Minutes Stockton Parish Council Meetings: 7.30pm on the 2nd September 2026, Norton Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Gavin Hamilton, Barry Spittle, John Pigg, Andrew Bennett, Catherine Griffiths, Doug Dyas.

Graham Bould (Clerk).

One Parishioner.

79/26. Welcome, Public Session, Partners and Shropshire Councillors update: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, there being no matters raised not already on the agenda and with no partners present moved to the next item of business.

80/26. Apologies: Steve Bagnell (work commitments), Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker (commitments).

81/26. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hamilton planning application 26/03162/FUL.

82/26. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2026: RESOLVED: that the minutes and actions of the meeting of Stockton Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

83/26. Clerks Report: The Clerk updated members on their report that had been circulated. A verbal update was also given on the present situation regarding the Clerks vacancy. One application has been received and one enquiry that has not materialised in an application. Members agreed to proceeded to an interview at 2pm on Thursday 15th October 2026 subject to the applicant and Village Hall being available. Members attention was also drawn to the SALC AGM on the 3rd November 2026, 4pm - 7pm in the Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Stadium, Cllr Bennett agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council with any newly appointed Clerk.

84/26. Shropshire Together – devolution updates Shifnal Rural Division – EOI from Shropshire.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) form has been completed on line for Shropshire Council, indicating for a substantial increase in the Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) to deliver any enhanced local environmental projects. There has been no feedback from Shifnal Town Council about a follow on local meeting for the Shifnal Rural Division as indicated at the join briefing last year. Some other rural parishes in Shropshire will be submitting a motion to the SALC AGM for the Executive to lobby for a substantial increase in the EMG for very rural parishes in Shropshire to enable them to deliver enhanced local environmental projects.

85/26. Local Plan update: Once all the information submitted as part of the scoping exercise and call for sites has been absorbed, Shropshire Council will consult again on a draft local plan around May 2027.

86/26. Village Pond update: Cllr Hamilton updated members on the village pond project. A good response has been received from the recent consultation exercise. This has helped scope the application form for Severn Trent. This summers round of applications has been oversubscribed so the application will go to the next round for consideration later in the year or early in 2027. In the meantime Apley Estate are drafting a lease for the Parish Council, similar to that already in place for the Play Park to allow for the improvement of the site.

87/26. Planning Applications.

26/02920/TCA: Norton Villa, Bridgnorth Road. Reduce copper beach and crown lift. **No Objections.**
26/03162/FUL: The Crowgreaves, Crowgreaves. Ground mounted solar panels. **No Objections.**

88/26. Newsletter update: The Autumn edition copy deadline is the 21st September 2026. and the editorial team has already held a zoom meeting to consider the content framework for this edition.

89/26. Web site - including actions to resolve gov.uk email addresses: All emails had know been established for members and Cllr Griffiths would start to re-order the web site and upload back editions of Norton Natter by year end.

90/26. A442 crossing: modelling/survey: Cllr Dyas has been developing a pedestrian crossing application for the A442 through Norton Village. This is being based on research models from other areas with similar large speeding and traffic volumes. Cllr Dyas tabled the initial findings covering areas such as the census data, supporting data, escalation methods. The next steps are to promote this campaign model through the news letter and to lobby the Police for their data

91.26. Village Hall updates: The Village Hall is re-starting the 'cake & chat' afternoons between 2pm and 4pm during September 2026 which attracts about twenty people per sitting. The last car-boot fund raising sale went well thanks to Apley Estate loaning the use of one of their fields, The Village Hall is also looking to develop a breakfast morning for Parishioners in the near future.

92/26. Bowling Club updates: The club has recent organised a quiz night and BBQ as part of their social events and fund raising efforts. The mixed doubles competition will be run on the 20th September 2026 with the green also being used for the Highley Presidents and Consolation Cup semi finials on the 8th September 2026 then Broseley Green on the 27th September 2027. Any additional ideas for fund raising to help renew the drive way are very welcome.

93/26. Highways and Footpaths.
1. Feedback on the A442: As above.
2. Finger sign post Stockton: This is an ongoing request for information and action which could lead to a formal complaint against Shropshire Council if not resolved.

94/26. Rights of Way (ROW) project - updates: Dialogue is continuing between landowners and Shropshire Council to resolve all outstanding issues.

95/26. Jubilee Play Park updates: The bi-monthly site inspection carried out by Cllr Spittle was tabled and agreed. Works from the ROSPA inspection have been completed and two new toddler swing seats purchased.

96/26. Inspections: The inspection of the bus shelter, bin and defibrillator have taken place with no concerns.

97/26. Finance: Members agreed to carry forward the risk assessment, asset register and scheme of delegation to the next meeting. At the end of July 2026 the Bank Account stood at £6,436.15 once unrepresented cheques are taken into account. The Parish Council agreed the tabled bank reconciliation report following and the items for payment as set out below.

100464	DM Payroll Services (payroll)	£120.00	LGA 1972
100465	Clerk expenses (expenses)	£30.60	LGA 1972
100466	Online Playgrounds (2 toddler swings)	£250.66	LGA 1972
100463	MR RJ Weir (ground maintenance & equipment repairs)	£480.00	LGA 1972
DD	HugeFox (charges emails)	£20.99	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (charge web site)	£23.99	LGA 1972
DR	HSBC (charges)	£2.00	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (charge web site)	£23.99	LGA 1972
DD	ICO (fee)	£47.00	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (charges emails)	£20.99	LGA 1972
DR	HSBC (charges)	£1.20	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (charge web site)	£23.99	LGA 1972

98/26. Reports from outside bodies: Nothing to report at present.

99/26.To agree any items for a future agenda: First Aid Training for the community.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman……

Date……..

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