

Minute Number 07 (23 - 24)

**Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 16th October 2023.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 4 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the monthly meeting of Stockton Parish Council

Item 1 Open Forum

Mr.M.Sharpley and the landlord of the Crown Inn, gave an overview of a proposed planning application that they intend to put to the planning authority for permission to add an enclosed area to the Crown Inn. Drawings were shown to the meeting giving a description of the proposed area together with photographs of a similar area from another location.

A member of the public noted that he had a cast iron top that would fit the top of the village pump outside the bus shelter and asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in having it. The Parish Council thanked him and the Clerk will liaise with him to have it collected.

This member of the public asked whether the Parish Council had thought about traffic calming measures for traffic through the village, and the Chairman gave him a resume of the steps that the Parish Council has made in order to get some particular traffic calming signage for the village but that the Highways Authority had refused to grant permission.

There followed a discussion about the ownership of the track leading to the scout field, and after this discussion Mr. Sharpley and the landlord left the meeting.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from:-
Parish Cllrs: Cllr. Millidge

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that the apologies for absence from Cllr.Millidge be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th September 2023

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 18th September 2023.

There were no matter arising from these minutes

Item 7. Planning Matters:**a. New Planning applications**

23/02688/DDT, Stockton House: T1 lime, windblown, failed (remove and undertake replacement tree planting) - **No representation**

23/02743/TPO, Stockton House: 3 tree removals, 2 to be pollarded, 4 deadwood removals) - **No representation**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**Item 8. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that all invoices identified on the October 2023 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

October 2023 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
W.Robinson	£122.28	001661
R.Stephenson	£15.00	001662
Moore	£378.00	001663
D.Hancox	£255.50	001664
SSE.	£177.54	001665
G.Farmer	£650.00	001666

The Chairman brought agenda items 16 and 17 forward to accommodate the principal authorities member

Items 16 & 17

County and District Cllr. Crump noted that Stratford District had a population of circa 135K an increase of 12%

Cllr. Crump noted that the median price of house in the district was £286K, in Warwick it was £285K, and nationally it was £280K, and noted that 38% of all houses were built in rural areas.

There were 495 affordable houses built in 21/22 and 75 thus far built this year.

Cllr. Crump noted that there is an ongoing situation at the Ellen Badge hospital in Shipston on Stour.

Cllr. Crump noted that there was a planning peer review held within Stratford planning authority.

Cllr.Crump noted that crimes within the district reached 63 per 1000 people

Cllr. Crump noted that the recycling rates in the district is now 69%.

Cllr. Crump noted that there has been a crackdown in Wellesbourne market regarding the sales of knives and vapes to under age people

Cllr. Crump noted that the CC has set up a domestic abuse safe accommodation refuge.

Cllr. Crump noted that a resident in Napton (Tomlow Road) has asked for signage on Tomlow Road and Station Road pointing out that these roads are used by horse riders as well as vehicles.

Cllr. Crump noted that there have been further thefts from Southam Fire Station.

Item 9. Agar 2022-23

The Clerk showed that the external auditor Moore has signed the 2022-2023 with one item of a missed box tick being noted.

Item 10 Parish Council Administration

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council the fact that the Parish Council laptop was getting old and slow. After discussion about the requirements the Clerk was authorised to talk to Edge IT about a new laptop and ways of futureproofing the Parish Council administration

Item 11. Correspondence

Noralle: There being no other quotes it was proposed by Cllr. Emberton and seconded by Cllr. Collerson that the quote from Noralle for the cemetery extension entrance be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 12. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: It was noted that when Cllr. Millidge returns from holiday that new contract for village mowing will be written. The Chairman noted that Jack Rumsey has offered to mow the cemetery, the Parish Council thanks go to Mr. Rumsey. It was further noted that two contractors have been identified for next year's mowing of the cemetery.

Cemex: it was noted that there is a Cemex liaison group meeting on 17th October and the Chairman will attend.

Item 13. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no further items for removal and addition.

Item 14. Parish Council calendar actions

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was sent previously to all Cllrs, and approved. The Chairman asked whether the Playing Field funding could be recorded on a different sheet as this makes the budget percentages out of line with the actual budget spending, the Clerk will do this.

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: It was noted a member of the Playing Field committee attended a basic safety audit training course organised by WALC and the outcome was that a more frequent audit will be required as follows

Basic inspection either weekly or monthly and report

In depth inspection quarterly and report

Annual external inspection (by RoSPA or the like) and report.

The Parish Council will commission an annual external report by a certified body as soon as practicable.

Item 15. Training and meetings

There were no training events or meetings attended.

Item 16. District Council Issues.

See following Item 8.

Item 17. County Council Issues

See following Item 8.

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that dogs are still being taken into the cemetery.

It was asked how the Parish Council will manage the cemetery extension and soil waste, and how to deal with grave sinkage.

The Tree Preservation Order on the scout field was noted.

It was noted that the FC-CC can apply for grant funding for pitch maintenance if the Parish Council will sign- This was agreed

The Chairman noted that he will be missing from the next meeting and gives his apologies in advance. He will also miss the memorial service and Cllr. Emberton will attend on behalf of the Parish Council and read the names of the fallen if required.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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