

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 17th December 2008 commencing 7-00 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr. D Milsted

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox and 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.

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

Dorset County Council. Library hours	£2,743.00
Allianze Insurance. Toilets	71.76

J Cowley expressed concern regarding the costs involved with running the Toilets especially the non domestic rates that will apply. D Cllr Milsted advised that the NDDC are looking at the question of rates for all the Toilets that have now been taken over by the Town Councils, with a view to waiving these if possible.

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	£535.64
B Telecom	163.92
Soc. Local Council Clerks. Subs	105.00
Stalbridge Hall. DAPTC meeting	20.00
Direct Office	112.79
NDDC Rent of land at Pond Close	11.50
Dorset County Council. Library hours	£2,743.00
Allianze Insurance. Toilets	71.76

Cllr D Milsted Dorset Fire Authority

D Milsted explained the reason for his visit is to express the Fire Authority's concern

regarding Community Safety especially with regard to the fitting of smoke alarms. In 2007 there were no deaths relating to fires in Dorset however, so far this year there have been 11 mainly in the Poole/Bournemouth area. All 11 people were living on their own and smoke alarms were either not in place or not working correctly. A new leaflet/application form has been produced to encourage people to request a Home Safety Check by the Fire Authority who will also fit the latest smoke alarms in certain circumstances. He asked that Councillors pass the forms to anyone they think may be vulnerable but in particular those over the age of 70 living on their own. The Chairman thanked Cllr Milsted for coming and advised him that the Community Office would be happy to have a supply of the forms as well.

Discuss amount fo Precept 2009/10

It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a draft Budget for 2009/10 based on an increase of approximately 4% and the matter discussed on the 7th January 2009

Allotment Car Park and Water Supply

It was agreed to complete an application form to establish the cost of providing a water supply from the edge of the new Pond Walk Development to the Allotment Garden area. NDDC have asked for a contribution towards the cost of providing a permanent parking area for use by the allotment garden holders. This to be decided once cost of water supply is established.

Future of Bier House

J Smith has visited the Bier House and confirmed that he will arrange to dispose of the old mowers and handtools therein. Future use of Bier House to be discussed further.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

W Batty-Smith advised that Mr Paulley of Halletts Farm is appealing against the enforcement notices in respect of his property.

J Cowley reported that the wall adjacent the Dog Bin near Grove House has not yet been repaired.Clerk to write

He also advised that there is no re-cycling collection at Stalbridge Common also that the Post Box that was damaged in an RTA in the area has not been replaced. He also reported a deep hole in Copse House Lane just past Copse House Cottage. Report to DCC

K Garland advised that her and B Alexandre had met with the Youth Project Leader regarding the possibility of providing a Youth Shelter. S Williams the Community Worker is investigating grants etc.

P Ashcroft reported that the surface of the visibility splay at the entrance to Keeper's Cottage, off Copse House Lane, had again subsided and requested a letter be sent to

DCC. The Clerk advised that the matter should be reported by telephone to CLARENCE in the first instance to obtain a reference number. J Cox and J Cowley proposed that a letter be sent. The matter was carried on the Chairman's casting vote.

Clerk to write

J Wardell advised that the warning bollards on Bazel Bridge are no longer in position. This matter to be reported to DCC via CLARENCE. She also advised that she had attended the Highways Seminar, she suggested that an accident book be kept in the Community Office to record any incidents on footpaths.

J Smith advised that he had attended the Budget Workshop at NDDC which he found very interesting.

Correspondence

NDDC Details of scheme to buy additional hours for Dog Warden
Information Com. Office. Details of new Publication Scheme
Mike Coker NDDC Offering Freehold of Toilets. It was agreed to take over the Freehold of the Public Toilets as the Clerk explained that there would be no cost to the Town Council providing we agreed to use a specified Solicitor.
A Morton. Complaining about graffiti near Waterlake. Now apparently gone
DAPTC C Exec. Circular 15/08
D Mumford. Street lighting consultation. To be invited to a meeting
Sturminster Newton TC re. Local Delivery reception. It was agreed to reply that a Friday night was not convenient for this.
N Fagan NDDC Explanation as to why p.p. given for dwelling in Gold Street
Notification of an appeal by B Paulley against decision to refuse p.p. for living accommodation etc., at Halletts Farm
DCC Library Newsletter
Dorset Strategic Partnership. Bulletin
Parish Councils Power to Promote Well Being Conditions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With regard to the complaints about the re-sited re-cycling bins in the Car Park, the Town Council discussed the matter and agreed to the new site on the 6th June 2008

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 19th November 2008 commencing 7-10 p.m.**

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, (Cllr J Wardell took notes in the absence of the clerk)

In attendance None

To receive apologies D Cllr D Fox, Cllrs B Alexandre, J Smith, and D J Hine (Clerk)

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 changes:

Item 5 Sign Cheques – Note to read “A refund from W Water received £203.89 as a result of meter installation”

Item 7 Jarvis Play Area Children’s Section – Correct spelling from Mrs J Stroger to Mrs J Strowger, explained, and “it” was felt...

K Garland was thanked for laying the Wreath at the Remembrance Parade, and she thanked TC for giving her the opportunity to do it.

J Cowley asked if a Tree Surgeon had had a look at the tree behind Gray’s Garage.

Proposed Expenditure

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

DAPTC attendance at Highways Seminar	£20.00
Soc. LCC. Book – Allotment Law	15.20

Sign Cheques

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

.....D J Hine Salary including increase and back pay	£625.38
Bonus Saver Account. Back pay	3.50
RBL Remembrance Wreath. Section 137	25.00
Gillingham Town Council	1636.50
DAPTC	20.00
Soc. LCC	15.20
R Sharp NDDC £42.50 TC £65.30	107.80
Cornwall & Devon Media	14.31

Glasdon	333.42
John Singleton	481.25
Blackmore Vale Internet	184.00
OA Wiles (Hall Grant)	302.57
ND Electrical (Hall Grant)	250.28

Public Works Loan Board. Loan repayment 6817.20

In the absence of Mr D Milsted, it was agreed to proceed with item 7

Future of Bier House

John Smith had volunteered to clean/tidy the Bier House, and report back, but unfortunately he could not attend meeting. After some discussion about options (keep it clean and regularly monitored; Church to have toilets; available for general viewing) and observations from J Cowley about invasion of woodworm, it was decided to await John Smith's report, and put it on the next agenda.

Plans for layout of Churchyard Extension

P Ashcroft provided copies of plans and a report (see attached) which she and J Cox had drawn up (with the assistance of P Cox for the photographs). J Smith was to provide detailed drawing plans later. P Ashcroft gave brief resume: there was a meeting with DWT in summer to discuss grant, and subsequently meeting with J Cox and J Smith. There was discussion about the pros and cons of retaining the existing, well established hedge; the removal of the railings; paths; Clerk knows of good hedge-laying contact for new hedge; is a drainage trench needed? Danger of falling in; new planting had to be wildlife friendly. It was agreed that further discussion with relevant people was needed. P Ashcroft was thanked for presenting the report, and her hard work, as was J Cox.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

R Penfold had attended the AGM of the Sturminster Newton Youth Management Committee. Michael had replaced Tony as the new Youth Leader, and R Penfold had been re-elected Vice Chairman. J Cox stated that she had met Michael, and he seemed to be enthusiastic, with a 'hands-on' approach.

P Ashcroft advised that Mrs J Strowger had been in contact re Play Area Grants. It was suggested that she be put in touch with CDW Sarah Williams. She wants to put trees in small play area, for shade. It was agreed that she liaise with P Ashcroft and J Cox about suitable plantings. K Garland advised that Mrs Strowger might like to pop in to Office before Planning Meeting on Dec 3rd, when she was meeting CDW.

