

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 16th November 2015

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. P.Banham, C.Millidge, and T.Warner

District Councillor: Cllr.D.Riches

County Councillor:

Public: Mrs.W.Rumsey

Chairman of Stockton Parish Council

In the absence of Cllr.H.Collerson, Cllr.P.Banham took the chair for the meeting, and welcomed all in attendance.

District Council Issues

The Chairman then brought agenda item 17 forward to accommodate Cllr.Riches.

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA): Cllr.Riches noted that Stratford on Avon District Council has formally voted not to join WMCA and the status quo in regard of the District Council will continue.

Core Strategy: Cllr.Riches noted that the inspector will conduct an examination in public in mid January 2016 but also noted that it is a complicated arrangement for Local Service Villages 2 (LSV2).

District Councillor Portfolios: Cllr.Riches noted that he is now holding the portfolio for revenue, enterprise and tourism for the DC, and asks for any ideas that the Parish Council may have in regard to this portfolio to be sent to him. Cllr.Riches also noted that in Stratford there is a Venture House project that utilises a "hot desking" scenario for new businesses in order to keep their initial costs down. The Chairman noted that the community forum could be used to look at this idea and its potential effect upon local employment.

U Bus scheme: Cllr.Riches spoke of this bus service which is subsidised and allows transport to Stratford for around £2.10, and indicated that he will send details to the Clerk for forwarding to the magazine. Cllr.Riches also noted that there will be free parking in Stratford Upon Avon every Thursday until Christmas.

This concluded the DC Issues.

The Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to allow the Open Forum to take place.

Open Forum

Parish Council vacancy: Mrs Rumsey indicated an interest in the position and after discussion she stated that she will write a formal letter asking to be considered for them position of Parish Councillor

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.H.Collerson, J.Emberton and J.Neal

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

Parish Cllrs; It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that these apologies for absence be accepted - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2015

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th October 2015

Pavement at the Barley Mow: No answer as yet

Napton Road: No answer as yet

Road cleaning: Although some road cleaning has taken place it will need to be cleaned again in Dec/Jan to clear the leaves and gravel.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/03825/LBC, Shop Lock 12: Alteration to existing safety ladder recess and new ladder, new cill fender and brackets, and other maintenance works. – No representation.

15/03826/LBC, Stockton Locks: Replacement of timber fender slotted into new steel retainers bolted into existing concrete recess. – No representation.

15/03752/FUL, The Bungalow Rugby Road: Replacement of hip roof with gable roof and associated works to convert the roof area for living space. – No representation.

15/03700/AGNOT, Napton Fields farm, Daventry Road: proposed steel portal framed building – No representation.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Nothing to report

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices shown in the November 2015 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence and Reports

All relevant correspondence was put into circulation.

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no issues for consideration

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

Street lighting: The Clerk will contact the developer with a view to having a new light placed on the Barley Mow wall.

Playing Field: It was determined that Wicksteed should make the wet pour repair but that this can be left until the Spring 2016.

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.

Street lights: All street lighting appears to be in order.

Grit bins: all Cllrs will check grit bins

Training and Meetings

There were no events for comment.

District Council issues

This was considered at the commencement of the meeting

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Manhole outside the village hall: This manhole has now sunk and a bicyclist has come off his bike, the Clerk will contact the Highways department.

Drain cover outside the school entrance in Church Street: This has also sunk the Clerk will inform the Highways Authority.

Parking on village Green: It was noted that there is parking on both sides of the road in Church Street on the village green and on the verge, the Clerk will write to the Church and the School pointing out that these areas are not for parking, and ask them to inform all who visit of this. The Clerk will also look for No Parking signs

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.