

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stockton Parish held on Monday 21st May 2018 in Stockton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Those Present:

Parish Councillors: H.Collerson; J.Emberton, C.Millidge, T.Warner, W.Rumsey, H.Kittendorf, and the Clerk

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

General Public: 4 members of the public

Apologies:-

Parish Councillors:

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

General Public:

Introduction

The Chairman, Cllr.H.Collerson welcomed all attendees to the Annual Parish Meeting and outlined the format that the meeting would take.

Villager of the Year

The Chairman noted that one of the recipients is indisposed and that it would be appropriate for the award to be deferred until such time as both recipients can attend.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having been previously distributed, it was proposed by J.Emberton and seconded by T.Warner that they were a true record of events, this was unanimously agreed

Financial Report

The Clerk of the Parish Council then delivered the annual financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2018, and outlined the differences in the accounts from last year and reasons for the variations. Questions from meeting were addressed and the financial report was closed.

Chairman's report

The Chairman noted that last year there has been vandalism and anti social behaviour in the playing and scout fields and that the police know who is involved.

The parish mowing contract has been awarded to Mr.Farmer on a three year contract. The Parish Council has agreed to fund an annual maintenance contract for the church clock.

Orbit Housing Association has submitted planning applications for 4 houses in George Street to replace the maisonettes, and 4 houses to replace the garages at the top of Elm Row. The Parish Council supports more affordable homes in Stockton, but has expressed reservations about the Elm Row site namely, parking, the high bank adjacent to the site access, and access itself.

Villager of the year is Ron and Sue Flegg whose dedicated litter picking is much appreciated.

Action plan for last year:-

Kerbing on Napton Road to repair damage by deliveries to the Taylor Wimpey site, unfortunately the developer will not fund the kerbs, but the Council will continue to press for this.

Playing Field Lease, little progress has been made thus far, but will continue dialogue with owner.

Local Council Award Scheme, we have reached what we think is a the relevant level as further levels are more appropriate for larger councils.

Street Lighting, a contract has been placed to replace three old cast iron columns in Napton Road, and we are awaiting confirmation that the power has been disconnected.

Action Plan for next year:-

To continue dialogue regarding playing field lease and further development of the field. Street lighting, to continue replacement of older columns, introduction of more efficient LED lights, and to look at other energy suppliers.

New cemetery, to provide vehicular and other access to the cemetery

Stockton crossroads, we have employed a traffic consultant to undertake a review of the poor safety record at the junction, and to come up with a scheme for improvement.

Village heritage features, to look at improving the look of these features, e.g. the boulder and pumps to give a sense of place.

Lastly the Chairman gave his thanks to fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their support. He especially gave thanks to Peter Banham who has been Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for a number of years, and who has had to stand down due to health problems. Peter has been unstinting in his efforts to make Stockton a safer, cleaner, more pleasant place to live and to build a community that is more caring and supports us all as individuals. We all wish Peter well in his battle against illness.

This concluded the Chairman's report which will be placed in the magazine.

Open Forum

A member of the public asked what the Parish Council is doing about the anti social behaviour that is happening at the playing and scout fields. There have been instances of people smoking drugs in the scout field hedge between the fields, the police have been called but don't seem to be able to do much. The scout group are asking the Parish Council to support them by installing a gate between the fields, and sorting out the hedge.

After further discussion on the same issue, the Parish Council indicated that it has entered into an agreement with a contractor to deal with all overgrown hedges but as this is the bird nesting season nothing can be lawfully done until September/October.

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council will look at these matters in the Annual General Meeting following this meeting.

A member of the public asked whether the Council knew about a petition being raised in Tuckwell Closed regarding barking dogs, Parish Councillors in reply indicated that they are unaware of any petitions being raised.

There being no further business under the Open Forum the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, and closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.55pm.

Stockton Parish Council
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending 31st March 2017

Income

Precept	20903
VAT repay	
Burial fees	1050
Sports Field Rent	1150
Fair rent	35
Transfer PF Committee	
Printing	28
M.Club close	
Grants	

Total Income 23166

Expenditure

Annual subs	491
P.Field	1591
Sports Field	1400
Street L maint	830
Street L repair	32
Street lighting	1697
Insurance	955
Admin Office exp.	2747
Village hall	1101
Cemetery V. mowing	2927
Audit	185
Defib Cab	4285
Training	320
PCC	335
Trees	672
Memorial Gen repairs	757
Grant	356
Website	
VAT	1593

Total Expenditure 24386

Stockton Parish Council
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending 31st March 2018

Income

Precept	20903
VAT repay	4217
Burial fees	450
Sports Field Rent	1400
Fair rent	40
Transfer PF Committee	
Printing	
M.Club close	
Grants (transparency)	530

Total Income 27540

Expenditure

Annual subs	539
P.Field	5
Sports Field	1400
Street L maint	1743
Street L repair	98
Street lighting	2018
Insurance	996
Admin Office exp.	2643
Village hall	1366
Cemetery V. mowing	298
Audit	85
Defib Cab	3385
Training	220
PCC	62
Trees	499
Memorial Field Gen repairs	584
Grant	1339
Website	1151
VAT	1318

Total Expenditure 21546