

**Minute Number 12 (22 - 23)**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 20th March 2023.**

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

1. Public: 2 members of the public

**The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.**

2. **The Chairman brought forward agenda items 14, and 15 to accommodate Principal authority members in attendance.**

**Item 14 . District Council Issues.**

District Cllr.Adam noted that the District Council has set its budget with more funding to go to planning enforcement.

3. Cllr.Adam note that there has been a budget increase of 3.13% by the District Council, and this budget reflects where the District Council priorities are set.  
4. Cllr.Adam noted that planning enforcement officers have already visited Stockton Hall Farm.  
There were no further District Council issues.

**Item 16. County Council Issues**

5. County Cllr. Crump noted that the County Council has budgeted for a 3.94% increase due largely to increases in adult care and special needs.  
6. Cllr.Crump noted that central government has given the County Council £2.81M to repair potholes in the county roads.  
7. Cllr.Crump noted that a new hardship fund is available for residents.  
8. Cllr.Crump noted that the late arrival of post is still a problem.  
9. Cllr.Crump noted that the Aldi development is still ongoing with perhaps an opening in late November. The development is still awaiting Sec.106 agreements, and there will be safe "bus drop off and pick up points" incorporated in the development.  
10. Cllr.Crump noted that there will be a CAB facility in the Grange Hall, Southam on Fridays.

There were no further County Council issues.

**The Chairman thanked both principal authority Cllrs. for their attendance.**

8. **Item 1. Open Forum**  
A member of the public raised the issue of volunteers (for the Coronation celebrations), there will be some tables available at the village hall coffee mornings for volunteering groups.. The Chairman noted that the church is thinking about broadcasting the coronation on a big screen, and having a "clean up" day in the church and churchyard.

**Item 2. Apologies for Absence**

10. The following apology was received:-  
Parish Cllrs.: Cllr.Emberton

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor**

11. It was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that the apology for absence be accepted – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

12. **Item 4. Declarations of Interest**  
There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

13. **Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2023**  
These minutes having been previously circulated, It was noted by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Kittendorf that the minutes be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

14. **Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**  
It was noted that the hedge opposite Cllr. Rumsey's house has been trimmed back, but it was not done very well, the Chair proposed that the parish Council take over the maintenance of this hedge and pay a contractor to maintain it properly. This will commence next autumn

15. **Item 7. Planning Matters:**  
**a. New Planning applications**  
23/00663/AGNOT, Top New Zealand farm, Napton Road: New Grain Store - **No representation**  
23/00366/FUL, Windmill farmhouse, Rugby Road: Erection of hay and machinery barn (agricultural use), stable block and menage (private equestrian use) associated land level changes/earthworks, hardstanding and all associated works. Mr Bett gave a presentation on phase 3 (equine section), and its affect upon the area. After an invitation from the Chair to address the Council on this application Mr.Betts noted that an archaeological survey was done and all that needs to happen now is for a archaeologist to be present when building commences. After discussion the parish Council determined – **No representation**

16. **b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**  
22/03170/VARY: The Crown Inn High Street: Variation of condition numbers, 2.11, 16 of 21. Change of materials required an amended cycle and refuse storage - **Permission granted**  
22/03347/REM, Westfield House, Mount Pleasant: reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline application 20/00686/OUT for the erection of one dwelling - **Permission granted**

**Item 8. Financial matters**  
It was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Rumsey that all invoices identified on the March agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**March Invoices as follows:-**

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
D.Stanley	£116.00	001610
SSE	£161.73	001611
R.Stephenson	£15.00	001612

**April 1st Invoices as follows:-**

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Warwks.PFA	£10.00	S/Order
C.M.Sharples	£1.00	001613
Edge IT Systems	£614.40	001614
W.Robinson	£2876.00	0016189
HMRC	£719.00	001616
J.Goode	£10.00	001617

**Item 9. Correspondence**  
There was no correspondence for discussion

**Item 10. Ongoing References**  
Playing Field: It was noted that the post around the children's play area are rotten, it is proposed that these be completely replaced in due course.  
Headstones: It was proposed that the Parish Council take responsibility for some

old headstones (where the descendants cannot be found) and then make stable..  
Speed Control Signs: the Clerk is to write to the County Council pointing out that no financial responsibility will fall on the County Council from this proposal.

**Item 12. Removal and addition to ongoing references**

There were no further items for removal and addition.

**Item 13. Parish Council calendar actions**

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was passed to all Parish Cllrs, present and was formally approved  
Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This was undertaken by the Chair, Clerk, and Cllr.Millidge on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 14. Training and meetings**

No training or meetings was undertaken.

**Item 15. District Council Issues.**

See prior to Open Forum

**Item 16. County Council Issues**

See prior to Open Forum

**Other Issues for information only**

Footpath from P.F. to Southam: It was noted that the ground is very muddy because of the hedge and ditch, however all public footpaths are the responsibility of the landowner.

It was noted that there are two potholes on the hill and one in Elm Row, the Clerk will report this to the highways department.

It was noted that walker's cars are being left by the church and the village green, it may be time for the Council to consider strengthening the verges or adding posts or flower tubs to the green.

R.Pundsack will sent an estimate for the repair of verges.

Grass reinforcement in George Street is being churned up and is obviously not suitable, perhaps it is time to consider a rolling programme to take up the soil, put roadstone and then a plastic reinforcement. This would need to be approved by the County Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.