

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present Councillors** G Carr-Jones (Chair), P Brember, T Bishop, J Cowley, K Garland, R Knapp, R Lovell, B Penfold, B Newton & J Wardell.

T Watson (Clerk)

## **In attendance**

G Carr-Jones (Dorset County Cllr & North Dorset Dist. Cllr.) was present

There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

Apologies had been received from W Batty-Smith (North Dorset Dist. Cllr.)

Abbreviations: TC Town Council, LMG Library Management Group, IO Information Office, DCC Dorset County Council

## **Welcome to members of the public and introductions.**

### **1. Community open forum.**

It was noted that £2,718.73 had been raised for Brian Spiller.

### **2. To receive apologies.**

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from C Moore.

### **3. Declarations of interest.**

K Garland 16a.payment to IK services

### **4. To approve the minutes of the meetings - held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

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

### **5. To receive Dorset District Councillors reports.**

G Carr-Jones had attended a number of briefings committee and board meetings during July / August

### **6. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.**

County Councillors reports are published on the TC web site.

### **7. To receive Town Councillors reports.**

P Brember – Attended the Youth Club end of term beach party and advised that the club is flourishing. He also gave an update on the RBL activities to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1 and had attended a briefing on the planning process as it affects Parish Councils.

T Bishop – Attended the integrated transport stakeholders and DAPTC area meetings. He gave an update on the setting up of a community car scheme for Stalbridge, which has a driver recruitment event on 4<sup>th</sup> September. He had arranged for Jane Dawes (Practice Manager Blackmore Vale Partnership) to attend a coffee morning at The Hall.

R Lovell - Attended a briefing on the planning process as it affects Parish Councils. Suggested 'no dogs' signage for the Jubilee Play Area.

J Wardell- Reported the launch of the next phase of the White Hart link on September 9<sup>th</sup> and informed members about 'The build' project at Guys Marsh Prison. She has been facilitating the

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initial meetings of the fledgling group who are investigating the viability of having a neighbourhood plan for Stalbridge. The group are due to meet with Ed Gerry (Planning Policy Team Leader).

8. **To consider the enhancement of the ring as a feature for Stalbridge and give further instruction.**  
**R Lovell**

This proposal had been made subsequent to comments received at the annual town meeting. Members were shown an image of the type of statue that could be placed on The Ring.

**RESOLVED: To appoint a working party to consider the enhancement of The Ring (R Lovell & K Garland)**

9. **For the Town Council to agree to:**
- a.. **Take up the role of Accountable Body for the Stalbridge Community Volunteer Car Scheme (SCVCS),**
  - b. **To incorporate the scheme as a Sub-Committee of the Council**
  - c. **and to operate the banking for such scheme”**  
**T Bishop**

It was understood the TC have the statutory power under the Local Government & rating Act 1997 Part III Section 26 and that a grant is due to be received. There was further discussion regarding ongoing funding and it was hoped that the scheme would prove to be self-funding. The Chairman Thanked T Bishop.

**RESOLVED: Agreed that Stalbridge Town Council will:**

- a.. **Take up the role of Accountable Body for the Stalbridge Community Volunteer Car Scheme (SCVCS),**
  - b. **To incorporate the scheme as a Sub-Committee of the Council**
  - c. **and to operate the banking for such scheme”**
10. **To consider the condition and positioning of bus shelters in Stalbridge in relation to the current service and give further instruction.**  
**B Lovell**

It was noted on last years inventory inspection that the front panel was rusted out and a possible hazard. Quotes have been sought for repair but it appears that there is not enough sound metal left to weld to. Members understood that removal is necessary and reviewed various replacement options. There was further debate as to whether it should be replaced and the other locations where the public and school buses stop were considered.

**RESOLVED: R Lovell & the POSAG will investigate further and report back.**

11. **To consider a multi use surface for Jarvis Way Park and give further instruction.**  
**K Garland**

K Garland asked members to consider enhancing the play facilities at the location by adding a surfaced track that could be used by scooters, bikes and mobility scooters and which would also improve wheelchair access to the park. She advised that a local contractor had offered to work with the TC and that the project would not be very costly.

**RESOLVED: K Garland will bring a more detailed proposal to the September meeting.**

12. **To consider that the Town Council mark the 5 year anniversary of the Hub in September 2018.**  
**K Garland**

Members felt that if there was to be an event it should add some value in terms of information or consultation i.e. incorporate a meet the pharmacist event, re-visit Shaping Stalbridge, TC

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membership promotion, pending the elections in 2019 and whether the community café could be incorporated.

