

Minute Number 04 (23 - 24)

**Minutes of the May Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17th July 2023.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public

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

The Chairman brought forward agenda items 19, and 20 to accommodate the Principal authorities member in attendance.

Items 19 &20. District and County Council Issues

County Cllr. Crump noted that the District Council has brought in a parking permit for the over 66's for a 4 hour stay at the Bridgefoot car park in Stratford, given that car park revenue fell flat last year and will also likely fall again this year. The District Council park and ride scheme will allow free parking for a couple of months.

Cllr.Crump noted that the planning enforcement department at the District Council will still have powers over the Stockton Hall farm application.

Cllr. Crump noted that the Becks Lane complaint regarding the hedge and fence has now been dealt with.

Cllr.Crump noted that the George Street grass verges will now be repaired by the County Council with a contribution from his fund.

Cllr. Crump noted that the road repair in Elm Row will commence on 18th July.

Cllr.Crump noted that Stockton Playing Fields Committee have had a grant from his fund.

The Chairman asked Cllr.Crump whether the SWLP will be paused due to the change of political leadership at the DC, in reply. Cllr.Crump noted that he is attending a meeting on 18th July to look at this issue.

Cllr.Crump noted that the current delay with the planning application for the old football field is due to the ownership of access and safeguarding the scout group.

There were no further County or District Council issues.

The Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his contribution to the meeting.

Item 1. Open Forum

A member of the public noted that the mown grass has been piled in the corner of the cemetery with the Christmas tree almost covered, and this needs to be cleared.

There were no further issues under open forum.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from:-

Parish Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor

There were no apologies for absence

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 2023

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th June 2023.

Cemetery: The Clerk is to contact Bishops Itchington Parish Council to determine how they arrange for grave digging at their cemetery.

Item 7. Planning Matters:**a. New Planning applications****b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**

22/03259/FUL, 17 Mount Pleasant: Rear and front side extension and raising the roof to create a further storey with dormer windows to the south east -**Permission Granted**

Item 8. Financial matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices identified on the July agenda appendix 1 be paid, and the cemetery invoice be discussed with the contractor before payment. – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

July 2023 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Coventry Graphics	£120.00	001640
Pear technology	£108.00	001641
Gallagher	£42.63	001642
R.M.Frogley	£10152.00	001643
Noralle	£9878.40	001644
SSE	£182.97	001645
G.Farmer	£650.00	001646
WALC	£42.00	001647
D.Stanley	£120.00	001648
R.Stephenson	£15.00	001649

Item 9. AGAR

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that an amendment to AGAR page 5 item 11a be made – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 10. Correspondence

There were no item of correspondence

Item 11. Ongoing References

Website: Cllr.Emberton noted that the website needs to be slimmed down- the Chairman will review.

Playing Field: The Chairman noted that the Playing Field Committee has successfully gained some grant funding and are looking at other funding options. A site meeting will be held with equipment providers when it is now definitely known what grant funding is available, and the providers will provide a plan for the area dependent upon this funding.

Item 12. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no further items for removal and addition.

Item 13. Internal Audit report for the financial year 2022-23

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Item 14. Code of Conduct

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the Code of Conduct be accepted – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 15. Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed that with an increase in the limit for quotations and emergencies that the Standing Orders are approved.

Item 16. Financial Regulations

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Item 17. Parish Council calendar actions

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was passed to all Cllrs, and approved.

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This will be reviewed in September..

Item 18. Training and meetings

The Chairman attended a Zoom meeting on 19th June regarding climate change and noted that Warwickshire County Council have set up their own tree nursery. The Chair will attend another meeting on 20th June regarding UKSPF and CIL.

Item 19. District Council Issues.

See prior to Open Forum

Item 20. County Council Issues

See prior to Open Forum

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that hedge at the junction of High Street and School Street is overhanging the road.

It was noted that the hedge at Mount Pleasant is overhanging, as is the one behind the bus stop.

There has been a complaint that the hedge on the memorial green and the tree behind the seat need to be trimmed.

The path to the playing field needs the hedge trimmed and the playing field hedges need to be trimmed.

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