

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 18th June 2018

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 3 members of the public

Item 1. Open Forum

Villager of the Year: The Chairman noted that it gives him pleasure that the award this year is given to Mr.and Mrs.Flegg for all their work throughout the village. He gave the Parish Council's best wishes to Mrs.Flegg for her husband Ron and hopes that he will get well soon.

Scout and Playing Field: Mr.M.Sharples gave an overview of the position of the scout field indicating that they were awaiting a response from Stratford District Council on the self-build project, but indicated that there is to date no timescale for this response. In regard to the position of the playing field, Mr.Sharples indicated that the views of the family had not changed, and that the field will continue to be a children's playing field in the future. In response to a question from the Chairman Mr.Sharples indicated that the family will approve a lease in order for the Parish Council to maintain and improve the facility, the Clerk was instructed to contact BTT& J to commence the procedure. In response to a question from Cllr.Millidge, Mr.Sharples indicated that future equipment could be allowed that is not directly associated with children.

Pavements: Mr.B.Legg commenced by apologising for his non-attendance at the last few meetings, but noted that the pavement outside the school is in a dreadful state such that a wheelchair cannot easily be pushed along, after discussion the Clerk will bring this to the attention of P.Byrne at the County Council. In addition, Mr.Legg noted that there was a need for dropped kerbs opposite Manor Road, opposite the barley Mow, neither is there a dropped kerb in Earles Close, thus making access around the village difficult for wheelchair users, the Clerk will also raise these with P.Byrne.

Overgrown hedge: Mrs.Flegg raised the issue of the overgrown hedge at the entrance to Grange Farm Drive, it is unclear who actually owns the hedge, and the Chairman indicated that he will take the matter up with the County Council.

Drainage: Mr.Sharples indicated that there appears to be no surface water drainage opposite Station Road, with water lying on the road. This is a driving hazard that needs to be addressed. The Chairman will bring this issue to his meeting with the highways department.

There being no further issues, the open forum was closed.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs.

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All members were in attendance

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the annual meeting held on the 21st May 2018

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st May 2018

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Item 7. Planning Matters:

18/00329/FUL, Garage block top of Elm Row: Amended/additional details to original planning application - **No representation (with concerns raised)**

18/01367/FUL, 10 High Street: single and two storey side extension to existing house, demolish existing brick garage to rebuild in revised location - **No representation**

a. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

18/99695/FUL, Grange Farm, Napton Road: Development of one 4 bed dwelling house – **Permission refused**

18/01104, Laurel House, Becks Lane Change of roof from flat to pitched to first floor of the principal elevation, new porch and new windows to principal elevation – **Permission granted**

18/00327/FUL 40 George Street: Demolition of existing two storey flats and erection of 4 semi-detached dwellings– **Permission granted**

18/01239/FUL Hillsdown 19 Mount Pleasant: Garage extension and roof alterations– **Permission granted**

Item 8. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices shown in the June 2018 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 9. Internal Audit Report

The Parish Council studied the report line by line, and where necessary indicated that that it will conform to the recommendations as required.

Item 10. Correspondence and Reports

There was no correspondence for consideration

Item 11. Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for discussion

Item 12. Amenity Group

There were no items for discussion

Item 13. Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no items for discussion

Item 14. Ongoing References

Community Forum: The Chairman attended the meeting and noted that after some confusion the police priorities appear to be anti-social behaviour. Where highway faults are involved, the County Council indicated that they were marked either as urgent or non-urgent. Where an urgent fault is

listed, the contractor must complete repairs within 28 days, where a non-urgent fault is declared, the contractor can fit the work in as and when it can.

Item 19. County Council Issues

The Chairman brought agenda item 19 forward to facilitate County Cllr Crump
Cllr. Crump noted that for the next three months he will be the acting portfolio holder for Communities.
The County Council has underspent last year by about £8M

There being no further issues the Chairman thanked Cllr. Crump for his attendance and report and Cllr. Crump left the meeting.

Item 14. Ongoing References (continued)

A426 Stockton Crossroads: Cllr. Millidge noted that when coming across the junction from Long Itchington, although the verge has been mowed it hasn't been mowed far enough in the Dunchurch direction, and that fast-moving vehicles still cannot be seen early enough. The Clerk is to contact P. Byrne.

Playing Field: It was noted that wheelchairs cannot access the play area, the Clerk is to get M. Childs to put some slabs down to allow access.

Item 15. Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions or deletions from ongoing references.

Item 16. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: This is ongoing currently

Standing Orders: These have been formally reviewed and unanimously readopted

Financial Regulations: These have been formally reviewed and unanimously readopted

Item 17. Training and Meetings

There were no training issues

Item 18. District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

Item 19. County Council issues

As previously minuted (Item 14)

Other Issues for information only

Car parking in front of Barley Mow: It was noted that some cars are protruding into the road from the front, and as this is an obstruction of the highway, it then becomes a police matter.

Energy Saving; Cllr Warner noted that it would be a good idea for an energy saving company to address the issues of energy saving with the village. After discussion it was agreed that the best vehicle for this discussion would be at the Wednesday afternoon tea gathering in the village hall. Cllr. Warner will take the idea to the organisers of the gathering.

Hedge opposite Barley Mow. This hedge is owned by N. Clough who is responsible for cutting it back.

WI Bench: It was noted that the best place for this bench would be the green outside the school side entrance.

Wigley Group: It was noted that the Wigley Group are willing to give a tour of Kings House (for around 12 people) on 30th July 2018 and this will be added to the magazine and website

Gas sub station: It was noted that this sub station between the Nelson Club car park and the entrance to the sports club is now very untidy, the Chairman will determine ownership to have it tidied.

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