**RESOLVED: Agreed to endeavour to hold event in October (K Garland & Clerk)**

- 13. To receive a report and recommendation for an additional Dog Waste bin near recycling area at Larks Meadow.” J Wardell**

J Wardell reported that bags of dog faeces being left beside the path and provided a map of the dog bins in the area and two potential locations. Members ruled out Larks Meadow due to proximity to Jarvis Way, and felt that a dog bin near the pumping station would be impractical to empty. Another location was suggested adjacent to Hunts that would have vehicle access.

**RESOLVED: As a first phase approach to put signs in the area to inform owners of the nearest dog bin.**

- 14. To install a roof area on the bin storage area at the Hall. G Carr-Jones**

It was noted that this would provide a dry area for storage of the barriers, signs, bins and cones that are used by the whole community for events in Stalbridge.

**RESOLVED: To proceed pending the Hall Management Committees approval.**

T Bishop abstained from the vote.

- 15. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.**

Date	From	Info	Action
03.07.18	LG Boundary Commission	Electoral review of Dorset – proposed single member ward coving Stalbridge, Stalbridge Weston, Stourton Caundle & Marnhull	Agreed to respond and suggest ward name 'Stalbridge & Marnhull'
10.08.18	NHS	Event about mental health in Dorset taking place on 30th October 2018	Declined to attend
14.08.18	Wessex Water	Response to the TC's letter regarding the Lower Rd development site	Members did not feel that their concerns had been addressed. Agreed to send the TC's original letter to DCC flood risk management team
15.08.18	The Old Rectory	Tree works notification	It was noted that there was permission for works on the trees to reduce by 2 metres.
16.08.18	Environment Agency	Response to the TC's letter regarding the Lower Rd development site	Members did not feel that their concerns had been addressed. Agreed to send the TC's original letter to DCC flood risk management team.
18.08.18	C Harris	Note suggestion that the defibrillator for the GP surgery could be moved to The Hub under the front canopy.	It was advised that the defibrillator belongs to SW Ambulance.

- 16. Finance.**

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## a) To approve the accounts as presented in annex 1b. For payment.

Total gas & Power	Hub gas 30.06.18-31.07.18	£2.09
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL29017 Silver Support Package - Sept	£259.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT29057 Support Pack - VoIP Sept	£134.89
Tesco Mobile	134029882193 - mobile phone charges 09.08.18- 08.09.18	£11.50
Wessex industrial doors Ltd	capital grant pavilion building works ref TCM 25.07 roller doors (to be paid after installation)	£2,606.40
M Kirby Associates	Cross survey	£509.40
Hampshire flag Co	Red ensign ref TCM 11.07	£64.39
DAPTC	New Cllr training	£40.00
NatWest	Bankline August	£28.55
J Loughlin	Jubilee play area fence repair	£893.00
C Miles	Pavilion works capital grant plumbing	£560.02

**RESOLVED: It was proposed by J Wardell, seconded by R Knapp and agreed to approve the payments as presented.**

## b) To receive the quarterly financial report ending 30.06.18

P Brember agreed to verify and sign the bank statements against the cash book. It was noted that the large expenditure in grounds and open spaces was associated with the new play equipment at Jubilee Play Area.

**RESOLVED: To accept the Quarterly financial report ending June 2018 as presented.**

## 17. Clerks report on matters arising.

Disabled WC - due to the dry & hot weather the door has on occasion not been locking properly. A notice has been posted and it is being monitored.

Jubilee play area – Remedial works in conjunction with health & safety and maintenance are due to be done on the pirate boat and tunnel.

Wooden posts at the Ring and the Hub – have rotted off and are due to be replaced

Information regarding raising awareness of the Equality Act, 2010 disability rights around assistance dogs - Passed to the community Library and information office (passed to community lib & CIO)

Health visitor sessions- tentative enquiry regarding using The Hub after the GP surgery closes.

Damaged finger post at Bagber Cross Roads – have been advised by DCC Highways that the Finger Post are the towns/parish responsibility. Need to repair.

Speed indicator device purchase – Completed back office work in the event that members wish to proceed a proposal is required.

Station Rd closure – Asked DCC Highways about car park access and the CIO are finding out about bus stop alterations.

Cross works complete – Images provided for review and inspection report circulated. Scaffolding due to be removed

**18. Date of the Next meeting** - The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.27pm

**Date: 12 September 2018**

**Signed: .....**

**Chairman**