

Minute Number 06 (20 - 21)

**Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held via Zoom at 7.15pm on 17th August 2020**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public

Item 1. Election of Chair for the meeting

The current Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson could not log in to the zoom meeting and it was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that Cllr. Emberton be elected Chair of Stockton Parish Council for this meeting – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 2 . Acceptance of Office

Cllr.Emberton signed that Acceptance of Office register.

Item 3. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum.

Item 4. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs.: Cllr.H.Collerson

Both Principal Authority Cllrs were present

Item 5. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

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

Item 6. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 7. Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August 2020

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

Item 8. Matters arising from the minutes of the 17th August 2020

There were no matters arising

The Chairman brought items 14 &15 on the agenda forward to accommodate the District and County Cllrs.

Items 14 &15 District and County Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District and County Cllrs. Adam and Crump to address the meeting.

District Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District Cllr.Adam to address the meeting.

Cllr.Adam noted that with regard to street names being the same in neighbouring parishes unfortunately as people are already living in those areas and that post codes have been allocated unfortunately it is not possible to change the street names.

Cllr.Adam noted that the District Council has re-established a planning committee system with on committee for the whole district and meeting held in Elizabeth House Stratford Upon Avon. Cllr.Adam noted that there is a worry about the level of tree clearance along the fosse way to accommodate HS2.

Cllr.Adam noted that there is a potential change to a unitary authority of some kind based around Warwickshire County Council.

Cllr.Adam noted that he has written to the planning officers asking for their comments on the implications for Neighbourhood Plans due to the latest government plans to reshape the planning system in England.

There were no further issues from Cllr.Adam and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance at the virtual meeting.

County Council Issues

The Chairman invited County Cllr.Crump to address the meeting.

Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council will decide on 22/09/2020 whether to present the proposal to change Warwickshire governance to a unitary authority to the secretary of State noting that unlike Northamptonshire who had a unitary authority imposed upon them by central government (although Northampton was declared bankrupt prior to that decision made it a fait accompli rather than a decision by its electors)

Cllr.Crump noted that he opposed the closure of the road at Ufton Hill and in the end a traffic light system was put in place.

Cllr.Crump noted that he will try to arrange a dropped kerb at the entrance to the sports club from his dedicated budget.

Cllr. Crump noted that Stockton recycling centre was opened on Friday 18th with a booking system in place.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been undertaking speed checks across the area.

There were no further issues from Cllr. Crump and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance at the virtual meeting.

Item 9. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

There were no new planning applications

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

20/00465/FUL, Stockton FC-CC: Stockton FC and sports club changing room extension – **Permission granted.**

Item 10. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that all invoices listed on the 21st September 2020 agenda appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 11. Correspondence

Stockton PCC: Request for support in the maintenance of the churchyard. After discussion the Clerk reminded that Council that an Act of 1894 forbids the Council from this course of action, **it was unanimously agreed that a sum of £400 be made available.**

Item 12. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: It was noted that the village mowing and the cemetery mowing have been checked satisfactorily and that as the current contracts are coming to an end this winter new contracts will be sent to contractors.

Website: The Chair asked that something be put into Stockton's News pointing out the Parish Council website.

Playing Field: Although there was vandalism during the summer months there has been nothing in the last two weeks.

Playing Field Lease: The clerk is to contact A.Khan on Brindley Twist Taft and James for an update.

Stockton Crossroads: It was noted that the road sign on the Long Itchington side of the crossroads has been knocked over although the car boot signs are still there, Clerk top contact P. Byrne of Highways.

Item 11. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References

There were no removals or additions to ongoing references

Item 12. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet will be resent to all Cllrs.
External Auditors Report: Now due to be received by end October.

Item 13 Training and meetings

HS2 meeting: Cllr.Emberton attended the last meeting of the HS2 liaison group and found that the representatives from HS2 appeared to be less than competent in that they were not following what had been previously agreed. It was noted that two junctions along the fosse way are being turned into large roundabouts. HS2 appear to have no consideration for what the impact of their actions are on local communities

Item 14 District Council Issues

These were dealt with after agenda item 8

Item 15 County Council Issues

These were dealt with after agenda item 8

Other Issues for information only

The bin for number 6 has been left on the pavement again.
The little wall at the entrance to the Barley Mow flats has been badly damaged.
For sale signs (Grange Farm Drive) by Connells are on the verge.
Parking is still occurring on the green by the school.

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