



Stalbridge Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Approved minutes of a meeting of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024. (Held at The Hub Commencing at 7 p.m.)

Councillors present at the meeting:

K Garland (Chair), D Andrews, P Hancock, H Hatcher, M Robinson & N Wardle

Clerk for the meeting:

T Watson

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

Apologies had been received from J Wardell (ROWLO / TC Auditor)

There were 7 members of the public present.

Open forum.

J Ralph addressed the meeting regarding the 'Stalbridge hoard' and the history societies grant application for funding the history trial printing and entry in the north Dorset museums leaflet.

A Dike addressed the meeting regarding Bazils Field as a public asset and light pollution form Henstridge industrial estate.

F Truscott-Payne addressed the meeting regarding litter in the lay-by on the A357 and whether the council should review the public bins use.

1. To receive apologies

B Penfold & N Penny

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (Please notify the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

K Garland Item 11a. pecuniary in relation to the payment to IK Services.

H Hatcher Item 11a. pecuniary in relation to the payment to Stalbridge Building Supplies.

M Robinson item 10c. non-pecuniary as a congregation member.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 13th December 2023 Accessible here.

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

4. Planning

a. Response to planning consultations from Dorset Council

None.

b. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

P/CLP/2023/02853 Certificate of lawfulness to use land for siting a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling. Bungays Farm Skylands To Lower Road - Lane Stalbridge DT10 2SW. Granted

P/HOU/2023/03902 , P/LBC/2023/03903 Convert outbuilding into self-contained annexe. Rose Cottage Gold Street Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2LX. Withdrawn

P/LBC/2023/06196 Re-pointing stonework to house with lime mortar and replacing uPVC rainwater goods with cast iron. Antioch Eastop Lane Stalbridge Weston DT10 2SF. Granted

P/HOU/2023/06354 Erect single storey detached garage and store building. The Cherries Grove Lane Close Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2RF. Granted

P/HOU/2023/06312 , P/LBC/2023/06313 2 new ancillary pavilions to the pool building terrace. Thornhill House Access Road To Home Farm And Thornhill House And Cottages Stalbridge DT10 2SH. P/LBC/2023/06313. Withdrawn

P/HOU/2023/06312 Granted P/HOU/2023/06388 Erect Two Storey Side Extension and Porch. 48 Grosvenor Road Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2PN. Granted

c. Report on responses to planning consultations.

P/LBC/2023/05965 1 Station Road Stalbridge Dorset DT10 2RG. Replace existing windows with timber windows as per drawings, single glazed, face puttied.

Support the application as a necessary & sympathetic upgrade.

d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

None.

e. Members planning matters of report.

P Hancock asked members to support a comment to Robert Lennis (Senior Planning Officer) in relation to the Station Rd north application / appeal 'That members of STC prefer the option of extending the current school site over the offer of land at Station Rd north they have been advised by the ward member that funding is not available to build a new school. He also advised that he had been in touch with the planning offer regarding application P/FUL/2023/06714.

5. Dorset Councillors report.

Paper report received in meeting papers.

6. Town Clerk report & correspondence.

Clerks report:

STC Web site stats based on the last 30 days – unique visits 278 -34% on the last 30 days. Page views 787 -30% on the last 30 days. Avg. Pages Per Unique Visit 2.2554 -11% on the last 30 days.

Stalbridge.info Web site stats based on the last 30 days ending 20.12.23 – 8,435 views.

ROWLO report – J Wardell:

The sign relating to the siting of the dog bins, which is at the 'cross-roads' of footpath 69

and the Trailway (GR ST 74295 17708) has been replaced.

Correspondence:

Stalbridge History Society – Re storage. Agreed to store projector screen for 1 month. Any further requests for storage to be passed to the portfolio holder for Estates H Hatcher.

The Gugg – Thank you for the funding for the Christmas fareshare tombola.

Dorset Museum - raising funds to purchase a significant Middle Bronze Age hoard found by metal detector in or around the Stalbridge area.

7. To approve an amended proposal proforma.

The clerk explained that the draft document was being presented with the aim of ensuring clarity of information and consideration of governance and accountability.

RESOLVED: To approve an amended proposal proforma.

8. To receive a grant application from the History Society to fund the printing of the Stalbridge History trail and entry in the North Dorset Museums leaflet.

The grant requested from the 2023-24 budget was for a total of £258 for the printing of 100 copies of the new re-designed history trail booklet and an entry in the North Dorset museums leaflet publicising the trail. It was understood that the trail booklet would be free and was currently on the history society web site.

