

Minute Number 11 (20 - 21)

Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held via Zoom at 7.15pm on 15th February 2021.

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs.: H.Collerson, C.Millidge, J.Emberton, D.Crate,
T. Warner, W.Rumsey, H.Kittendorf

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public:

Item 1. Open Forum

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

There were no raised issues under open forum and the Chairman closed the session.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs:

District Cllr: Cllr.Adam sent his apologies as an urgent family matter has cropped up

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All Parish Council members were in attendance.

The apology for absence from District Cllr.Adam was noted

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr.Millidge noted an interest in planning application 21/99229

Cllr.Collerson noted an interest in cheque number 001473

Both Cllrs. will remove themselves from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and will not exercise their vote.

The Chairman brought items 14 & 15 on the agenda forward to accommodate the District and County Cllrs.

Item 15. County Council Issues.

The Chairman invited County Cllr.Crump to address the meeting.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Covid-19 rates are coming down drastically in Warwickshire

Cllr.Crump noted that some County Councils have severe financial problems, but Warwickshire has managed its finances in a more prudent way.

Cllr.Crump noted that complaints are being received that whilst a lot of people are walking and jogging on country roads during the lockdown most are on the wrong side of the road, and don't wear hi visibility clothing during inclement weather thus making accidents a real possibility..

Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council element of the council tax will be increasing by 2.99% (with elderly and child social care being the main reason. Cllr.Crump noted that it costs £100K per annum to look after a child or young adult in social care.

Cllr.Crump noted that before the pandemic struck Warwickshire was the fastest growing area in the country.

Cllr. Crump noted that the elections in May will be going ahead as usual (the County and District Councils have got funding for PPE).

There were no further issues from Cllr.Crump and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance at the virtual meeting.

Item 15. District Council Issues.

Given that Cllr.Adam suddenly had to make his apologies, the Chairman invited County Cllr.Crump to give Cllr. Adam's address to the meeting.

Cllr.Crump noted that the proposal of the creation of a super district for a single Warwickshire Unitary Authority is now with the Secretary of State. Regarding the planning application at Cornwood Farm and its potential traffic problems through Stockton these have been noted by the District Cllr. and he will scrutinise the application.

The Chairman noted that there were potential car parking charges in Southam mooted, but Cllr.Crump noted that they had not been approved by the District Council.

The Chairman raised the matter of the Aldi planning application in Southam, and Cllr.Crump noted that this is still ongoing and currently there are not foot or cycle routes to the store. There is a need for a safe crossing in the town.

There were no further issues from Cllr.Adam,s report, and the Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for giving the report on behalf of Cllr Adam to this virtual meeting.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th of January 2021.

These minutes having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr. Crate that they be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 18th of January 2021.

Housing needs survey: The Chairman noted that the questionnaire has been forwarded to all Cllrs prior to being sent to Ms.S. Brooke-Taylor.

Item 7. Planning Matters:**a. New Planning applications**

21/99229/TPO, Redwood Place, 2 Rectory Close: T1-Yew - remove horizontal branch.

20/03709/FUL, 4 Rectory Close: Two storey side extension. Single storey rear extension.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council, County Council, or Planning Inspectorate**Item 8. Financial Matters**

It was proposed By Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that all invoices listed on the 15th February agenda appendix 1 and shown below be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

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| H.J.Collerson | £36.342 | Cheque Number 001474 |
| SSE | £161.73 | Cheque Number 001475 |

Item 9. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion.

Item 10. Ongoing References

Stockton Crossroads: It was agreed that the letter from the County Council regarding the Parish Council statements about the crossroads should be placed in the parish magazine.

Item 11. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References

There were no removals or additions to ongoing references.

Item 12. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously sent to all Cllrs. before the meeting and approved.

Village pavements: Cllrs will look at the state of the pavements and report either to the Chairman or the Clerk for forwarding on to the highway's

authority

Item 13 Training and meetings

The Chairman gave a report on the zoom Census meeting attended.

Item 14. District Council Issues.

This item was dealt with and recorded after the Open Forum.

Item 15. District Council Issues.

This item was dealt with and recorded after the Open Forum.

Other Issues for information only

Cemetery rules: Cllr.Millidge noted that the cemetery rules are being rewritten by the Amenity Group and will be passed to the Parish Council for ratification when complete.

Wigley Group: Cllr.Emberton noted that the Wigley Group has established a community fund of £5K for community groups to bid for.

W.I.: Cllr. Emberton noted that the WI is litter picking with 2 members going around the village twice weekly and are to be commended.

PSPO: Cllr.Emberton further noted that there must be hard evidence of anti-social behaviour, harassment or causing serious distress for the PC to apply for a Public Spaces Protection Order

Mount Pleasant: Cllr.Warner noted that the footpath down from Mount Pleasant is getting overgrown and asked who is responsible for or owns the hedge.

Phone box: The Chairman noted that in Birdingbury the phone box has been turned into a children's art gallery, and further noted that if the defibrillator group comes to nothing this could be an idea for further use of the phone box.

Dog fouling: The Chairman noted an email from a new resident re dog fouling, asking whether more lighting and signage would help and a dispenser for dog bags. There is no change envisaged to the village lighting, and little evidence that more signage will work. A dog bag dispenser could be a possibility but it is unclear as yet who would take charge of filling any dispenser (the Parish Council could buy them).

Vaccinations: The Chairman noted that the SWCCG has done very well in organising the vaccination rollout and the parish Council should write and tell them so.

Annual Parish meeting: The Chair asked whether this year's APM will be held virtually, the Clerk will contact WALC to determine what advice is given.

Stockton Hall Court: the owners have written to the Parish Council regarding development in an adjacent field, the Clerk will contact the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

Tree planting in the old cemetery: The Chairman noted that there might be a possibility to plant some trees in the old part of Stockton cemetery. The Clerk will contact ICCM to determine whether such a course of action is allowed under cemetery law.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