J Cowley remarked on an item of correspondence about the Lengthsman scheme, and cost of such. (W Batty-Smith advised cost around £2,000 pa.) Also report in BVM about seven MPs against the Revised Regional Spatial Strategy. The AGM for the DAPTC was to

be held at Stalbridge Hall on Thursday 27th November, please could anyone help from 18.30 hrs. J Cox to liaise with Clerk about refreshments.

J Cox reported that Michael had shown interest in discussions about Youth Shelter; also that the Youth Club could have a Tombola Stall at the Christmas Event on Dec 5th.

W Batty-Smith reported on-going discussions with DCC Highways over state of A357 through Stalbridge centre, and the junction of Landshire Lane with same. There seemed to be no liaison with SCC, which he thought there should be, as they were the principle generators of traffic there. He listed road closures due imminently; and reported that there were ongoing problems again with DCC Highways about the proposed traffic calming in Station Road. He suggested sending a letter to NDDC about the undue delay in getting action from Highways, with a copy to Bob Walter.

J Cowley wondered what the situation was re re-imbursing the person who stood in for Clerk? Clerk to be asked to investigate position.

G Carr-Jones reported that there were NDDC Budget Consultation 'roadshows' – next one in Blandford. On the back of this, J Cowley queried whether date could be set for precept meeting. Agreed to wait until January 2009.

Correspondence

DCC Re. Top up hours for Library. From 3rd Nov to 31st March 2009 these will cost £2,743

HAAC Minutes of meeting 22.10.08

D Mumford Southern Electric Contracting. Requesting appointment to come and explain about new lighting installation

D Fox. Apologies for meeting. He is chasing clearance of path from Larks Meadow to Jarvis Way

Minutes of Community Partnerships meeting 14.10.08

NDDC re. Concealed entrance sign Station Road Car Park. Not NDDC suggest contact S Howard DCC

Sturminster TC Re. Local Delivery reception. Asking if TC would be interested in attending another meeting

DCC John Mann. Re. puddle outside office. M Hansford to inspect the problem

Mr D J Knight Hardy Crescent. Complaining about re-siting of re-cycling bins

N Fagan NDDC Correspondence regarding traffic calming in Station Road as a result of development off Car Park

DCC re. Local Transport Plan

DCC re. Parish Maintenance Units enclosing request form

N Dorset Local Delivery. Post Project Review

Details of Parish Lengthsman Scheme

NDDC enclosing Highway Drainage Responsibilities and Maintenance

D Neal. Re. Pond Walk Development. Querying how will be responsible for the hedge and bank to the rear of 9-21 Park Road when the development is completed.

Invitation to Portland Carol Service

Item 3 (D Mumford) W Batty-Smith explained that there was a rolling programme to replace all old street lights. P Ashcroft queried whether Stalbridge could volunteer to be one of the pilot towns to have lights switched off after midnight?

Letter from Mr D J Knight – suggested that Clerk replies to say that re-siting of re-cycling bins was part of Planning Application, and was discussed at the relevant Planning Meeting.

Letter from D Neal – needs investigation. Clerk to be asked to write to NDDC/Signpost to clarify whose responsibility.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 22nd October 2008 commencing 7-45 p.m.**

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 3 members of the public

To receive apologies B Alexandre, W Batty-Smith, R Penfold & J Wardell

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

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Item 8 Burial Ground. J Cowley should read J Smith

Proposed Expenditure

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

NDDC Play area inspections	£163.21
Wimborne Print Centre Trailway grant	480.00

Sign Cheques

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

D J Hine Salary + £55 Conference exes	£577.82
R Sharp NDDC grass £437.50	
TC Grass 195.90	633.40
B Telecom	158.62
Direct Office	34.52
Gillingham TC	1636.50
B Gas	64.38
NDDC	163.21
Wimborne Print	480.00

Note A refund from W Water received £203.89 as a result of meter

Jarvis Play Area – Children’s Section

Mrs J Stroger explained that it was felt that the play area need up-dating to provide equipment for the slightly older children as demonstrated by the survey taken at the Junior School. There are apparently 91 children that live on the Eastern side of the A357 who are unable to access the Jubilee Play Area on their own as they would have to cross the busy main road. She is willing to lead a project to up-date the area. The TC were pleased to accept her offer. The Clerk will pass on all the information to hand together with Sarah Williams’ contact details (Community Action Worker) who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting, so that they can liaise on the project.

Clerk to action

It was also reported that there are problems with dog fouling in the area. Clerk to contact Dog Warden.

Notices for Public Toilets

The Chairman invited suggestions for a notice to be put on the new Toilets on the lines that the toilets are provided and maintained by the Community. Clerk to check position regarding Insurance.

Councillors’ Reports/Questions

The Thornhill Road seat has been badly damaged. It was agreed to ask our Maintenance man to remove the seat, saving the concrete ends (if possible) to erect somewhere else, with new wooden slats. It was agreed to purchase a matching new seat to replace the damaged seat in front of Stalbridge Close.

Clerk to action

P Ashcroft advised that she had attended the Christmas Lighting meeting. A short service and lighting of the Ring tree will be held on Monday 1st December. Late night shopping to be on Friday 5th December.

Discussion of plans for Churchyard extension to be placed on next Planning Agenda
Next Agenda

K Garland advised that she had been in contact with The Librarian with regard to the Snapshot of Stalbridge books and understood that they had been removed from the special table and put on a shelf, as a result some damage has occurred. She will visit the library to examine.

She also reported that the present PCSO, K James will be moving to Sherborne shortly. Hopefully we will get a replacement.

J Cowley reported that he had attended the HACC meeting and was impressed with the efficient way any complaints are dealt with and that he feels the Airfield is very well run. He had looked at the Bier House and it is still full of rubbish. J Smith agreed to get rid of this, thereafter future of Bier House to be put on Agenda.

Next Agenda

J Cox asked about arrangements for the TC Wreath to be carried on Remembrance Day. K Garland will do this.

The Chairman advised that the planning application for the Allotments has been granted subject to the provision of a car parking area. This is being dealt with jointly by Signpost Housing and NDDC

The tree at the rear of Gray's Garage used as a meeting point appears to have been damaged. The Clerk will arrange for a Tree Surgeon to have a look at it.

Correspondence

HACC meeting 22.10.08 notification

NDDC Re provision of Litter/Dog Bins. Continuing to develop a policy

Agenda for DAPTC Town & Larger Councils meeting 24.10.08

NDDC S Wasey. Re. purchase of Radar Keys for Disabled Toilets

DCC reply/review of Stalbridge Town Plan and actions

NDDC Budget Scrutiny workshop 2nd Dec. John Smith would like to attend

Sturquest Community Lunch 19th November

DAPTC AGM and Conference 1st November

Lights Group Details of Christmas Events

NDDC reply to letter re.Concealed entrance sign. Will make further contact

NDDC details of road closure for Christmas Event

DCC Trailway Survey

DCC & NDDC re. BT Payphone removal

DCC re. Church Hill. A scheme ready to be issued, hope to start work in October

DAPTC C Exec Circular 13/08

Consultation document on Making of Byelaws

Details of Community Aggregates fund

Note from Clerk Resident in Car Park now gone

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-05 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 24th September 2008 commencing 8-00 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr D Fox, S Williams DCA and 3 residents.

To receive apologies Cllrs W Batty-Smith and 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.

