

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 19th October 2015

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, J.Emberton, C.Millidge, J.Neal, and T.Warner

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.J.Appleton

Public: Mr.B.Legg, Ms.Z.Taylor, and Mr.I. Callard

Villager of the Year

The Chairman made the presentation to Ms. Z.Taylor and congratulated her on being one of the youngest if not the youngest recipient of this award. He noted that Ms.Taylor was nominated for her sterling work with the children of the village in a number of organisations. The Chairman further noted that Ms.Taylor is currently undertaking a degree in Early Years Learning studies, and that the award to her this year is in the form of book tokens to assist this study.

In reply Ms.Taylor thanked the Parish Council for her award.

The Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to allow the Open Forum to take place.

Open Forum

Mr.Callard of the Church of Jesus Army gave an outline of what is proposed for the Kings House now that the church has moved to Coventry and the house no longer has a role. All future development will be within the existing boundaries of Kings House, and that the church is currently at the pre application stage consultation stage with the planning authority and that it could be well into next year before any applications are made. Mr.Legg asked whether any affordable housing will be within the development, and Mr.Callard noted that within the current plans affordable housing will not be possible, rather there will be three or four dwellings of a three and four bedroom style.

The Chairman thanked Mr.Callard for keeping the Parish Council in the picture regarding the future of Kings House.

Mr.Legg asked whether the Parish Council will ask the County Council to extend the Post Office lane footpath along the side of the Barley Mow on child safety grounds now that the building is being changed to dwellings. The Clerk will write to the County Highways asking for an extension to the pavement.

This concluded the Open Forum business, and the Chairman restored Standing Orders, and the Parish Council meeting began formally.

Apologies for Absence

There were no absences.

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

As there were no absences, no acceptance of apology was required

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2015

These minutes being previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Neal and seconded by Cllr. Banham that they be accepted as a true record - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st September 2015 meeting

Housing development: The Chairman reported an email received from the Head of Planning at the District Council indicating that although the planning inspector indicated that Local Service Villages 2 had an appropriate allocation of housing, because it is deemed that there is not a 5 year land bank, this allocation may now be in some doubt.

Playing Filed account: The Chairman and Cllr.Millidge will arrange the transfer of these funds to the main Parish Council account.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/03287/FUL, 21 manor Road: To erect an orangery at the rear of the property – No representation.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

There were no decisions to report

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Neal that all invoices shown in the October 2015 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence and Reports

All relevant correspondence was put into circulation.

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no issues for consideration

Amenity Group

Amenity Group members: It was agreed that Cllr.Warner will join the amenity group.

Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

Warwickshire County Council: Waste management consultation CD was put into circulation.

Ongoing References

Cemetery extension beam system: After discussion it was agreed that the quote from Banbury Construction Ltd. be accepted, and that once the sheep have been removed the work should commence on or around December 1st. Cllr. Emberton will look for the wayleave map, and the Clerk is to obtain a quote from Frogleys Ltd for a post and wire fence for the extension..

Napton Road: Complaints have been received from Cllrs. regarding the state of the road edges, and how when vehicles are passing each other there is a tendency for the camber to move vehicles into the verges. The Clerk is to write and ask for white lines to be installed at the edges of the road in order to avoid this tendency.

Memorial Field: The Chairman will visit quarries in Leicestershire next week to look at potential memorial stones.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: It was agreed that the finances were in line with the budget figures.

Consider auditor's report: This was considered at a previous meeting and found to be satisfactory.

Training and Meetings

There were no events for comment.

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

County Council issues

Cllr.Appleton gave an update on the progress of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) which potentially have responsibility for Health, Traffic, Planning, Land use etc, and noted that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) will not join up to this authority. WCC would rather join with Coventry but the City Council rejected this offer in favour of the WMCA option, therefore it is likely that although WCC will keep a watching brief on the situation, it is more likely to make a bid of its own for extra powers from government as have some other shire counties.

Cllr.Appleton also noted that the issue of HS2 is still ongoing with a number of revisions, and potential amendments to include a cycleway linking Ladbroke and Southam.

Other Issues

Procurement savings: Cllr.Neal asked whether there could be some savings made if some parishes joined their procurement procedures together when ordering for example mowing, street lighting etc. The Clerk will raise this matter at a WALC meeting for consideration.

Village roads: Cllr.Millidge noted that after the recent heavy rains the state of some village roads has worsened with gravel lying in places. It was agreed that this will need to be addressed through the street cleaning process but only after the leaves have fallen. The state of the footpath outside the school was also noted with weeds growing everywhere; the Chair noted that he will put weed killer on this pavement at the half term holiday.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Emberton and the Chair gave notice of their apologies for absence from the November meeting.

Grass verges: The Chair noted there were about 18 metres of plastic grids left over from the village green repairs and asked whether we should look to repair some of the verges on George Street. The Chair indicated that he will look at the verges and report back.

Memorial Field: The Chair noted that there is a mature hedge at the entrance to the memorial field that really needs to be laid properly. The Chair and the Clerk will look to find a contractor who can lay hedges and report back.

Co-option of new member: The Chair noted that the parish Council can now formally co-opt a new member as the statutory notices have been in place for the regulated amount of time. An advert will be placed in the magazine, placed on the noticeboard, and sent to Cllr.Emberton to place on the website.

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