

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 12th September commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Absent Councillors R Knapp

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

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

There were 6 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, SID Speed indicator device. POSAG Planning & open spaces advisory group. LAG Local action group

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community open forum.

Members were thanked for their attendance at the History Society sale exhibition. The society were pleased to report that there had been over 1000 visitors to the exhibition and that the grants and donations had more than covered the costs. Their next project is to re-print an enhanced version of the town history trail. Members congratulated the History Society.

2. To receive apologies.

None.

3. Declarations of interest.

K Garland 16a.payment to IK services

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 22nd August 2018

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

5. To receive Dorset District Councillors reports.

6. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

G Carr-jones gave a joint report which included an update on the boundary review and appointment process for a chief executive for the new Dorset Council.

7. To receive Town Councillors reports.

C Moore- Had met with the primary school Headmistress with a view to improving communication with the TC. He advised that the pavilion refurbishment project is nearing completion and members will be invited to view the works on completion.

B Newton – Will be carrying out the 2018 inventory inspection and had been researching community defibrillators.

P Brember – Attended the Stalbright AGM. The Armistich project has produced over 2000 poppies which will begin to appear around the town during September. Plans are afoot for the Christmas events and lighting up Stalbridge. The group would welcome new members. He suggested flying the red ensign on the Saturday before remembrance Sunday.

T Bishop – Between 23 and 25 people had expressed interest in being drivers for the community car scheme. There is a patient engagement event at the surgery 20.09.18 1-7pm. Attended the CIO

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meeting where it was suggested that they buy / contribute towards the purchase of an urn and large tea pot. The LAG have now made grants in Dorset of over one million pounds.

B Lovell – Had been looking into the viability of playing croquet and the Playingfields and boules at the rear of Stalbridge Hall.

J Wardell- As a POSAG member she had done a survey of the bus stops in Stalbridge, of which there is a number and it would be very difficult to decide which particular stops should have shelters and not others. Attended the LMG meeting, Stalbridge is being used as a CML model and she has helped with the garden works specification. She attended a meeting with Planning Policy Officers and parties interested in having a neighbourhood plan for Stalbridge. She is working on dog bin signage for the footpaths around Larks Meadow. She presented the White Hart Link pennant to the Chairman.

K Garland – Personnel report to be given at the end of the meeting

8. For the Town Council engage in social media as a method communication with Stalbridge residents i.e facebook page **B Lovell**

B Lovell introduced the idea to members and suggested a trial period. Members were concerned at the potential workload for the TC Office Members felt that facebook was not an appropriate medium to communicate with the community as it could lead to abuse and insults and they favoured the use of Stalbridge.info , the TC web site and newsletter.

The proposal was not seconded and therefore failed

9. To consider a Multi-Use Fitness Track at Jarvis field Play area and give further instruction. **K Garland**

K Garland introduced the concept as a facility for all ages and gave members a preliminary figure of 12-13 thousand pounds based on materials and equipment hire only as labour will be offered free of charge.

RESOLVED: To progress the project to quotation stage. B Penfold, B Newton & G Carr-Jones offered to be involved.

10. To receive an update on a possible event to mark the 5 year anniversary of the Hub in October 2018 and give further instruction. **K Garland**

K Garland suggested at date of the 20th October 10am -2pm and that there could be the following stands: Community Car scheme, Meet the pharmacist, neighbourhood plan for Stalbridge, red phone box project and who is going to run Stalbridge in May 2019. Refreshments will be provided throughout the event and members will be required to host.

RESOLVED: That the TC will host an event to mark the 5 year anniversary of the Hub on 20.10.18. To purchase some new display boards and to have a budget of £400 for hospitality.

11. To Apply for planning consent (outline) to extend the Hub **G Carr-Jones**

G Carr-Jones advised that having outline planning consent to extend The Hub and provide additional parking would put the TC ahead of the game should any section 106 funding become available. The recent History Society sale exhibition demonstrated the need for long term display space and members have already considered the growth of the Stalbridge archive. Both of which could be accommodated in a heritage centre. In addition to this it may be possible to offer consultation space for health professionals to see patients in Stalbridge on a rental basis to the NHS. A member felt that the land would be better used as additional car parking.