Proposed Expenditure

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

Parker Merchanting Grafitti remover	£16.84
DCC. Print walks booklet. Grant received	£2352.00
J Wardell Equipment for walks (from grant)	45.23

Sign Cheques

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

D J Hine Salary + £12.15 mileage	534.97
Stalbridge Land Settlement	1670.00
DCC	2352.00
Gillingham TC	1636.50
J Singleton	481.25
S Electric	131.71
J Wardell	45.23
BDO Stoy auditors	505.25
Parker Merchanting	16.84

The Clerk presented the Annual Return now that the audit opinion has been given and it was proposed by G Carr-Jones and seconded by D Grimes that this be approved and

accepted by the Council. All agreed. The only issue arising from the audit is the matter of the Trustees of the Playing Field Trust which the Clerk is dealing with.

Proposed Youth Shelter

Letter received from residents of Stalbridge Close objecting to any proposal to site a Youth Shelter at the entrance thereto. Clerk to write and advise that this site is not being considered. S Williams, advised that the next step should be a feasibility study which should establish to actual need and also a suitable site. She will take the lead in this and will liaise with the Police and also B Alexandre and K Garland of the TC.

Clerk to write

Status of path on boundary of Jarvis Field Play Area

N Brown is concerned that this path may be lost to the public at some future date unless it is officially recognised at least as a Permissive Bridleway. After some discussion it was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by K Garland that we apply for Bridleway status. 6 in favour. However J Wardell will research further on the matter.

Additional Burial Ground

The land is now officially owned by the Town Council. A grant may be available from Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation on production of an approved plan for hedge planting etc. The Clerk suggested that before there is any question of leasing the land to the Church it should be set out how the Council wanted it with regard to hedging etc., and then keeping it in a similar manner could be a condition of the Lease. P Ashcoft, J Cox and J Cowley will liaise to produce a plan.

Change of meeting time

The Chairman suggested that meetings should start earlier during the winter and also an approximate finishing time be specified. He therefore proposed that when the clocks change back to Greenwich Mean Time between October and March meetings should start at 7-00 p.m. and finish at 9-00 p.m. seconded by J Smith. Motion carried on a vote of 7 in favour. Clerk to put an announcement in the BV Magazine.

Clerk to action

Councillors' Reports/Questions

J Cowley advised that the next DAPTC Northern Area meeting will be held in Stalbridge. Clerk to contact DAPTC regarding hire of hall etc.

Clerk to action

B Alexandre asked for a hard copy of the Agenda be sent to her for Stalbridge Weston Notice Board.

J Smith reported that Mrs Fritzlan of Station Road had pointed out that a notice advising of a hidden access, being the rear access to Station Road properties, on the left hand side when leaving the Car Park appears to have gone missing and asked for it to be

replaced.

Clerk to report

P Ashcroft asked if some trees could be planted on the boundary of Jarvis Field Play Area. This was agreed. She also advised that she had attended a meeting in Sturminster to discuss the possibility of NORDCAT running a regular bus service on a circular route including Stalbridge to enable residents to travel to either town for shopping, appointments etc. Councillors agreed that this would be an asset.

J Wardell asked if there is a balance left from the money allocated to the Trailway, could this be used on the footpaths. It was agreed that when the balance was known this could be put on a Planning meeting Agenda.

D Grimes advised that he had some concerns regarding the refurbished toilets in that the doors of the Ladies and Disabled Toilets have a large gap at the bottom. The Town Council officially takeover the lease of the Toilets on 1st October. G Carr-Jones suggested that some sort of notice should be put in/on the Toilets.

Next Agenda

A report received that a lady with two dogs and a cat is living in a car in the Car Park.
Clerk to report to NDDC

C. Cllr D Fox reported that the Roads and Rights of Way Cttee. were minded to reject the TC request for Option 1 to be adopted with regard to parking in the High Street and he had requested further discussions, however, Councillors are adamant that their request for Option 1 should be progressed as they feel that their decision is the correct one and was arrived at in the proper manner. He also advised that a major scheme to deal with the drainage/road surface problems on Church Hill is being planned. He also suggested that a request be made for the 30 mph signs and the SIDs be moved further out of the Town.

Correspondence

Notice of meeting of Henstridge Airfield CC on Weds. 22nd October at 5.45

DCC Confirmation of Modification Order in respect of FPs 48, 54 and 55

NDDC RoSPA Inspections – Report – Put on Planning Agenda

Shani Bancroft – re. Youth Opportunity Fund

DAPTC – seeking views on Indemnifying Councillors re. Code of Conduct

NDDC Tim Bailey – Details on On-line Development control information

Environment Agency – details of Flood Wardens Seminar

DCC – Revised Library Opening hours

Minutes of DAPTC Northern Area Meeting of 10th July

DCC Tim Westwood – reply to our letters re. Highway Improvements and changes to Waiting Restrictions. Also acknowledgement of copy letter to Robert Walter and Angus Campbell

Somerset Highways – re. Henstridge Airfield, no proposals to change signage.

Petition from Stalbridge Close against Youth Shelter at entrance (see above)

Stalbridge Hall – re. Youth Shelter siting. Requesting consultation. Clerk to write and advise that no firm proposals agreed and further action to be taken (see above)
DCC – Details of Dorset Waste Forum meeting 13th October
DCC requesting grant towards cost of Dorset Youth Forum
NDDC request for up-date on progress of action on Town Plan
NDDC Developer Contribution Progress Report
Sturminster TC Invitation of Civic Reception re. Local Delivery – Where Next on Friday 24th October
DAPTC C. Exec. Circulars ` 11/08 and 12/08
NDDC Street Closure Order re. Late Night Opening 5th December
DCC Draft list of road maintenance schemes 2009-10
Result of 3 monthly seat inspection
Dorset CC Corporate Plan Summary

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 30th July 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance PCSO James and 3 members of the public

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox

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. It was pointed out that the name of the BMV Magazine reporter is V McManus not Manners.

Arising

Repair of pavement retaining wall in Park Grove to be progressed. Clerk

Proposed Expenditure

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

NDDC Planning Application fee re:
Change of Use for Allotments £167.50

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 Part salary for August £261.41

Post 41.86 £303.27

R Sharp Springfields Hedge £290.00

NDDC grass 395.00

Ring/Pound 130.60 815.60

Gillingham Town Council 1,636.50

B Telecom 158.62

J Singleton 481.25

B Gas 43.08

C Willis (Town Plan) 15.00

Cheque for NDDC Planning Application signed between Meetings as a matter of urgency 167.50

Youth Shelter

K Garland produced a list of the possible sites together with notes regarding the suitability or otherwise. From this it was deduced that the two most likely sites are The Pound and on the Hall site. The Chairman asked for comments from each Councillor from which it appeared that The Pound was most popular. J Cox asked that it be recorded that she was against any form of Youth Shelter. J Cowley felt that, although he was in favour in principal, none of the proposed sites were suitable. Mr P Prill commented that he felt that The Pound was not suitable as there was not sufficient area surrounding it for the young people to do other things in addition to just sitting down. The Clerk advised that although the Town Council owned the whole of the Hall site, she was not certain how much of it was actually leased to the Hall Trust. J Smith then proposed and B Alexandre seconded that the Youth Shelter be placed on the Hall land W Batty-Smith then proposed and D Grimes seconded an amendment that the Youth Shelter be placed on The Pound. The amendment was voted on with the result of 3 in favour, 5 against with 3 abstentions. The original proposed was voted on with the result of 5 in favour, 3 against and 3 abstentions. It was therefore decided to go ahead with producing plans of the proposal although The Hall Committee will have to be consulted.

Place on next Agenda

Jarvis Field Play Area

A further quotation for the fence had been received from Stag Fencing of Dorchester which was only slightly different from the quote from Westree Company. It was therefore agreed to award the contract to Westree but that before any work commences they must liaise with Cllrs W Batty-Smith and J Cowley to ensure everyone is happy with what is to

be done. A leaflet had been received via NDDC regarding grants for Community Open Spaces, J Wardell will check the details on the website.

