

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of The Town Council Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 10th April 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present Councillors K Garland (Chair), T Bishop, J Cowley, R Knapp, R Lovell, C Moore, B Newton, B Penfold & J Wardell.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 6 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.

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. Community Open Forum.

Thanks were expressed to all TC members as not everyone appreciates what it takes to be a Town Councillor. Disappointment expressed that the new candidates have not attended more TC meetings.

2. To receive apologies.

G Carr-Jones & P Brember

3. Declarations of interest.

K Garland: Pecuniary 12a.payment to IK services

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings - held on 13th & 27th March 2019.

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 Town Councillors reports.

K Garland – Expressed thanks to members who are not standing for the next term and good wishes to the new candidates. With B Newton will be attending an informal meeting with Stalbridge Hall Management Committee.

J Wardell – Chaired the Hub User Group meeting and attended the Archive AGM & History Society dig event. Thanks to the public spirited person who has placed dog bag dispensers around Stalbridge

T Bishop – Attended the Community information Office meeting and advised that Age Concern are no longer holding sessions at The Hub. Had sent information regarding a funding opportunity for the Stalbridge Hall to N Ryall.

J Cowley – Thanks to members

Bernie – Thanks to members

C Moore – Advised that the Football Club will be holding their annual five a side tournament. Thanks to members of the public who show an interest in the town. Acknowledged that it has been a difficult past couple of years for TC members who give their time on a voluntary basis.

B Penfold - Attended the Henstridge Airfield Consultative Committee meeting. Thanks to members who are not standing for the next term.

6. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.

None.

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7. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

None.

8. To consider the additional repairs to the 2 phone boxes and give further instruction. J Wardell

J Wardell advised that it had come to light that as part of painting the kiosks there were some repair works that may be required to windows door, handles etc. Whilst some members felt that it was important that the kiosks are the TC's responsibility it was important that they are structurally safe R Lovell suggested only keeping 1 kiosk as cost saving alternative.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to allocate a budget of maximum of £2,500 for the total project.

J Cowley: Against. R Lovell: Abstained

9. Multi fitness track at Jarvis Field Play area project update. K Garland

The Clerk advised that it would be prudent in terms of health and safety to remove the wooden bridges to separate the area from the toddler area. Some hedge works are required to make the best use of the area. A health and safety review will be done when installed to see if any fencing is required. Installation is due to start very soon and the area will be cordoned off during works.

10. To receive notice of the highways verge cutting arrangements in Stalbridge for the summer 2019 season and give further instruction.

The Clerk advised that DC Rangers cannot provide a schedule of dates for cuts because of the many variables in play. However they have assured that there will be 3 cut and collect visits during the season in Stalbridge. It has come to light that last season the cuttings were put on the nature reserve from the verges in an out of the way spot as this was considered to be a better option than transporting back to Blandford.

11. Correspondence: as detailed in annex. 1a

10.04.19 FC correspondence annex 1a.			Action
Date	From	Info	
18/03/19	D Hollex	E mail regarding the rise in council tax charges AO 01.04.19	Clerk had replied and explained about the Council tax harmonisation
08/04/19	R Eveleigh	E mail regarding the use of The Hub for meeting perspective Dorset Council candidates.	The had advised that during purdah Council facilities cannot be used for the promotion of political parties

12. Finance.

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

J Fieldhouse	web authoring stalbridge.info 03.03-24.03.19	£288.00
Prodigy IT Solutions	SIL29017 Sil Support Package -May	£259.20
Prodigy IT Solutions	PIT29057 Support Pack - VoIP May	£134.46
Tesco Mobile February	mobile phone charges April	£11.50
Water to business	Hub water 19.09.18-15.03.19	£90.78
Total gas & power	Gas hub 28.02-31.03.19	134.34
Water to business	allotments water 21.09.18-19.03.18	16.91
Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Cross information board	1577.4

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Direct Office Supplies	stationery	£8.28
Bankline	charges	£25.40
Gillingham Town Council	Black sacks	£69.65
I K Services	Street Cleaning - March	£2,616.67
Water to business	Public WC water 19.09.18-15.03.19	£200.97
T Watson	Salary -April Inc. OT	£1,686.19
HMRC	Tax & Ni - April	£586.00
DC Pension Fund	Emp & Empl contribution - April	£610.41

Noted payment DD to prodigy in Feb reported £134.38 amended to £134.46. & March reported £134.38 amended to £134.45 due to call charges

RESOLVED: Proposed by B Newton, seconded by J Wardell and agreed to approve the payments as presented.

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

- b. To approve the appointment of the internal auditor for 2018/2019 accounting period and review the terms of reference and schedule for the internal audit.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to appoint Mr O Bedford as the internal auditor for 18.19 and the terms of reference and schedule for the internal audit were approved.

- c. To receive the Y/E 31.03.18 financial report

The bank balances and cash book reconciliation was noted and signed off along with a statement of accounts for the year end 31.03.19

RESOLVED: To accept the Y/E 31.03.18 financial report as presented.

13. Clerks report on matters arising.

Tree branch from Jarvis Way play area overhanging the trialway – has been removed
Hunts Lylaindii trees adjacent to Jarvis Way – I Kerr has again requested remedial works
Bin & fence Path Jarvis way to Wessex water path – have been renewed by the rangers
Defibrillator - Installed, use pending South West Ambulance registration
Speed indicator device – Will be delivered tomorrow
Jarvis field play area remedial works - progressed works on zip slide repair, train is half finished , works between the side not started , maze strimmed.
Woodmills bench - to be made safe

14. Date of the Next meeting - The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2018. All items from members for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 30th April 2018.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.12 pm