RESOLVED: To apply for planning consent (outline) to extend the Hub

12. For the Town Council make the road closure applications in conjunction with the Remembrance Day parades 2018 **P Brember**

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RESOLVED: That the Town Council make the road closure applications in conjunction with the Remembrance Day parades 2018

13. To resolve the purchase of the TC wreath for the remembrance service on the 11th November and specify members attending. P Brember

RESOLVED: To purchase the TC wreath for the remembrance service and B Newton attend and lay wreath.

14. For the Town Council to write to the landlord of the Playingfields and request permission for the Yulefest event. (pending approval by the Sports Clubs)
C Moore

C Moore advised that the Sports Clubs had approved the event subject to some actions to protect the playing surface.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council to write to the landlord of the Playingfields and request permission for the Yulefest event.

15. To consider the following at Jubilee Play Area and give further instruction
- a) Ground surface improvement works
 - b) Installation of the Jubilee arch
 - c) Installation of a picnic bench
 - d) Installation of a barrier at the top of the bank adjacent to the yellow gate
- B Lovell

B Lovell advised that he is happy to offer the labour to do the surface improvement works and there was some discussion with regard to the closure of the park after the works. Quotations were considered for the installation of the arch, picnic bench and barrier.

RESOLVED: At Jubilee Play Area to commence with the ground surface improvement works to a maximum value for materials of £500 and the installation of the arch in conjunction with the quote received. (The play area is not to be closed for these works)

16. To receive members wish list for the 2019 precept
The following suggestions were made: Multi-Use Fitness Track at Jarvis field Play area, community defibrillators in the red phone boxes, large projection screen for the meeting room.

17. To approve the September edition of the Town council newsletter

RESOLVED: To approve as presented.

18. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

Date	From	Info	Action
23/08/18	DCC Highways	TRO Barrow Hill	Noted
03/09/18	H de long DC Partnership	Notice of North Dorset development working party mtg.	T Bishop & J Wardell to attend
05/09/18	Bobcat Media	Outdoor cinema events	Noted
06/09/18	DCC Highways	TRO Station Rd	Noted
06/09/18	BT	Notice of completed decommissioning adopted kiosks	Noted
07/09/18	R Camp DCC	Potential withdrawal of SID	Noted
29.08.18	DCC Highways	Annual councillor's satisfaction survey for Dorset Highways	J Cowley & T Bishop offered to complete

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19. Finance.

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

Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL Silver Support Package -Oct	£259.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT Package - VoIP Oct Inc. credit	£29.98
Tesco Mobile	134023286473 - mobile phone charges ???	£11.50
J Fieldhouse	stalbridge.info web authoring 05-28.08.18	£288.00
P Garraway	Salary -September	
T Watson	Salary -September in OT	
HMRC	Tax & Ni - September	£356.05
DC Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution - September	£442.39
I K Services	Street Cleaning - August	£2,626.67
NatWest	Bankline September	£25.40
Direct office supplies	Copier paper	£18.60
Bartletts Carpets	Capital grant pavilion flooring balance	£3,850.00
The Inwood Estate	1st half year rent playingfields	£2,236.09
T Watson	Postage & payment for adoption of 2 x BT phone boxes	£3.01
Total gas & Power	Hub gas 32.07.18-31.08.18	£2.63
additions to annex 1a		
Cliveden conservation	Cross works	4992
R Sharp	Grass cutting STC & NDDC 10.07-11.09.18	1468.5
Zurich	Playing fields grant PL insurance TCM 24.01.18	304.72

RESOLVED: It was proposed by J Wardell, seconded by B Penfold agreed to approve the payments as presented.

K Garland abstained from the vote on the payment to IK Services.

20. Clerks report on matters arising.

Gift in memory of Bernard Clarke- Mr Clarkes son thinks the TC's suggestion is entirely appropriate and would like to visit when the information board has been installed. Permission has been requested to site the board on the rectory wall and the draft design will be brought back to council prior to production.

Public WCs – The time clock has failed for the second time and may need replacing in the future. The disabled door is now securing on the lock.

RESOLVED: In accordance with standing order 10a. xi. It was proposed and agreed to exclude the press and public.

K Garland gave the personnel report

21. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th October 2018**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd October 2018.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.03 pm

Date: 10 October 2018

Signed:

Chairman