

**Draft Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held at The Stalbridge Hall
On Wednesday 23rd May 2018 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present: There was a turn-out of 51 people, including 8 Town Councillors.

District Councillors Graham Carr-Jones & W Batty-Smith were in attendance.

County Councillor Graham Carr-Jones

Apologies: P Brember, B Penfold (Town Councillor) E Williams & C Rhymes (Stalbridge Hall Committee) S Foreshaw (Scouts)

The Meeting was chaired by Cllr G Carr-Jones, Chairman of the Town Council who opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

1. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting on 24th May 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. From Parish Organisations to include:

i. Stalbridge Town Council Chairman

Report received from G Carr-Jones (see attached).

ii. Councillors (STC, DCC & NDDC)

Report received from Cllr Tony Bishop on the provision of GP services for Stalbridge and the Community Car Scheme. Cllr Jan Wardle reported on setting up the Walking for health Mile map for Stalbridge (see attached). Report from J Cowley on Highways (see attached). In the interests of time keeping G Carr-Jones advised that his reports as Dorset County Councillor and North Dorset District Councillor would be available on the Town Council Web site and as an addendum to the ATM minutes .

iii. Stalbright

Report received from B Rocheleau (see attached).

iv. Town Council Transport Representative

Report received from J Rabbetts (see attached).

v. Stalbridge Hall Committee

Report received from J Andrews (see attached).

vi. Playing Fields Committee

Report received from C Moore (see attached).

vii. Allotment Society

Report received from D Pauley (see attached).

viii. Rights of Way liaison Officer/ White Hart link

Report received from J Wardell (see attached).

ix. STARS

Report received N Brown (see attached).

x. Library Management Group / Friends of the library

Report received from B Russell (see attached).

xi. St Mary's PCC

Report received from D Bolland (see attached).

xii. Youth Club

Report received from K Garland (see attached).

xiii. Stalbridge Players
Report received from J Newell (see attached).

xiv. Community Information Office
Report received from T Bishop (see attached).

xv. SCARS
Not read at meeting (see attached).

xvi. Vale Writers
Not read at meeting (see attached).

xvii. Archive Society
Report received from A Moore (see attached).

xviii. History society
Report received from J Ralph (see attached).

xix. Morning Coffee Morning Group
Report received from D Andrews (see attached).

3. Opportunity for other bodies not listed on the agenda to make a report.

Reports from the Art Group and the Scout Group (Not read at meeting) see attached.

4. To consider the condition of Stalbridge in relation to the following: J Harman

Mrs Harman introduced her agenda items.

a. The disposal/re-use of red telephone boxes.

It was noted that STC have agreed to adopt box at The Pound and Church Hill.

Mr Skelton offered to re-furbish the telephone box on Barrow Hill

Request was made to brighten up The Ring with bulb planting.

The condition of the footpaths at Barrow Hill was of concern.

b. Condition of the bus shelter opposite the Ring.

It was noted that STC are waiting on a quotation for new front panel and then repainting.

c. Lack of road, gutter, and pavement cleaning.

There were varying opinions from those present with regard to the presence and amount of litter in the town and it was noted that STC have recently increased the town orderly working hours.

Hours have been increased for I K Services. There was a general feeling that residents taking pride in the town and picking up litter was a very positive thing.

d. Possibility of bringing the Ring back to its former glory.

K Garland gave an update on the TC's previous decision to remove the planted beds on the Ring which now meant that it was a well kept and safe area for community activities i.e lighting of the lime tree and Christmas reasons that the planted responded that one of the main problems with planting on The Ring was the lack of water. As a first phase, crocuses have been planted and the 1934 tiles have been maintained. A local volunteer to assist with helping would be of assistance. It was pointed out that The Ring was used for various activities, and needed to be kept clear for events (eg Lighting of the Tree at Christmas).

As far as little problems are concerned, there is guidance and information on Litter Free Dorset.

e. Organizing a regular litter pick around the town.

Tony Bishop responded citing Health & Safety issues, the need for risk assessments and insurance.

5. Open forum

An update was requested on the proposed developments but currently there is no news from NDDC.

The Chairman thanked all the groups and members of the public for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.