January 2006 commencing 7-55 p.m.**

**Present** Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, J O'Hare,  
R Penfold and D Neal Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

**In attendance** C Cllr D Fox, D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 1 elector

**To receive apologies** Cllrs D Grimes and D Short

**Declarations of Interest** None

### **Minutes of last meeting**

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

**OPEN FORUM** No comments

### **Proposed Expenditure**

All expenditure budgeted for

### **Sign Cheques**

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed. All agreed

D J Hine Salary £479.98  
Stalbridge Land Settlement 1,475.00  
Bournemouth Curtains ( Hall grant) 815.64  
S & A Builders 129.60  
Southern Electric 33.86  
Blackmore Vale Internet 54.00  
Williams Nursery 5.00  
B Telecom 158.62

### **Co-opt New Councillor**

A letter of application for one of the two Council vacancies was received from Mrs J Wardell, who was present at the meeting. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by P Ashcroft that Mrs Wardell be co-opted on to the Town Council. All agreed. Mrs Wardell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk and was handed the Notification of Financial and other Interests form for completion. The chairman welcomed Mrs Wardell to the Council

### **Up-date on Town Plan – G Carr-Jones**

G Carr-Jones advised that an application for a grant towards the costs of producing the Town Plan has been completed and sent in. R Penfold will be one of the T C representatives on the Steering Committee and a preliminary meeting will be held shortly to discuss the way forward.

### **Councillors' Reports/Questions**

C Cllr D Fox gave an up-date on the latest news regarding the positioning of Speed Indicator Devices and provided a copy of a report to DCC in this respect. A site for one in Stalbridge is on the list for consideration.

R. Penfold advised that the last meeting of the Liveability Fund Committee will be taking place shortly, the majority of the money available having been used up.

J Wardell asked if there was any progress on the Walking for Health initiative. As nothing further had been heard she offered to contact B Heath at NDCC

W Batty-Smith advised that responsibility for the crack in the wall of the re-cycling area at Larksmeadow has finally been agreed and action should be taken shortly. He also said that there still appeared to be some dispute over who is responsible for the vegetation

around the footpath to Jarvis Way. D Fox offered to obtain a plan showing areas owned by DCC in Stalbridge which would help.

J Cox advised that someone had complained about ivy being a hazard on the path from Pound Close to Ring Street.

J Cowley advised that he had attended a meeting of the Henstridge Airfield Master Plan Cttee. And felt the whole matter needed further discussion.  
Place on next Agenda

W Batty-Smith advised that some proposals regarding the problem with the Bund between Wood Mills and adjacent industrial area would be forthcoming from NDDC

### **Correspondence**

Sth. Som. DC Notification of Informal Hearing PA01125 Erect 3 Factory Units. Hearing to be held at Wincanton on 19th January 10 a.m.

Wimborne TC Diary Date. Civic Service 14th May

Roy Spicer Roofing Quotation for re-roofing 8 Ring Street

J Wardell Copy of letter sent to B Heath, NDDC re. Walking for Health and copy of his reply

Mr B Scott. Query regarding state of buildings on ex Stalbridge Motors Site. Clerk has contacted Pla. Enforcement who will be visiting the site.

NDDC Draft Statement of Community Involvement

NDDC Details of proposed diversion of FP49

Community Office – Copy of message from NNWA Board of Trustees

NORDCAT Thanks for grant

Flood Warden Newsletter

Sth. Som. Note of meeting of Henstridge Airfield Master Plan 15th December

Joy Rabbetts Copies of various correspondence re. Bus Services

Maj. J. Harris. Copy of his letter to Chief Constable re. Amalgamation of Police Forces

Dr. C E Orman. Copy of letter to Chairman NDDC re. Closing times of N D Leisure Centres.

NDDC Mrs D Laban enforcement. Re. land adjacent Sandhills. Advising that storage containers etc. must be removed by end of March

NDDC re. N Dorset Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Vision

DAPTC Minutes of Town & Large Parish Meeting of 25th November 2005

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-20 p.m.