

## **Minutes of PC Meeting 18th July 2016**

**Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 18th July 2016**

**Those present: -**

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

*District Councillor:*

*County Councillor:*

*Public:*

**Open Forum**

Jonathan Horsfield from Warwickshire County Council made a presentation to the Council on their project to secure maximum financial returns from all County assets including land holdings. Some sites, such as the former waste disposal site on the A426, could be suitable for a small solar panel array that would generate electricity to be fed into the National Grid. This site between the wooded area at the crossroads and the civic amenity site is of poor agricultural quality. National Grid are prepared to buy about 500Kw of power that would require an area of about 4 acres and the south facing rows of panels would be about 2.5 - 3 metres high. Access during construction and for annual maintenance would be off Stockton Road and installation would take about 3 weeks. Any planning permission granted would probably cover a period of 25 years and it might be possible to extend this depending on the financial deal and the quality of the panels at the time. All plant would be removed at the end of the scheme. Councillors expressed their general support for the project but were concerned about visibility from the A426 and whether it might distract motorists. Jonathan agreed to look into this. The next stages are to do more technical appraisal, put the project into the capital programme, get County Council approval, hold formal pre-application consultations then submit the planning application.

Two residents complained about the lack of maintenance of the new open land. The Chairman agreed to get the mowing contractor to clean up the area and keep the grass mowed. They also complained about the fence that had been erected over the access to the scout field. The Chairman said that this was on private land and that it was up to the landowner to get it removed. It would have to be removed if planning permission for the scout field was granted.

There were no further issues brought forward under Open Forum.

**Apologies for Absence**

*Parish Cllrs.*

*District Cllr.:*

*County Cllr.:*

*The Clerk sent his apologies for absence.*

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

As there were no Cllrs. absent therefore no acceptance of apologies was necessary

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th June 2016**

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

## **Matters arising from the minutes of the 20th June 2016**

In view of the problems that the mowing contractor is having with debris left on the playing field it was agreed to allow him more time to remove the debris before mowing. It was agreed that notices would be erected discourage young people using the shelter from leaving their litter behind and emphasising that alcohol and drugs were not allowed. The Chairman agreed to ask the police to do more patrolling of the area. Once the new lease is agreed then a master plan is needed for the site that could include laying the hedge to reduce the cover for the shelter.

The Chairman will ask the Clerk to resubmit the names of the speed camera volunteers to the police.

## **Planning Matters: -**

### *a. New Planning Applications*

16/00833/FUL, Kings House, Rugby Road: change of use and conversion of stable block into a 3 bedroom dwelling with fenestration alterations, demolition and rebuilding of the end garage and demolition and rebuilding of the stables to create a new double garage and storage. - Object on the grounds of the extra traffic that would be generated accessing the property from The Hill.

16/01880/TEL56, Green Farm, Napton Road: Installation of a 15M high mast, 2 no. dishes, 3 no. cabinets in a compound at ground level, together with ancillary equipment. No representation.

16/01951/FUL, Playing Fields, St Michael's Crescent: Use of existing recreation land for the location of scouting facilities including the erection of new a new scout hut, resiting of existing storage facilities, associated car parking area and other associated works. - Support.

16/01846/FUL, erection of 5 new dwellings and alterations to existing bungalow including access, parking and garaging arrangements for all properties: Object on the ground of problems of access into the original bungalow from Mount Pleasant given the restricted width at this point and that this provides the only parking for residents of 7-13 Mount Pleasant. We would also ask that it is made a condition of any approval that the Mount Pleasant footway that runs alongside the development be widened and levelled to modern highway specifications once the existing hedgerow is removed.

16/02083/FUL, 8 Tuckwell Close, replacement of existing dormer window. - No representation.

16/02093 (I haven't got the details of the application). - Object on the grounds that the developer should demonstrate that there is no need for commercial property of this kind and also that the proposed development would not be sustainable given its distance from any amenities.

Core Strategy - Stratford District Council have adopted the Core Strategy.

### *b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council*

## **Financial Matters**

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

## **Correspondence and Reports**

*Warwickshire County Council:* Public Consultation on revised Statement of Community Involvement.

## **Finance & Strategy Group**

There were no items for consideration

## **Amenity Group**

A brochure from Glasdon for village gateways was received and it was agreed that if WCC Highways take no action over traffic calming on Napton Road, then the parish council should investigate installing one of these.

### **Correspondence not passed to Action Group**

*Petanque Club:* It was proposed by Cllr Collerson and seconded by Cllr Millidge that the Council should make a start-up grant of £200 and offer to make an interest free loan to the club subject to guarantees if they have a funding shortfall. This was unanimously agreed.

*Stockton PCC:* It was proposed by Cllr Collerson and seconded by Cllr Banham that the annual payment of £300 towards the mowing of the church grounds should be made. This was unanimously agreed.

*Parking at Funerals, etc:* It was agreed that the Chairman will order a dozen No Parking cones.

### **Ongoing References**

*Proposed Housing Developments:* King's House - Stratford have indicated that the developer will have to pay over £13,000 towards open space facilities. It was agreed that we should put forward a "zip-wire" as a new project and Cllr Millidge will contact Wicksteed for a quote. The Clerk is ascertaining the timescale for any reply.

*Playing Field Lease:* it was agreed that we should offer to pay 500 years worth of the annual rental in one go with the remainder on demand.

*Taylor Wimpey Street Naming:* the three names to be put forward are:- Arnolds Corner and Weaver's Way for the south site, Nelson's Way for the north site.

*Memorial Green:* Two quotes have been received and it was proposed by Cllr Collerson and seconded by Cllr Banham that the contract should be awarded to Mr R Mingins. This was unanimously agreed.

### **Additions and Removals to Ongoing References**

There were no additions or removals from ongoing references

### **Parish Council Calendar Actions**

*Monthly budget monitoring:* This was circulated previously and found to be in line with the budget.

*Asset Register:* this will be discussed at the next meeting with the register circulated with the agenda.

### **Training and Meetings**

There was no training or meetings attended.

### **District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

### **County Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration.

### **Other Issues**

*Overhanging trees on The Pound:* The Clerk will ask Mr T Rogers to undertake the lopping of the trees.

*Litter left by The Fair:* It seems that boxes and packaging were left and the Clerk will ask Mr Mugeridge to make sure this doesn't happen again.

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