Place on next Agenda

Additional burial ground

The purchase of the additional land has now been completed and the Clerk pointed out that as part of the purchase conditions the fence must be put in place soon. It was agreed to award the contract to Westree Company as per their quotation. Dorset Wildlife Trust may be able to award a grant towards some of the work but a plan with regard to the hedging and possible planting of wildflowers etc., must be produced and agreed with them in the first place.

Place on next Agenda

Revised High Street Parking Restrictions

A further plan received showing double yellow lines on Post Office corner and on the eastern side of the High Street from Duck Lane to Station Road. There was also a further plan showing additional dropped kerbs with coloured tarmac showing the crossing points and the proposal to provide a new Bus Shelter. However Councillors felt that all the matters had been discussed previously and that their original decision to request Option 1 be adopted still stood together with their comments regarding the coloured tarmac crossing points. It was therefore decided to write to the DCC C. Exec with a copy to The Leader of the Council and the local MP expressing the Councillors disgust that their democratically agreed proposal had been ignored

Clerk to write

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes asked if the visibility splay at then junction of Jarvis Way with Lower Road could be altered as lorries are constantly driving over the grass.

J Wardell pointed out that there did not appear to have been any action with regard to the lorries etc. on the land at the edge of Priors Down wood. She was advised that the time limit imposed by the Enforcement Officer had not yet expired She also asked that a letter be sent to Gillingham TC expressing the fact that the street cleaner is doing a very good job and there have been several comments from both Traders and residents to this effect.

Clerk to write

P Ashcroft asked about who to contact regarding possible allotments. She was advised to contact Mrs D Paulley, Secretary to the Allotment Society. She had also received a request that the 30 m.p.h. sign in Station Road be moved further out towards Marnhull beyond Shipney Lane.

B Alexandre thanked the Clerk for the training session regarding the accounts procedure which she found most helpful.

K Garland queried why the light was on permanently in the office window as she felt the TC should be setting a good example regarding saving electricity. It was pointed out that this is for security reasons.

J Cowley advised that at the recent DAPTC meeting the Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation Period had been spoken about by Trevor Warwick of NDDC

J Cox queried the fact that Bellway Homes are still referring to the site off Barrow Hill as Hamstone Court. The Clerk advised that this is the name of the development only and that Bellway are well aware that the addresses will be Baker's Field.

W Batty-Smith advised that Dorset Healthcare Trust had come third nationwide with regard to the way they treat people with disabilities. He also advised that the application for a Wind Farm at

Correspondence

NDDC re. North Dorset draft Homelessness Strategy

Friends of Stalbridge Library Copy of Newsletter No.1

DAPTC Circulars 08/09/10

NDDC M Brownbridge. Response to Town Plan

Sth Som D C re. Henstridge Airfield Master Plan draft 106 Agreement

DCC re. FPs 48,54 and 55 asking if we wish to maintain our objection. No, can be withdrawn

Postwatch re Dorset P O Closures

Sturminster TC asking for confirmation that Stalbridge wish to be part of the provision of SIDs scheme. Reply yes.

John Foster-Pegg Title information document re. graveyard extension

NDDC S Hill Leaflet re Community Spaces funding. J Wardell will investigate on web site

I Robson re. trees to the rear of his property

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

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 2nd July 2008 commencing 7-45 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr D Fox, Sarah Williams Community Development Worker, P. C. P Sugrue, V Manners, BVM and 3 young members of the public

To receive apologies W Batty-Smith J Cox and 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 addition

Item 3 para 4. List of possible sites for Youth Shelter to include Grosvenor Road recreation area

Arising

J Cowley reported that the wall in Park Grove by the Dog Bin has still not been repaired

With regard to the question of a possible grant for the work required on the newly acquired additional burial ground, the Clerk advised that there may be some money available from Dorset Wildlife Trust but a scheme for the layout and possible planting around the perimeter must be put forward.

Place on Agenda

Proposed Expenditure

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

Pond Close mowing (£110 to be invoiced to Signpost) £230.00
M Cridge plants for The Cross 17.90
P J Watts Internal Audit 50.00

Sign Cheques

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

D J Hine 522.82
Pond Close mowing 230.00
R Sharp (part NDDC grass) 525.60
SEB 26.95
Blackmore Vale Internet 108.00
Direct Office Supplies 44.27
Gillingham Town Council 1636.50
M Cridge 17.90
P J Watts 50.00

The Clerk presented the Accounts and Annual Return form for agreement and signature.

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by B Alexandre that the above be agreed and signed. All agreed.

Youth Shelter

The Chairman advised that he had received three e-mails from local business men indicating support for the project and had also received verbal support from other residents.

P C Sugrue suggested with regard to possible locations, that an area that is already well lit would be the best solution. This rules out JFPA, Grosvenor Road and The Park. After further discussion the following locations were put forward for discussion and appraisal The Pound, The Ring, adjacent the Stalbridge Hall, to the rear of Gray's Filling Station and in the front of Stalbridge Close. S Williams advised that she would be able to help with regard to obtaining some funding for the project. G Carr-Jones will enquire with regard to planning requirements for such a structure. B Alexandre and K Garland agreed to liaise with the youth representatives.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

C Cllr D Fox reported on the Rights of Way Committee meeting at Dorchester at which the proposed alterations to the parking restrictions in Stalbridge had been discussed. Apparently the Officer had recommended that a different option to that agreed by the Town Council should be adopted. However, in the light of this, D Fox had requested a deferment of the decision for further consultation. He suggested that a meeting be arranged with Mr T Westwood DCC Traffic Safety for a further technical appraisal to be carried out. Various Councillors expressed their disappointment that the matter is still ongoing and that the Council's decision had been over-ridden. However, J Smith proposed and D Grimes seconded that a meeting with Mr Westwood be arranged. Motion carried on a vote of 6 in favour.

D Grimes advised that a neighbour's hedge is overgrowing but it was decided that the first approach should come from him asking them to cut it back.

J Wardell advised that there have been several complaints regarding overgrowing vegetation on the footpath/cycleway from Jarvis Way through Larks Meadow.

Clerk to contact Clarence

P Ashcroft expressed concern about the work being carried out on "Sunnyside" Thornhill Road, however, it would appear that this is in accordance with the permission granted.

K Garland advised that she had reported to the Library Cttee that the £100 from the Town Council was a donation, not a loan, for which the TC was thanked.

J Cowley asked about the quote for JFPA fence and was advised that a detailed quote has now been received, he felt that a further quote should be obtained and the matter put on the next Agenda.

Next Agenda

He also asked the position regarding Allotments and was advised that clearing work is being carried out on the proposed land and an Allotment Society in the process of being formed

He also reported various hedges overgrowing the Jarvis Way pavement however, it was pointed out that details of the addresses are needed to report these to Clarence.

The Clerk reported that she had received from Mrs J Stroger, the results of a questionnaire she had distributed to the school children regarding what additional equipment they would like to see in the Children's Play Area part of JFPA.

Next Agenda

Correspondence

DCC Notification of closure of A350 for 4 days from 21st July

Sturminster Newton TC requesting information regarding SID posts. Clerk will reply

DCC notification of new phone number for contacting. Clerk advised that she had passed this information on to the Community Office

DCC re. work to Bagber Bridge will mean road closed for 8 weeks from 14th July

Copy of e-mail from D Fox to J Mann DCC re. Church Hill

John Foster-Pegg. Copy of completed Lease for land off Pond Close

E mail from Henstridge Airfield. Fly-in day Wednesday 30th July

Westree. Detailed quote for fencing at JFPA

C Orman notifying that the rear access to the office will be restricted to the original 6ft width

DAPTC C. Exec Circular 07/08

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-27 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 4th June 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr D Fox, N Brown Footpath Officer and 5 young residents

To receive apologies Cllrs P Ashcroft, J Cox, K Garland and J Smith

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.

