

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 12th December 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chair), T Bishop, J Cowley, R Knapp, R Lovell, C Moore & J Wardell.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

G Carr-Jones (Dorset County Cllr & North Dorset Dist. Cllr.) was present. Apologies had been received from W Batty-Smith (North Dorset Dist. Cllr.)

Abbreviations: TC: Town Council. CML: Community Manged Library. CIO: Community Information Office.. DCC: Dorset County Council

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community open forum.

2. Apologies

Received in advance of the meeting from P Brember, K Garland, and B Newton & B Penfold.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 14h November 2018

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

5. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.

Report made

6. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

Report made

7. To receive Town Councillors reports.

C Moore – The Yulefest event at the Playingfields appeared to be successful in terms of attendance and the Playfields Committee are looking forward to receiving a donation for the use of the land. The pavilion decorating is in process.

J Cowley – The Ring looks great with the lime tree and lights on the houses around.

T Bishop – Attended the CIO meeting

J Wardell – Attended the LMG meeting and chaired the Hub User Group meeting. Had posted an agenda on the notices to the dog bins on the trailway. Offered to help with The Cross information board.

8. To Approve the December 2018 edition of the quarterly Town Council newsletter.

Agreed to add the Chemist to the distribution locations.

RESOLVED: To Approve the December 2018 edition of the quarterly Town Council newsletter.

9. To receive notice that the posts at the Cross are to be added retrospectively to the TC inventory and to consider their refurbishment and give further instruction.

The Clerk advised that it had come to light that the in 1992 the Town Council had installed the hamstone paving and oak posts around The Cross to protect it from vehicle damage. However it appears that the posts were not added to the TC inventory. The tops of the posts are rotting and some action is required to preserve

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their structure. The options were presented for capping the posts and it was noted that DCC Highways were not in favour of any other barriers being installed to protect the posts.

RESOLVED: To obtain prices for options B & C

10. To receive a response to the TC letter to DCC regarding highways verge cutting in the 2018 season.

It was noted that during the season the verges had been cut by DCC Ranger twice and the cuttings removed. During the 18.19 season and it was understood that there would be 3 cuts with the cuttings removed.

11. To view the plans for the outline planning application for the Hub G Carr-Jones

The preliminary drawings were reviewed in conjunction with the submission of the outline planning application, which had previously been resolved.

12. For the Town Council to revisit the possible placement of bus shelters in regards to the existing bus roots.

R Lovell

There was some disagreement concerning members use of social media to gauge local opinion. Whilst R Lovell was keen to consider a shelter at the top of Station Road other members felt that more work was required in terms of suitable consultation and the viability of the location.

RESOLVED: To appoint a working party to consider the installation of a bus stop at Station Road and approve their terms of reference at January meeting.

13. To receive an application for grant funding for the newly formed Boules Club.

R Lovell

DEFERRED

14. To receive a quotation for works to reinstate the grass mound between the tunnel slides and the top of the tunnel at Jarvis Field Play Area and give further instruction.

It was noted that both areas had been highlighted on the annual play inspection.

RESOLVED: To commence with the works in conjunction with the quotation provided.

15. To receive a quotation for refurbishment of the bench on the Ring and give further instruction.

It was noted that a proposal was made at the October 2018 meeting to refurbish the pumps, seat and date tile and install a history information board on The Ring and it was agreed to proceed to bring costs back to Council.

RESOLVED: Agreed to consider replacement wooded slats with a recycled plastic substitute

16. To receive notice of the change in rateable value for The Hub and give further instruction

The Clerk advised that the rateable value for the hub had been reviewed and increased from £5,300 to £15,000 and the new rate is above the threshold for small business rate relief. Enquires are in process with regard to the possibility of an appeal.

17. To resolve the closure of Public WCs on Christmas & Boxing Day

RESOLVED: To close Public WCs on Christmas & Boxing Day

18. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

Date	From	Info	Action
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28/11/18	SSDC	Notification that the Gladman appeal in Henstridge has been allowed	Noted
28/11/18	DAPTC	Training 'The planning system from a local perspective'	Noted
11/12/18	Stalbridge Hall MC	Letter concerning the potential croquet & boules courts at the hall	Agreed to reply resolution at November meeting

19. Finance: as detailed in annex 1b.

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

NDDC	rates cat park & premises 2nd payment of 4	£1,504.00
J Loughlin	replacement posts at the Ring	£343.00
K Brown	Plants cross planters	£12.00
The Quiet Gardener	Fruit tree maintenance Hub	£29.75
DCC	Christmas road closure sign stickers	£39.00
R Sharp	STC & DC Grass cutting 17.10-14.11.18	£886.50
NDDC	Hub rates 1st payment of 3	£928.88
SLCC	Annual membership 2019	£175.00
Direct office supplies	copier paper	£18.60
Marnhull Parish Council	Planning training 3 members	£52.56
T Watson	Salary -December Inc. OT	
P Garraway	Salary -December	
HMRC	Tax & Ni - December	£587.81
DC Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution - December	£310.19
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL29017 Silver Support Package - Dec	£259.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT29057 Support Pack - VoIP Dec	£134.83
J Fieldhouse	web authoring stalbridge.info 01.11-25.11.18	£288.00
Custom fire & security	Annual service emergency lighting	£43.93
Total gas & power	Hub gas 31.10-30.11	£138.37
DCC	Christmas event road closures	£140.00
Tesco Mobile	mobile phone charges 09/12/18-08/01/19	£11.50
I K Services	Street Cleaning - November	£2,616.67
Stalbridge Building supplies	Pavilion works grant decorating materials	£369.46
DCC	1 x grit bag	£72.00
CIO	In lieu of cash paid to D Baily put up hub trees	£30.00

RESOLVED: It was proposed by J Wardell, seconded by T Bishop Lovell and agreed to approve the payments as presented.

20. Clerks report on matters arising.

There will be get together at The Hub on Christmas day all welcome

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21. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2018. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Date: 9 January 2019

Signed:

Chairman