

Minute Number 04 (22 - 23)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 18th July 2022.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr L Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public

The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Item 1. Open Forum

Mr Sharples raised issues regarding the cemetery:

Dave Stanley has offered to paint the railings if the pc provides him with suitable paint. He also suggested forming an opening in the hedgerow between the old and new cemeteries. He is unhappy about the surplus soil from grave excavation being dumped in the far right-hand corner of the old cemetery. Not only is it unsightly but is in a position where it's going to be very difficult to remove. He wondered if the grave diggers should be asked to remove this surplus material from the cemetery at their own expense. In future it would be far better to allocate an area adjacent to the Radical when the soil can be stacked and removed periodically with a machine.

Mr Sharples also raised issues regarding the Playing Field:

The Scouts have made the landowners aware of drug-taking and sexual activities occurring in the hedgerow between the playing field and the scout field. The appropriate authorities should be notified
The Self-build scheme is now onto revision "S". Any positive comments / support for this application addressed to Charlotte Dicks, the planning officer dealing with the proposals would be very much appreciated. Once developed, this could go a long way to help resolve the anti-social behaviour we're currently experiencing

Mr Sensecall informed the pc that he was resubmitting a planning application for conversion of roof space at Lower Tomlow farm which had been refused on the basis that need had not been demonstrated. He was now seeking the support of the pc for his revised application. After a short discussion he was informed that pc can only respond once the application has been submitted.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Collerson

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

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

The Chairman brought forward agenda items 16 and 17 to accommodate the principal authority members in attendance.

Item 17 County Council Issues

County Cllr. Crump noted the ongoing considerations of Vehicle Activated Signs Policy and the Highway Verge Management policy.

Cllr.Crump noted the temporary overnight closures of the A426 during August

Cllr.Crump noted the reporting of potholes by the crossroads.

Cllr.Crump noted that swimming in open water is not recommended and also warned about the dangers of BBQs in the current heatwaves. He suggested that people ring 111 when there are issues of this nature.

Cllr.Crump noted that the grant funding could support the initiative for Stockton Playing Fields.
Cllr.Crump noted the ongoing complaints, particularly on Facebook, regarding parking problems in Stockton, and reaffirmed his requests that people come to the pc meeting rather than moan on facebook.
Cllr.Crump noted that fire & rescue locations are being reviewed.

There were no further County Council issues for consideration

Item 16 District Council Issues

District Cllr. Adam noted the ongoing review of Planning Policy
Cllr Adam noted that the planning applications associated with Stockton Hall farm are a mess
Cllr Adam informed the pc that the bridge at Marton on the A423 has now been removed.
The development of walkways to Marton are well developed.

There were no further District Council issues for consideration

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th June 2022

These minutes having been previously circulated it was noted that there were typographical errors on page 5 under County Council issues – HS2; 70%; lighting. It was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that, with these corrections, they be accepted as a true record.

This motion was unanimously agreed.

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 20th June 2022.

Internal Audit Report – the Safeguarding policy is now on the website.
The Facebook page for the Parish Council is now available.
Footpath St Michaels Crescent to Becks Lane has now been cleared, but needs radical attention to remove the brambles roots.

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

22/00846/FUL Green Acre Farm, Napton Road: excavation of pond. **No representation**

22/01582/FUL, 10 Victoria Terrace: Construct a dropped kerb on a 'C' classified road, to allow access to parking spaces at the front of the property. Front garden wall to be taken down to allow access to a permeable gravel surface. **No representation**

22/01784/VARY, The Crown Inn: Variation of condition 2 removal to update changes to approved plans. Changes to outbuildings, letting rooms and flats. After discussion, which included further plans to be submitted after approval which entail the use of land acquired at the rear of the letting rooms, the pc unanimously agreed to support the revised plans.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

22/01223/VARY The Old Post Office, 1Mount Pleasant, Stockton,CV478JW, **Permission granted.**

	<p><u>Other Issues for information only</u></p> <p>The rapid growth of vegetation, hedges and brambles around the village is spoiling the appearance.</p> <p>The hedges on Mount Pleasant on the border of the new housing are overgrowing and becoming a hindrance to pedestrians. Similarly, the hedge on PO lane opposite the Barley Mow is overhanging the road and interfering with visibility of drivers. The owners need to be advised of their responsibilities.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm</p>	
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