J Cowley enquired as to what had happened about the figure and signs outside the Charity Shop in Station Road which are possibly causing an obstruction. The Clerk said she had checked and there was room to get a mobility scooter passed the items on the pavement. J Cowley then proposed that a letter be sent to DCC reporting obstructions on the pavement however no-one seconded the proposal.

Before the next item on the Agenda, the Chairman explained that the young residents had come to the meeting with a request that the Town Council assist towards the provision of a Youth Shelter somewhere in the Town.

The young people explained that as the Youth Club is open only one night a week and not during the school holidays they have nowhere to go to just meet and chat. They suggested it could be placed perhaps on the land adjacent the Library, an area below the Stalbridge Arms or Jarvis Field. They would be very willing to help raise funds and build the shelter which would give them an interest and also very good reasons for looking after the shelter rather than allowing it to be vandalised. It was suggested that they get details of shelters in neighbouring Towns/Villages so that costs could be obtained. The Police are apparently in favour of these shelters. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda of the next Planning meeting. The Chairman said he would try and get a representative from the Police to attend.

Proposed Expenditure

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

St Mary's Church Churchyard Grant £3,500.00
Wincanton Print (From Town Plan Grant) 789.00
John Foster-Pegg purchase of additional land 175.00
(Vendors Surveyor's disbursements)

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

John Foster-Pegg Purchase of additional land
Cheque signed between meetings £5,000.00
St Mary's Church Churchyard Grant £3,500.00
Wincanton Print (From Town Plan Grant) 789.00
John Foster-Pegg purchase of additional land 175.00
(Vendors Surveyor's disbursements)
D J Hine Salary 522.82
John Singleton JFPA mowing 481.25

Stalbridge Hall 15.00
British Telecom 149.60

Possible purchase of land to extend Trailway

N Brown reported that the Trailway extension to Shillingstone has now been opened. It is hoped to extend the Trailway in Stalbridge in both directions, (towards Henstridge and Sturminster) however, if the landowners are willing to part with the land someone to officially buy it is required and the Town Council would seem the obvious choice. There would be little cost to the Council as grants are available for the purchase and legal costs although these could be part of the Town Council's contribution. As it would be classed as a public bridleway the Insurance would be covered by the County Council. With regard to maintenance, the County would be responsible for the surface but the Town Council would be responsible for side growth, however it is established practice that Trailway maintenance is carried out by the Countryside Rangers using volunteers and contractors. It was agreed that he could report back that there is definite support from the Town Council

Jarvis Field Play Area Fence

After some discussion it was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by W Batty-Smith that gates should be fitted each end of the proposed new piece of fence. Agreed. The Clerk will obtain a further fully detailed quote including an exact specification of the fencing.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes reported that the grass etc., is very long at the Thornhill junction causing problems for motorists. To be reported to Clarence

J Wardell asked what action would be taken with regard to the proposals put forward by the public in the Town Plan. D Fox suggest that contact be made with the new Dorset Community Action worker when she is in place.

R Penfold pointed out that one of the Stalbridge Close nameplates is in a poor state.
Report to NDDC

B Alexandre asked if any further information had been obtained with regard to the School Governors meetings. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Chairman of the Governors who had confirmed that there was really no point in sending a representative to the meetings as they cannot take any part or report back to the Council however the School is quite happy to take part in projects suggested by the Council and also will contact the Council for assistance when required.

J Cowley referred again to the RSS and requested further information. It was agreed to contact the Leader of the NDDC Cllr Peter Webb and ask him to attend a Planning Meeting to discuss this especially in regard to housing development in the area. He also reported that the pavement retaining wall by the dog bin in Park Grove had still not been

repaired. (Clerk's note: Spoke to Clarence on 13.06.08 The matter has been referred to John Staddon under ref.no.271616)

W Batty-Smith asked for a query to be raised with Bellway Homes as to why they are still referring to the development off Barrow Hill as Hamstone Court when the address is Baker's Field. He also reported that NDDC had eventually been able to access Halletts Farm and that as a result the request for a Certificate of Lawfulness had been refused and 4 Planning Enforcement Notices issued. Also with regard to the apparently blocked drains and damage to the road surface on Church Hill, this has been reported in writing to DCC and also in person to Mr S Savage.

Correspondence

DAPTC C Exec Circular 06/08 including details of Seminars for new Chairmen and new Councillors.

Review of Dorset Municipal Waste Strategy Leaflet

Shaftesbury & District Chamber of Commerce. Meeting re. Parking 5th June

Alan Packham. Request for link an external link from our web pages

DAPTC Town & Larger Councils meeting 6th June, Dorchester

W Summers. Further e-mail re. Allotments. No action to be taken.

Dorset Waste Forum. Next meeting 20th June

N D CAB Annual Meeting 5th June, Sturminster Newton

NDDC Notice to inform that complaints about Councillors conduct will have to be made directly to the NDDC instead of the Standards Board.

Notification that the propose closure of the A357 will not now take place

Sth Som. PA 1618 extend aircraft hangar. Granted

Sth. Som. Mike Allen. Explanation as to why they did not proceed with Local Action Bid

DCC Engineering. Re. Closure of Bagber Bridge. Reply to our letter advising that this work will not be carried out at the same time as work on A357 (A357 work now cancelled)

Dorset Age Partnership. Meeting 18th June in Stratton

Dorset POPP Conference 14th July in Dorchester

Memo from The Clerk re. Water Meters. Agreed to get quote for extending pipes to enable meters to be fitted. There is no charge from W.Water for fitting meters.

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

Minutes of Annual Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 7th May 2008 commencing 7-40 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, G Carr-Jones, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland,

D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith and J Wardell, D J Hine (Clerk)

To receive apologies B Alexandre

To elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman

J Cowley thanked the retiring Chairman, W Batty-Smith on behalf of the Council for his work over the past 18 months.

It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by D Grimes that G Carr-Jones be elected Chairman, all agreed.

It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by G Carr-Jones that W Batty-Smith be elected Vice-Chairman, all agreed.

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meetings of 9th and 23rd April having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

J Cowley advised that the pavement retaining wall in Park Grove near the dog bin has not yet been repaired. Clerk to report again
(Reported Ref. 271616)

J Cowley asked that the summary of the collated replies to the Town Plan questionnaire in respect of High Street traffic be sent to Mr A Jowsey of DCC and C Cllr. D Fox Clerk to action

Proposed Expenditure

As a result of a letter received from Mr G Nicholson the Clerk queried whether the £2,000 which is in the Budget for the Trailway, is required at the present time. Mr N Brown the FP Liaison Officer for the Trailway was not sure it was required immediately, he also explained that there are two ways of connecting the extended trailway to the existing bridleway but no official request has yet been made to divert the bridleway from along Pinesway on to the land by the Sidings. The Clerk will check with Mr G Nicholson of the Dorset Rangers before taking the matter further.

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

B Telecom £158.62

Partnership Security (servicing alarm system) 70.50

(The above two cheques signed at the meeting on
The 23rd April)

D J Hine Salary plus £13.26 travelling to Blandford 536.08

R Sharp The Pound and NDDC mowing 568.10

Direct Office Supplies 3.40
British Gas 177.10
Cornwall & Devon Media(BVM) 17.53
Stalbridge Bld Supp. (back door) 30.81
DAPTC Planning Seminar 20.00

To elect Planning and G P Committee

It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following be elected to the Planning and General Purposes Committee. Councillors were reminded that they can all attend the Committee meetings and vote.

