

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 17th September 2018

Those present:

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 3 members of the public

Item 1. Election of Chairman

In the absence of Cllr.H.Collerson it was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and Seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that Cllr.Millidge be elected Chairman for the meeting - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Item 2. Open Forum

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

Item 3. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. Cllr.H.Collerson

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 4. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that this apology be accepted - This motion was unanimously agreed.

At this point the Chairman brought forward agenda item 18 County Council issues to accommodate County Cllr Crump who has another meeting to attend

Item 18 County Council Issues

County Cllr.grants: Cllr.Crump noted that grant applications have been received from three Stockton organisations and grants were approved to Stockton Village Hall, Stockton FC-CC, Stockton knit and natter.

Cllr Crump noted that the County Council budget is under pressure although there was approximately £8M underspend last year. Amongst other current issues at the County Council are the pricing of transport to colleges, and the cutting down on illegal tobacco sales.

Dropped kerbs: Cllr.Crump noted that should the Parish Council see dropped kerbs as a major issue then it will need to come up with a bid for funding them.

There being no further County Council issues Cllr.Crump left the meeting.

Item 5. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 6. Minutes of the annual meeting held on the 20th August 2018

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

Item 7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 20th August 2018

There were no matters arising

Item 8. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications - none

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

18/02480/LBP, Stockton Locks: Associated works – proposed works lawful Action

Item 9. Financial Matters

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

Item 10. Correspondence and Reports

Smith of Derby: the quotation for the work on the clock bell was read and discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will fund the repairs to the bell.

Item 11. Finance & Strategy Group

Gas Beacon: After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will purchase a gas beacon to be lit on the sports field to commemorate the sacrifice of the world wars memorial.

Item 12. Amenity Group

Playing Field consultation; Cllr. Millidge noted that the meeting last Saturday was well attended and a good response was received those present (with eight responses received online). Cllr. Warner noted that this might be the time to try and resurrect the playing field committee. In response Cllr. Rumsey indicated that it might be better to wait until the hedges have been trimmed before a further meeting is called. Cllr. Warner pointed out that the pictures from the meeting (by Wicksteed) indicating what may be possible could be sent to the school to fully involve all children. A statement will be put in Stockton Online by Cllr. Emberton.

Item 13. Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no items for discussion

Item 14. Ongoing References

Community Forum: The next meeting will on 26th September in Stockton Village Hall, all residents are invited to attend, especially if there is a policing issue.

Playing Field: Letters were read regarding the entrance at St. Michael's Crescent/Glebe Close, and with the exception of Mr. Legg there were no other attendees who signed letters. After a short discussion it was decided that the Chairman and Clerk should meet with M&T Sharples to discuss the matter.

Memorial Field: The Clerk noted that there were grants available for various items re memorials and will pass the email on to Cllr. Millidge.

Cemetery Extension: The Clerk is to contact Darren Cooper with a view to getting the extension topped.

Item 15. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References.

There was no addition or removals of items.

Item 16. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously sent to Cllrs with no outstanding issues and approve Review insurance cover: This was determined to be adequate to the Parish Council needs

Review cemetery fees: These were determined to be adequate but will be reviewed to see whether there should be other costs that are not met.

Publicity for the Villager of the Year: This was put back until the October meeting

Safety Audit of cemetery and playing field: This will be carried out in October.

Item 16. Training and Meetings Planning Training:

Cllr.Kittendorf gave a short presentation of the planning training that she and the Clerk attended last Saturday, pointing out that it was a good session that highlighted relevant issues.

Item 17. District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

Item 18. County Council issues Issues by County Cllr.Crump were brought forward after agenda item 4.

Other Issues for information only

Stockton Crossroads: the grass and hedge are now getting overgrown; the Clerk will contact the highways department to have them cut back before they pose a sight hazard.

Barley Mow: the bins are constantly being left on the pavement, and the light on the wall is not working. Cllr.Kittendorf will have a look and get back to the Clerk.

There are 4 tyres on the ditch at Station Road/Napton Road, the Clerk is to contact street scene at the DC.

Cones in the square are now a traffic hazard at night, the Clerk is to ask the highways or street scene to have them removed.

Cars speeding through the village, this is a topic that should be raised with the police at the forum meeting on Wednesday 26th.

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