RESOLVED: To make a grant from the 2023-24 budget to the Stalbridge History Society to fund the printing of the Stalbridge History trail and entry in the North Dorset Museums leaflet. Sum £258.

9. Future Town Vision Project: To receive members portfolio reports.

Commerce.

No report

Community Services.

K Garland : Application for a Youth Club grant from the Fix the Future Community Fund is awaiting a project that needs support.

Early Years education provision: Need to arrange a meeting with the local manager to get a clearer understanding of the situation.

In last advised she would be contacting the police about the mobile speed camera unit following a complaint from a member of the public, but instead the link was sent directly to the member of the public.

Will be attending a Councillor community safety briefing via teams 09.02.24. P Hancock to join as well .

In the process of setting up and introductory meeting with PC Ed Lewis.

Environment.

P Hancock : Report on attendance of Town/Parish Councils Funding webinar. Going forward the TC needs to consider projects that may require major funding.

Response received from S Savidge (DC Transport Development Liaison Manager) regarding the TC's concerns for public highways safety from the extensive amount of building work approved for development within the town. H Hatcher, N Penny & M Robinson to join teams meeting.

Estates.

H Hatcher : Container storage. Cost of electrics, lining and racking approx. £2,000. Cost of side door £2,000. Agreed to proceed with electrics, lining and racking.

Market Cross Caps. Quote received £2,646.00 + VAT. Proceed to order.

Town Promotion, Heritage & Culture.

No report

Human Resources

H Hatcher. Assistant Clerk Job advert in BMV this week.

10. Future Town Vision Project: To receive members portfolio proposals.

- a. For the Town Council to complete the application for an EV charging point in Station Road car park. (Proposer. K Garland. Community Services)

RESOLVED: For the Town Council to complete the application for an EV charging point in Station Road car park.

- b. For the Town Council to purchase some storage drawers and boxes for the Youth Club up to £65.00. (Proposer. K Garland. Community Services)

RESOLVED: For the Town Council to purchase some storage drawers and boxes for the Youth Club up to £65.00.

RESOLVED: In conjunction with Standing order 10a xi press and public were excluded from the meeting to ensure that the business of the meeting had no effect on the proceedings of the Consistory Court.

- c. For members of the Town Council to attend the Consistory Court at St Mary's Church, Stalbridge on 25.1.24 in their capacity/role of Town Councillors. (Proposer. K Garland. Community Services)

RESOLVED: For members of the Town Council to attend the Consistory Court at St Mary's Church in an observational capacity.

11. Finance.

- a. To receive a list of payments & receipts.

		expenditure	income
IK Services	Bin Hire		£32.50
Youth Club	Subs 06.11-27.11.23		£151.00
P Hancock BL Management	Hub hire 19.12.23		£19.00
Bankline	charges December	£23.60	
Four County Services Ltd	IT support January 24	£207.36	
Four Counties Services Ltd	Broadband & Voip January 24	£100.80	
British Gas lite	Hub electricity dates 05.12.23-07.01.24	£89.58	
British Gas	Hub gas Dates 02.12.23-01.01.24	£378.38	
Tesco	Mobile phone jan 24	£11.50	
Dorset Waste Partnership	Hub & Town waste Jan -March 24	£743.52	
SEE	Final bill electricity public WC's	£19.05	
IK Services	Street Cleaning - Dec 23	£2,700.00	
British Gas lite	Public WC electricity 01/11-23/12/23	£34.73	
Williams Florist	Compost for planter A357 north	£33.00	

Stalbridge Building supplies	Cable ties	£7.48	
LG Glazing	Deposit to repair pavilion door	£665.00	
Dorset Council	Hub Rates January	£786.00	
Dorset Council	car park rates January	£493.00	
North Dorset Electrical	Repair car park streetlamp	£57.60	
North Dorset Electrical	PAT test youth club electrical equipment	£91.20	
Stalbridge Hall	Youth Club Hall hire Nov 23-March 24	£540.00	
Youth Connect South West	Youth club Jan - March 24	£2,967.60	
Clerk	Salary January 24	£1,393.54	
HMRC	Tax / NI Jan 24	£284.93	
DC	Pension Jan 24	£458.98	
D Watson	Project work	£552.40	

RESOLVED: List of payment & receipts received

12. The next full meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 14th February 2024. An extraordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th January to resolve the 2024/25 budget and precept demand.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signed.....

Chairman