P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland and J Wardell.

All agreed.

To appoint representatives to various committees.

Community Office Cttee. B Bottomley, Chairman. S Robinson, P Hill C Office Volunteers
D Grimes, proposed by J Cowley, seconded J Cox. All Agreed
R Penfold, proposed by J Cox, seconded D Grimes. All Agreed

Footpath Liaison Officers. J Wardell, Footpaths. N Brown, Trailway, cycleways, bridleways
and green lanes.

Tree Officer P Ashcroft

Hall Cttee Rep. R Penfold

Playing Field Rep. J Smith

Youth Club Rep. J Cox

Public Transport Rep. J Rabbetts

Stur. Youth Centre Rep. R Penfold

School Rep. B Alexandre. Clerk to write to the Head Teacher and ask if the TC can help
in any way.

Henstridge Airfield C Cttee. R Penfold and J Cowley

Stalbridge Library Support Group. T Lee and K Garland

DAPTC Area. J Cowley

TC Auditors J Wardell and P Ashcroft

Jarvis Field Play Area

With regard to the quoted prices per metre for the chainlink fence, J Cowley requested information as to the distance between the posts. Clerk to ascertain (Clerk's note. Standard distance is 2.5 to 3 metres apart)

Public Telephone Boxes

BT are proposing to remove the boxes at the bottom of Church Hill and in Thornhill Road. After some discussion as to whether or not these were the best options J Smith proposed and P Ashcroft seconded that these boxes should be removed. All agreed.

Allotments

The lease of the additional land at Pond Close has now been completed. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of those interested to form an Allotment Society. D Grimes will be the TC Representative. Planning Permission may well have to be obtained for the change of use from agriculture.

(Clerk's note. Confirmed that planning permissions is required, application will be made. Meeting fixed for Thursday 5th June)

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes reported holes in the road in Barrow Hill and Bazel. Report to DCC
J Wardell queried as to whether or not the figure and Boards outside the Charity Shop in Station are causing an obstruction on the pavement. To be checked
P Ashcroft reported from the Lighting Group that the Traders are very pleased with the work of the Town Orderly.

R Penfold reported that the side of the road near King's Mill has apparently collapsed. Report to DCC. He also attended a meeting of the Sturminster YC Cttee at which it was reported that Tony Baverstock is leaving and the Area Youth Officer is changing.

J Smith commenting on the Town Meeting wondered if the Town Council needed to communicate more with the community.

J Cowley reported that one of the Ring beds is very weedy. Contact Mrs Smith.

With regard to the problem over the Business Rates on the Toilets, he suggested the matter should be taken up with the Valuation Office in Exeter.

He also questioned the Regional Spatial strategy and the fact that there would appear to be plans for a further 7,000 houses in North Dorset. It was pointed out that any such additional development would be spread over a number of years.

W Batty-Smith attended the Scout Parade in Blandford which was a very good event. He also advised that the Enforcement Officer would be attending at Halletts Farm with the Police and a warrant to enter the premises to check on whether or not it is being used as residential when planning permission has not been granted for such use.

R Penfold attended the Bridport Civic Evening which was very enjoyable. Letter of thanks to be sent.

N Brown advised that he has been appointed Volunteer Ranger for the Trailway and Nature Reserve. He also asked if, in the event of the Trailway being extended towards

both Henstridge and Sturminster, the Town Council would consider ownership of the land. To be placed on Agenda

Correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-30 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Stalbridge Hall On Wednesday 23rd April 2008 commencing 8-50 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, G Carr-Jones, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith (Chairman).
D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr D Fox, Mr A Jowsey DCC and approximately 50 residents

To receive apologies None

Declarations of Interest None

To discuss parking restrictions in the High Street

The Chairman introduced Mr A Jowsey who is a Technical Officer of the Traffic Regulation Team of the Parking Services Dept., of DCC. Mr Jowsey explained that he deals with "on-street" parking issues and is based in Blandford with the Parking Enforcement Dept. He advised that 41 letters of objection and various petitions had been received regarding the original proposals which raised various issues. One concerned parking for Disabled Badge holders and he pointed out that they can park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours. These objections resulted in an informal meeting with the Town Council which produced the two options on show plus, of course, the third option which is to do nothing.

Members of the public raised various issues and Mr Jowsey pointed out that the DCC are obliged to take notice of the Town Council in the matter, that there is no legal restriction on parking near a road junction (only a recommendation in the Highway Code) and that to specify an alternative route for Heavy Good Vehicles would be very difficult to justify and enforce.

The Chairman then advised all present that no further comments would be taken from the public and that the Councillors would make a decision on the matter.

After some discussion J Cowley proposed and D Grimes seconded that Option One be requested (basically, double yellow lines on the eastern side of the High Street and on the corners of Barrow Hill, Silk House Barton and Gold Street, plus limited waiting

outside Candys) a vote resulted in 5 in favour and 5 against. The Chairman cast his vote in favour of Option 1 and the motion was therefore carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-45 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 9th April 2008 commencing 7-45 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, G Carr-Jones, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith and R Penfold Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance No members of the public attended

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

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.

Arising

With regard to possible water meter, Clerk not yet actioned.

With regard to the sign to Stourton Caundle, J Cowley advised that there used to be a sign to Stourton Caundle which was fixed to two posts, similar to a street nameplate sign, which was situated at the entrance to the cutting between South Cottage and Nottingham House.

Clerk to make further enquiries

With reference to JFPA fencing, the Clerk has obtained other quotations.

Place on next Agenda

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by G Carr-Jones that the following expenditure be approved

Stalbridge Youth Club 2007 Grant £500.00

DAPTC Subs (increase of £126) 621.47

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by G Carr-Jones that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine £522.82
Stalbridge Youth Club 500.00
Cornwall & Devon Media (BMV Mag) 100.58
Southern Electric 146.94
Stalbridge Land Settlement (PF Rent) 1670.00
DAPTC 621.47
Direct Office 31.13
NDDC Business Rates 1087.75

The Clerk provided the comparison of expenditure to budget figures to 31st March 2008

Proposed Street Cleaning Rota

The clerk advised that Stalbridge now has its own Pavement sweeper, who works 4 hours on each of 5 mornings. Later on, when the Public Toilets have been refurbished, his first job will be to clean them, but at present these are closed. A draft rota has been prepared, which shows that Monday, Wednesday and Friday the main street from the top of Church Hill down to The Ring will be swept and bins emptied etc. On the remaining two days all the other streets in Stalbridge will be swept on a 4 or 5 weekly basis. It is hoped that in time a considerable improvement in the cleanliness of our streets will be evident.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes reported a hole in the middle of the junction of Waterlake with Thornhill Road

J Smith reported that part of the fence of the Jubilee Play Area seemed to be rather unstable.

Clerk to advise maintenance

J Cowley requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr D Hughes for his assistance in getting a damaged manhole cover in Barrow Hill reported and dealt with

Clerk to write

J Cox advised that there have been several incidents with regard to the closed Stalbridge Arms Public House. It was agreed to write to Enterprise Inns and request that part of the area be fenced off.

Clerk to write

G Carr-Jones advised that the naming of the Development off the Car Park is still under discussion.

R Penfold advised that at the latest Hall Committee meeting an increase in the user rents had been discussed.

