

## **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 15 members of the public

### **Item 1. Open Forum**

*Stockton FC-CC.:* A representative of the sports club noted that national organisations were being encouraged to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1 by having events such as bonfires, beacons etc. and the sports club would like to support this by for example having a gas fed beacon alight on the sports ground and hoped that other village organisations would join to make this a community event. It was noted that Rugby male voice choir would like to be involved dependent upon being free at that time. It was also noted that there may be a possibility that memorial benches with the outlines of soldiers and red poppies could be purchased in commemoration. The sports club also hoped that the church would be involved and a representative of the scouts present at the meeting indicated that they would like to be involved. The Parish Council indicated that it would strongly support such an event.

*Stockton FC-CC:* Another representative of the sports club indicated that there is a need to extend the car parking facilities at the club in order to accommodate the increase in membership given that there are now five netball sides for example, and that facilities were needed to provide changing rooms for the netball squads. It was also noted that the existing garaging facilities for the maintenance equipment were past their sell by date and needed to be replaced. The sports club extended an invitation for a site visit to show how these potential changes could be met, noting that some fencing between the new development and the sports club has not been fully replaced. It was agreed that the sports club will provide a detailed list of alterations that they wish to make for the Parish Council, who will then contact the agents for Cemex to ask for approval prior to the start of any changes.

*Stockton Scouts:* A representative of the scouts then gave an update on the progress to make the scout field and its contents a safer environment namely by putting signage on the field indicating that it is private land and not public, and that they intend to erect a gate between the scout field and the playing field. A villager then asked how access could be denied when if a facility existed whereby people had accessed the land without let or hindrance for over 20 years, in reply the scout representative stated that the law only indicates "may" not "will", but their lease with the landlord indicates that the land was intended to be private.

At this point the Chairman temporarily closed the open forum to accommodate County Cllr Crump who has another meeting to attend

### **Item 18 County Council Issues**

*Smoke alarms:* Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council is hoping to get all senior citizens to fit smoke alarms to their properties.

*Energy:* Cllr.Crump noted that the CC is running a collective energy switching scheme that is available online.

Cllr.Crump noted that the electric blanket testing scheme is now available

Cllr.Crump noted that the fire training centre in Southam is now on hold.

Cllr.Crump noted that there is a community payback scheme for assistance with projects in communities.

*Capital Budget:* Cllr.Crump noted that each Cllr.has a capital budget for ward projects, so if there are some in Stockton that meet the criteria bring the scheme forward to him.

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

The Chairman then reopened the forum

### **Item 1. Open Forum**

*Manor Road:* A resident noted that one of the posts on the green in Manor Road has rotted, M.Childs will look at it and replace as necessary.

*Playing Field:* The Chairman noted that a range of potential further play equipment for the field has been put out on a table at the side of the hall and given that there may be some significant investment by the Parish Council, there will be a consultation event in the village hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

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

### **Item 2. Apologies for Absence**

Parish Cllrs. Cllr.C.Millidge  
District Cllr:  
County Cllr:

### **Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

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

### **Item 4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr.Collerson declared an interest in cheque number 001290 of agenda item 8a and will refrain from voting on that matter.

### **Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

### **Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

*Hedge at rear of 14 Jubilee Fields:* The Chairman looked at this and is awaiting confirmation of future plans from the houseowner.

### **Item 7. Planning Matters:**

#### **a. New Planning applications**

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

18/01367/FUL, 10 High Street: Single and two storey side extension to existing house, demolish existing brick garage and rebuild in revised location (resubmission of application 18/00731/FUL) – **Permission granted**

### **Item 8. Financial Matters**

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

### **Item 9. Correspondence and Reports**

*Regional Training seminar:* The Clerk and the Chairman if available will attend.

### **Item 10. Finance & Strategy Group**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 11. Amenity Group**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 12. Correspondence not passed to Action Groups**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 13. Ongoing References**

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

*Playing Field:* Consultation with the community meeting to be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Stockton village hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

*Memorial Field:* It was decided that the memorial bench would be better placed on the village green, and it was decided that should the WI be interested in a joint funding arrangement that would be fine.

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

**Item 14. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References.**

There was no addition or removals of items.

**Item 15. Parish Council Calendar Actions**

Monthly budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously sent to Cllrs with no outstanding issues and approved

**Item 16. Training and Meetings**

There were no training issues

**Item 17. District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

**Item 18. County Council issues**

Issues by County Cllr.Crump detailed in the break between open forum items.

**Other Issues for information only**

*Stockton Church:* Chairman noted that the church is holding a follow up welcome to new arrivals in Stockton in the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

*St. Michael's Crescent:* A complaint has been received from a resident regarding overhanging trees in the crescent, quotes for remedial work to be obtained from Tom Rogers.

*Police support:* It was noted by the Chairman that the police have set up a "supported villages" scheme in the Rugby area and the local PCSO is attempting to obtain the applicable identification kit for all residents to use on their belongings and will contact the police at the community forum meeting.

*Overgrown footpath:* It was noted by a resident that the footpath to the cemetery is overgrown, and this is the responsibility of the adjacent householder.

*Information board at the stone:* Quotes will be obtained for the information regarding the stone and adjacent pump.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.**