

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Present Councillors K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, J Convoy, M Dimmer, H Hatcher, R Lovell, B Penfold, M Robinson, R Roden & S Waite.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 25 members of the public in attendance.

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

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

Community open forum.

It was advised the Community Volunteer Car Scheme is very important asset to Stalbridge residents and they are short of volunteer drivers. A request was made that the TC approach the local GP surgeries with a view to providing practice nurse outreach services in Stalbridge (N.B the Building & Assets Committee had approached the surgeries for this purpose on September 2019 and no reply had been received)

The meeting commenced at 8.45pm

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from B Newton.

2. Declarations of interest.

K Garland: Pecuniary item 12a.payment to IK services.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 11th December 2019

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved including proposed amendments and signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

The January report had been received and uploaded to the TC web site

5. To receive Town Councillors reports.

None.

6. To receive the results of a survey in relation to the 5 year enhancement plan for Jarvis Field Play area (TCM 14.11.18) and give further instruction. K Garland

Survey of opinion on current equipment took place between the 11th October 2018 & 5th March 2019 before the pump track was installed. The three most popular pieces of equipment were the zip slide, basket swing & goal posts. On the equipment wish list the top was a climbing frame followed by flat swings.

DEFERRED: To January 2020 precept meeting

7. For the Town Council to sign the DC Highways working together agreement in relation to the wild flower planning on highways verges. R Roden

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It was understood that in order for the Town Council to support the project and become the accountable body they need to join up to the DC Highways working together agreement. Currently highways verge maintenance is a statutory duty of Dorset Council Highways as the as the principal authority. If the TC join up to the working together agreement they become an agent who is empowered to exercise on behalf of the Principal, powers of the Principal as highway and traffic authority. In carrying out these duties the agent must conform to legislative requirements, current specifications, personnel training, health and safety and insurance.

The agreement is subject to a formal annual review and termination is based on either party giving a minimum of six months' written notice. Some concerns were expressed at personal injury cover for volunteers. It was agreed that a schedule of areas works and the appropriate risk assessment would need to be drawn up.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed that the Town Council sign the DC Highways working together agreement in relation to the wild flower planting on highways verges subject to further negotiation with DC Rangers and Highways on the detail of the agreement.

Abstention: D Andrews

8. To receive a quotation for works to the area between the tunnel slides at Jarvis field play area give further instruction.

The TC previously resolved to carry out the works based on a quote of £770.00 which has now been revised to £1,450.00

DEFERRED: To the February 2020 meeting

9. To receive notice of the DAPTC subscription for 20.21 and give further instruction

The Clerk advised that the subscription was £791.66 and that in 19.20 the previous Council had committed to one year under review. Whilst the representative did not feel there had been much change in the level of representation or quality of advice it was noted that membership gave the council access to The National Association Of Councils database and reduction in training fees.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed that the Town Council will subscribe for 20.21 under review.

Vote against: B Penfold

10. To approve the updated Local Government Pension Scheme employer's discretionary policy subsequent to the publication of the Amendment Regulations 2018.

Members of the HR committee had reviewed the policy

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to approve the updated Local Government Pension Scheme employer's discretionary policy subsequent to the publication of the Amendment Regulations 2018

11. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

08.01.20 FC correspondence annex 1a.			
	Dorset Council	Town & Parish Councils: Helping you to help residents in your community	Noted
03/01/20	DAPTC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party May 2020	Noted
07/01/20	DAPTC	NALC Chairman's Open Letter to all Councillors	Noted

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12. Finance.

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

British Gas	electricity WC's 01.11-14.11.19	£18.33
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IK Services	Street Cleaning - December	£2,616.67
N D Electrical Services	Main front light sensor fault/fault on gents door locking system in carpark toilets/ replace light fitting under soffit office	£282.00
DAPTC	Budgets & Precepts Course - Cllr Helen Hatcher	£60.00
Direct Office Supplies	stationery	£23.03
Bankline	December	£24.95
N D Electrical Services	5 yr. Electrical Installation Condition Report and PA testing Hub, public wc's	£852.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL36235 Sil Support Package -January	£259.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT36236 Support Pack - VoIP January	£134.38
JF Design & Print	Web authoring for December	£288.00
SLCC	Membership Fees 20.21	£175.00
British Gas	Gas hub 17/09/09/12/19	£216.35
Williams Florist	Christmas tree hub	£7.75
T Watson	in lieu of payment to D Baily ref putting up trees & lights hub	£30.00
T Watson	Salary January	£1,190.06
P Garraway	Salary January	£461.50
HMRC	Tax & Ni -January	£236.88
DC Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution - January	£329.84

RESOLVED: Proposed by H Hatcher, seconded D Andrews and agreed to approve the payments as presented.

(K Garland abstained from the vote in relation to the payment to IK Services)

13. Clerks report on matters arising.

No report

14. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Monday 28th January 2020.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date: 5 February 2020

Signed:
Chairman