Correspondence

B Telecom (via NDDC) re. Removal of Payphones, Church Hill and Thornhill Road.
North Dorset Ranger Service. Request for the £2,000 grant towards the Stalbridge
Trailway Project. Agreed to write and ask if the question of the change of route for the
Bridleway has been agreed yet.
NDDC Jackie Witt. Confirmation that NDDC are holding £10,000 S.106 contribution from
Davies Homes towards traffic calming measures in Stalbridge that are deemed necessary
by DCC
NDDC C. Exec. On behalf of NDDC Cabinet, thanking the TC for their work on Local
Delivery
DCC Road Management. Re. Closure of Kings Mill Road. Reply regarding our comment
that the road was closed sometime before work was actually commenced.
NDDC re. Local Development Scheme Review. Latest version which starts 1st April 2008
now available on the web site. Hard copies will be forwarded.
NDDC Stephen Hill advising that the sale of additional land at Pond Close to Signpost has
now been completed.
NDDC Stephen Hill re. NDDC contribution to Street Cleaning, advising that the £7,500 is
a fixed annual payment throughout the period.
NDDC re. Devolution of Local Services. The cabinet have approved the recommendations
for transfer of services from 1st April 2008
Sturquest. Invite to Sturminster Community Lunch 21st May
Clerk's note. Re. additional footpath junction Jarvis Way/Station road. Did not make list
for 2007/8 but will now be considered for 2008/9
DAPTC Agenda for North Dorset Area meeting Thursday 10th April at Okeford Fitzpaine
DCC re. Library. Copy of letter re. Support from Volunteers.
NDDC via Solicitors. Breakdown of costs for Public Conveniences.
Henstridge Airfield Cttee. Interim report Oct.2007 to Feb. 2008
DCC. Modification Order re. parts of Footpaths 48, 54 and 55. Footpath Officer to
investigate
North Dorset Rugby Club. Invitation to attend N Rugby 7s Competition 20th April

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hugh DeIongh is leaving his post as Community Development Worker in this area. It was
agreed to write a letter of thanks to him for all his work on behalf of Stalbridge.
Clerk to write

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10 p.m

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 12th March 2008 commencing 8-00 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland,
D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones

To receive apologies None

Declarations of Interest None

Co-opt new Councillor

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that G Carr-Jones be co-opted on to the Town Council. All agreed. G Carr-Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

Minutes of last meeting

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

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

Four County Services. Security Licence £105.75
Blackmore Vale Internet. Web site 108.00

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 £522.82
Four County Services 105.75
Direct Office 11.96
B Telecom 153.19
Wessex Water 366.57
BMV Internet 108.00
H Gatehouse Lay hedge (costs to be passed on
To NDDC & Signpost) 450.00

With regard to the Water Rate Bill it was suggested enquiries be made as to whether or not a water meter should be fitted. D Grimes also pointed out that a saving could be made if no surface water was drained into the sewer.

Proposed walkway from Pound Close to Dike's Car Park

The Clerk explained that residents are already using the gap by the end of the garages in Pound Close to access the new Dike's Car Park. Enquiries had been made of Signpost

as to whether they would be willing to allow an official footway on their property. Signpost would be willing to grant an easement over the land for a suitable fee. The Clerk has been in touch with Mrs Fraser who is dealing with the adjacent property, as a small piece of the boundary would be required to make the path wide enough, there would appear to be no problem with this. Signpost require an initial cheque for £150 plus VAT to cover their administration fees and the valuation by an independent valuer. It was agreed to progress this matter.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

P Ashcroft advised that although the DCC advised that the Kings Mill Road was closed from 3rd March and the barriers erected, in fact no work was started until 10th March and she felt a letter should be sent to DCC pointing out the unnecessary problems this had caused.

Clerk to write

P Ashcroft also asked what had happened about the request for additional pavement across the visibility splay at the entrance to Jarvis Way.

Clerk to progress

J Cox suggested that the local bus companies should be advised about the public meeting regarding the parking restrictions in the High Street

J Cowley requested that NDDC be asked for confirmation that the £7,500 grant towards the street sweeping would be increased year on year in the same way that the cost to Stalbridge Town Council will increase

Clerk to write

J Cowley also asked what had happened about the request for a sign indicating the way to Stourton Caundle. The Clerk advised that the owners of Southampton House had demanded a fee from DCC to allow a sign to be put on their wall, which DCC were unwilling to pay.

G Carr-Jones brought 6 copies of the Town Plan for Councillors to look at.

B Alexandre asked who should be contacted regarding the HGVs in Stalbridge Weston. She was recommended to contact NDDC Environmental Health with a complaint of noise pollution.

J Wardell remarked that the now completed new entrance to Keeper's Cottage, off Copse House Lane, is a great improvement.

Correspondence

Notification from the Planning Inspectorate that the appeal against the proposed new route of FP4 through Pond Close has been turned down

DCC notification that Durweston Bridge is to be closed from 25th March for 13 days

D Cox, Stalbridge Y Club thanking the TC for its support and expressing the hope that

this support will continue

J Else, Christmas Lighting Group. Thanking TC for the grant towards their expenses.
S Hill, NDDC re. Local Delivery. In reply to TC letter advising that NDDC are unable to pay the business rates on the Public Toilets once they have been leased to the TC
John Foster-Pegg, re. Purchase of land adjacent Churchyard, advising that the land in question should be marked out this week.

Quotation from Westree for the new fencing and hedging that will be required on this site. It was suggested that enquiries be made as to the availability of grants for this work.

Clerk to action

John Foster-Pegg, various correspondence regarding the SL A in respect of the Street Cleansing and the proposed lease of the Public Toilets

John Foster-Pegg various correspondence, including draft Lease re. Recreational land/Allotment land at Pond Close

Sth.Som.DC advice that the application to allow aerobatic aircraft to use Henstridge Airfield has been withdrawn

Notification from Mr Gardener (maintenance) that the signs recently put up around Jarvis Field Play Area have all been removed and were missing. It was agreed that unless these could be found, they would not be replaced at the moment

NDDC notification that they are proposing to produce an Annual Report

Sherborne CAB request for grant aid

DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 02/08

DCC Network Traffic Safety. Copy of letter to Mr M Allen of Stalbridge Primary School advising that Stalbridge did not meet the criteria adopted by DCC for establishing a School Crossing Patrol

Dorset Local Access Forum Annual Report 2006/07

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

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 13th February 2008 commencing 8-15 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre J Cowley, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 3 electors

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, D Cllr G Carr-Jones, Cllrs P Ashcroft, J Cox and K Garland.

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.

Proposed Expenditure

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

Stalbridge Lighting Group £500.00

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by J Wardell that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Salary £522.82 Postage £33.12 £555.94

R Sharp Ring & Pound £65.30

Bier House remove Ivy £49.70

NDDC Trim trees £50.00 165.00

Playworld Systems replacement panel 206.50

J Singleton (replacement cheque) 450.00

Vale signs JFPA signs 30.00

S & A Builders 433.40

Direct Office 30.76

Lighting Group 500.00

Councillors' Reports/Questions

The Chairman advised that he had attended a Cross Border meeting with Somerset/Henstridge regarding Henstridge Airfield site in general. Apparently a suggestion for road signage had been made which would result in increased traffic in Station Road, he had objected to this pointing out the DCC had agreed that their lorries would use Landshire Lane to access their site at Gibbs Marsh thus reducing traffic in Station Road. It was agreed that there would be a re-think on the signage

J Wardell reported that there had been some problems with regard access to the Trailway from the Station Road end via a footpath through the Sidings. It was agreed to write to DCC and ask for clarification on where the official route should be.

Clerk to write

With regard to the Nature Reserve off Station Road and the reply from NDDC regarding the new position of the bund, it was agreed to write and request that the bund be lowered as in its present form it reduced the benefit of the path.

