Minutes of Stockton Parish AGM & Council Meeting held at 6pm at Stockton Church on 9th June 2025

Present
Zoe Hallett, Charlie Beales, Adrian Leng
(plus 3 x people from the village)

1) **Apologies:** None required as all the Councillors were present.
2) **Annual Report** Read out by AL
3) **Chairman** CB proposed and ZH seconded that AL be Chairman.
4) **Points raised** in Public Participation / **Open Forum**
   a) Flowers: It was suggested that flowers (daffodils, snowdrops, alliums etc) might look nice planted in the public verges along the village. One risk is that Wiltshire Council cuts them all when they cut the verges, so thought needs to be given as to where they are planted. (Daffodils look beautiful when out in flower, but the foliage needs to be left to die down naturally for a period of at least six weeks before leaves are removed or mown.) ZH to look into this.
   b) Dog Poo. It was noted that a lot of people from Codford walk their dogs along the right of way in the field by Stockton House and then into the village. Would a dog poo bin be a good idea by the "kissing gate" where you exit that field on to the road that leads into the village?
   c) 20 Mph speed limit: This has been looked into before and Highways have even done traffic analysis tests in the village some time ago but concluded at the time that Stockton did not warrant a speed change. Do Wiltshire Council refer to a village`s historical accident record in making a judgment? If speed limit is reduced will people adhere to this new limit? Comment was made that is quite hard to speed in the village anyway due the number of cars parked along the cottages which make you have to slow down. AL to have chat with Wylye Parish Council to see what their feedback is having recently got 20 Mph in their village.
   d) Traffic: Comments were made that traffic on the village and local roads during Vintage Nostalgia and Fireworks shows etc held on the cricket pitch field, is manically busy and chaotic. Reports are that the VN might be stopping but will anything replace it? Someone said that the Police contacted the organisers of the Firework Show to ensure a proper traffic plan was in place for future events.
5) **Minutes of the previous meeting** were approved and signed.
6) **Register of Interests**. AL asked CB & ZH to ensure they have checked and updated their Register of Interests - Password & link etc has been emailed to all Councillors so they can do this – and to email Wiltshire Council with their Nil Expense confirmation forms.
7) **Co-Opting**: As there were only 3 Nominations in the recent election, it was agreed to try and get the total number of Councillors up to our limit of 5 if possible by Co-Opting.

Date of Next meeting to be advised.