

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 21st December 2015

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mrs.W.Rumsey, Mr.B.Legg, Mr.R.Flegg

Open Forum

The Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson opened the meeting welcoming all attendees, and apologised for missing the last couple of meetings, and also pointed out that Mr.T.Sharples may attend the meeting to give the latest update on the scout field.

Mr.B.Legg wished the Parish Council a merry Christmas and a happy new year and hoped that the Council will continue for a long time to come.

Mr.Sharples joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the latest developments on the scout field scenario and the potential extension to the playing field lease. Mr.Sharples noted that the local village strategy for Stockton as laid down in the core strategy (unadopted as yet) Stockton would appear to have met its planning obligations, and that anything new must be in accordance with housing need and will need the support of the Council. As part of the potential development an extremely long extension to the playing field lease is envisaged. After discussion it was unanimously determined that the Parish Council will write in support of this application.

This concluded the business of open forum.

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. There were no apologies no absence

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

Parish Cllrs; there were no apologies for absence therefore no acceptance of apologies was required.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 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 16th November 2015

Parking on the village green: The Clerk is to inform Mr.D.Fidgett that parking on the village green is not permitted.

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

No Parking signs; The Clerk is to find manufacturers of these signs, and a note regarding the practice of parking on the green is to be made.

Grid squares: The Chairman noted that he has 18 – 19 grid squares left and asks that the Council consider putting them at the crossroads where the BT Connect vans park, this was agreed, and the Clerk

is to ask Highways for permission to lay these squares and to inform BT that their contractors must use the area that the squares cover.

Casual vacancy

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that Mrs.Rumsey be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for Stockton - This motion was unanimously agreed

Mrs.Rumsey then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Proper Officer Stockton Parish Council

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/04007/FUL, Brumel, Napton Road: The erection of a new dwelling, enlarged access and associated works (re-submission of withdrawn application 15/02301/FUL – The Parish Council supported this application

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

15/03825/LBC, Shop Lock 12 – Permission granted

15/03752/FUL, The Bungalow Rugby Road – Permission granted

15/03826/LBC, Stockton Locks – Permission granted

Financial Matters

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

The draft budget for the financial year 2016 – 2017 was previously circulated for consideration and after discussion it was determined to keep the budget the same as last year, and to that end it will be put as a formal agenda item on the January 2016 agenda

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

Community Forum: The Chairman attended the last meeting and stated it was mainly the police priority items.

a. Parking outside schools

b. Speed and parking in Welsh Road West

c. Rural crimes (with 30 extra patrols)

With one person arrested for driving under the influence of drugs

Village Mowing: A list of contractors for next meeting prior to quotes

Street lighting: Clerk to check with E.ON regarding the light on the Barley Mow.

Housing developments: The analysis of the questionnaire re the potential Taylor Wimpey development showed a need for

- Exercise equipment for the older residents
- Village hall improvements
- Playing Field children's area
- Traffic calming
- Scouts
- Potential problems with sewers

The clerk will write a letter to the Highways department regarding safety issues on Napton Road and the Grange farm development (with two play areas north and south of Napton Road, and the lack of a footpath on the South side of the road).

The Hill: It was determined to make an offer to buy this land for the village.

Playing Field: there has been a complaint about the state of the seesaw and the swings, the Chair will make an inspection of these items.

Parish Office: the Village Hall committee is getting quotes for alterations / conversions to increase storage space

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.

Donations: It was agreed to keep donations at the current levels.

Hedge Laying

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Alex Pickles be awarded the contract for hedge laying.

Training and Meetings

This will be carried over to a future meeting

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Jesus fellowship: Cllr.Neal indicated that it would be nice to remember the 35 years that the fellowship was in Stockton.

Notice boards: Cllr.Rumsey asked who is responsible for the notice boards on the village hall and the Post Office, these are under the control of the Post Office owners and the village hall committee

Speed gun awareness: Cllr.Millidge noted that Mrs Mudd indicated that 5 people have signed up for speed gun awareness training (6 are required) and asked that this be recorded in the minutes.

Street cleaning: The Clerk will ask street scene to clear the leaves from the roads and pavements

Cemetery extension: the Chairman asked how temporary fencing could be placed in the extension, the Clerk will obtain details>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.