

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 18th January 2016

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, J.Emberton, W.Rumsey and T.Warner

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg, Mr.R.Musson

Open Forum

The Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson opened the meeting welcoming all attendees, and opened the open forum agenda item to the public for matters to be raised.

Mr.Musson noted that for information only he has been contacted in his role as an officer of the sports club by a company who in partnership with the FA is in the business of putting mobile telephone masts on playing fields in return for a financial consideration (namely £25000 for a twenty year lease on the site). The company however on being told that the land itself is owned by Cemex not the sports club and that any arrangements would have to be conducted with Cemex rather than the sports club or indeed the Parish Council, has concluded that there is nothing to be gained from continuing discussions with either the sports club or the Parish Council so the matter has been concluded.

This concluded the business of open forum.

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. Cllr.C.Millidge

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

Parish Cllrs; It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the apology be accepted - This motion was unanimously carried.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2015

These minutes being previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Banham that they be accepted as a true record - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st December 2015

Parking on the village green: The Chairman noted that there are reflective type indicators that will bend and spring back if knocked by a vehicle rather than break, and these could be put around the green or on verges. After discussion it was determined that the Chairman will contact suppliers to ascertain costs.

Manor Road green: It was noted that parking cars are churning up the green the Clerk is to contact Orbit Housing Association.

Grid squares: The Chairman noted that he has a number of grid squares left and will ask Highways for permission to lay these squares at the crossroads verge and to inform BT that their contractors must use the area that the squares cover if permission given.

Playing Field equipment: The Chairman noted that he has looked at the seesaw and cannot find any

basis for the complaint, but the swings will need to be oiled.

Speed Gun Training: Cllr.Rumsey noted that her husband Richard is willing to undertake the training.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/04468/FUL. Land at Nelsons Wharf, Rugby Road: Extension of existing dropped kerb and retention of access track (parts of work within Stratford on Avon District) – No Representation

15/04070/FUL, 22 Earles Close: demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with a single storey rear extension – No Representation

15/04473/OUT, Land between Daventry Road and Welsh Road East, Southam: outline planning application for 535 dwelling houses, shop, community hall/sports pavilion, 2 children's play areas and outdoor sports facilities – Comment with concerns about the impact of this development on doctors surgeries, schools, libraries, policing etc and the potential disruption to those currently dwelling in Southam and the associated areas.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices shown in the January 2016 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Precept for the financial Year 2016 – 2017

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Rumsey that the precept for the 2016-2017 year be held at the same total level as last year i.e. £20903 minus the Council Tax Support Grant of £800, therefore demand from Stratford on Avon District Council will be £20103 – This motion was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence and Reports

All relevant correspondence was put into circulation.

Finance & Strategy Group

LSI Utility Brokers: After discussion it was agreed to send a monthly utility bill to this company to determine whether it could be reduced, and the same with the maintenance contract.

Amenity Group

Amenity Group members: It was agreed that Cllr.Warner will join the amenity group.

Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no items for consideration.

Ongoing References

Village Mowing: Chairman and Clerk to send mowing documents to a list of contractors for quotes
Website: Cllr.Emberton noted that he requires a photograph and biography from Cllrs Rumsey and Warner for inclusion of the website. Cllr.Emberton noted that due to holidays he will miss the next two meetings of the parish Council. Therefore someone else will have to update the website in his absence. The Chairman will talk to Cllr. Neal, and if Cllr.Neal cannot do it the Chairman will undertake to keep the website up to date.

Playing Field; the Chairman noted that M Childs has cleared the remains of the tree from the path, and Mr. Childs will ask C.Williamson if the tree is his. If this is not the case the Parish Council will talk to

G.Callard of the District Council about further action regarding the remains of the tree.

Memorial Field: The Chairman has been in touch with three quarries regarding the memorial stone and all initial quotes are fairly similar: between £600 and £800 for the stone itself plus engraving, transportation and erecting. One company from Long Marston (Stockscape) quoted a total of £3900 for the total. After discussion it was agreed that the Chair should follow up discussions with Stockscape.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: It was agreed that the finances were in line with the budget figures, and the Clerk is to Contact Mr. Brown regarding having his invoice for the cemetery extension beam system in this financial year.

WCC Clean for the Queen

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will arrange a village litter pick on 5th March for about 1 hour. The Clerk is to arrange for the receipt of grabbers, and 100 plastic sacks, and also to enquire from the County Council who will take away the rubbish sacks.

Training and Meetings

The clerk gave an overview of the training undertaken on 18th January regarding contracts, risk assessments, audit regulations and legal matters. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend further training by WALC and SLCC as necessary.

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Verge opposite the Nelson Club: Cllr.Banham noted that a vehicle has churned up this verge on a second occasion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.