J Smith asked if the proposed double yellow lines are as agreed by the Town Council. The reply was in the affirmative.

With regard to the NDDC hedge along the south side of the Grosvenor Road Play Area, the Clerk advised that the majority of the hedge was being "laid" in an endeavour to prevent access through the hedge to the private land beyond, however the last 10m or so belong to Signpost Housing and she was having difficulty getting agreement from them for this to be done at the same time to complete the project. It was agreed that the TC would fund the £50-£70 cost and reclaim this from Signpost in order that the job could be completed.

Clerk to arrange

J Cowley reported that copies of the minutes in the Library are not up to date.

Clerk to deal with

Mr B Spiller asked about progress regarding provision of Allotments. The Clerk advised that a draft lease is awaited from NDDC for the additional land at Pond Close.

Clerk to progress

R Penfold suggested that as the land adjoining the Grosvenor Road Play Area appeared to be derelict enquiries should be made about possible acquisition of this by the Town Council.

J Cowley again asked about the Section 106 funds and the Chairman advised that there is no way that these can be accessed directly by the Stalbridge Town Council except for the £10,000 that was allocated from the Larks Meadow development for highway improvements. Enquiries to be made regarding this.

Clerk to write.

Correspondence

NDDC Notification that the appeal against the enforcement notice in respect of land at Priors Down has been refused

Sturminster Newton TC Letter asking for locations for proposed SIDS – replied advising them that the poles for the SIDs are already in place

NDDC Enforcement. Re. Nature Reserve. Explanation for change of bund site, advising that it is felt this is acceptable

DCC Public Notice regarding installation of double yellow lines and parking area in the High St

S Hill NDDC Draft 08/09 Capital Programme & Developer Contribution progress report

NDDC Invitation to attend meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Cttee re. Capital Programme on 14th February

DCC re. Library. Update on transfer of properties and training

DCC Notification that Durweston Bridge will be closed for 13 days from 25th March

NDDC Introduction to PACT (Partners and Communities Together)

DCC D McCarthy – Advising that DART will be holding a strategic conference in Sturminster on 13th March

DCC Traffic Management Reply to letter re. HGV traffic in Stalbridge Weston

Planning Inspectorate re. FP4 Advising of site visit by the Inspector during w.c. 18.02.08

Wessex Water Advising of improvements to water mains Kings Mill Road which will involve closing the road at certain times between March and June.

Hilary Ritchie, NDDC e-mail re. CPEND

NDDC re. Development off Station Road Car Park. Asking if the TC agree to the name Thornhill Square for this site. It was felt that Badgers' Court would be more appropriate.

Clerk to write

DAPTC Circular including notification of Planning Training. R Penfold will attend the session at Shaftesbury on the 21st Feb, also possibly J Smith and J Wardell and possible B Alexandre will attend the session in Sturminster on the 26th Feb.

DCC Audit & Scrutiny Report

Dept for Communities & Local Gov. Consultation on Orders & Regulations re. Conduct of LA Members in England

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 16th January 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox and Cllr D Grimes

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th December and 2nd January, together with the Planning Meeting of 19th December, having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Expenditure

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

Ashwell Landscape £690.00

N Smith The Ring 257.94

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by J Wardell that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine Salary £522.82
S Electric 67.54
Direct Office 11.74
Playing Field Trust (mowing Play Area) 250.00
T R Lee (replacement cheque) 20.00
Ashwell Landscape 690.00
B Telecom 158.62
Williams Nursery 6.00
N Smith 257.94
British Gas 260.48

Award Contract for Toilet and Street Cleansing

As part of the Local Delivery programme Stalbridge have provisionally agreed to take responsibility for the cleaning of the Public Toilet in Station Road Car Park and the pavement cleansing. However, some Councillors were surprised to learn that the District Council are proposing to lease the Toilet to the Town Council. Queries were raised with regard to the cost of the Rates and the Insurance of the actual building and also in respect of a couple of items on the Service Level Agreement. A meeting will take place on Thursday 31st January in the TC Office with Mr S Hill of NDDC and their legal representative and the Chairman and Clerk of the Council together with our legal representative and two Councillors. The queries raised will be taken to this meeting. It was agreed that next Planning Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 30th January, would be postponed to Thursday 31st, in order that a final decision regarding awarding the contract can be made after the meeting with NDDC

Award contract for mowing Jarvis Field Play Area

The Clerk having obtained 3 quotations for this work, from Julian Shave Landscaping, Mr R Sharp and Mr J Singleton, it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by B Alexandre to award the contract to Mr Singleton in the sum of £1,925.00 All agreed.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

With regard to the planning application recently received (too late for the meeting) in respect of a proposed development on land off the Car Park, the Chairman advised that the land still belonged to the District Council rather than Signpost who have made the application. He also advised that this would be a suitable application for the Town Council to request that it be considered by the full District Council Committee at the appropriate time.

The Chairman also advised that he and D Cllr G Carr-Jones would be attending a "cross-border" meeting with various representatives of NDDC and of South Somerset DC and Henstridge PC with regard to various proposals.

P Ashcroft asked that Mr Williams be reminded about replacing the tree on the Ring.
Clerk to contact

B Alexandre reported that Stalbridge Weston residents had been disturbed by HGVs accessing the Poultry Farm between midnight and 4 a.m. approx. over the Christmas period during which they also damaged the pavement retaining wall on the corner. It was agreed that she would forward full details to the Clerk who will take the matter up with DCC

K Garland asked if a new PCSO had been appointed. The new PCSO is Kate James.

J Cowley pointed out that the stonework on The Ring had not yet been repaired.
Clerk to progress

R Penfold reported that he had attended the Christmas Civic Service in Blandford which was most enjoyable.

Correspondence

E-Mail from T Long DCC re. Library Service – Relationship with Friends

E-mail from E Garnham. Re. Local Delivery. Requesting update report

E-Mail from D McCarthy. Next meeting of DAP 30th Jan. 10.15 a.m. Gillingham Fire Station

DCC Engineering. Draft programme for structural maintenance 2008-9

E-mail from E Garnham. Meeting re Toilets & Cleaning Thurs 31.1.08 10-30 a.m.
Stalbridge

E-mail from Playworld – Replacement panel will cost £176 plus VAT. It was agreed to obtain this

Weldmar Hospice. Snowdrop Service Sunday 10th February 3-00 p.m.

NDDC re. Toilets. Confirming time locks will be fitted. Work to be done in June

E-mail from D Fox re. Sturminster Newton Leisure Centre

John Foster-Pegg. Comments on lease and agreement re. Toilets

E-mail from Davitt Jones Bould, Solicitors. Draft S L A re. Street Cleansing

E-mail from Hugh DeIongh with details of grant sources

Planning Inspectorate. Further details re. FP4

E-mail from Hugh De Iongh re. Local action in rural communities

E-mail from Bellway Homes re naming of street on new development. They will be passing on the Town Council's suggestion of Baker's Field for the street name to NDDC
DAPTC Chief Exec circular 14/07

Planning Policy NDDC re. Identification of new sites for housing

NDDC Invite to Mythodrama Development Event at Bryanston School on 18th February
re. Creating sustainable communities with as you like it

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-05 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 2nd January 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes
R Penfold, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance No one else present

To receive apologies J Smith

Declarations of Interest None

Set Precept for 2007/8

The draft proposals prepared by the Clerk, which included estimated balances as at 31st March 2008, were gone through and discussed in detail. In conclusion J Cox proposed and B Alexandre seconded that we Precept the District Council for £65,000. The motion was carried on a vote of 6 in favour, 2 against with one abstention. The agreed allocation of funds is as per the attached list.

Sign Cheque

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

Southern Electricity £67.54

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