### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 19th June 2017

# Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, J.Emberton, H.Kittendorf, C.Millidge, and W.Rumsey.

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mrs.B.Otway, Mr.R.Otway

**Open Forum**

Mr.Otway indicated that he is a red Cross trained first aider and that this means that he is trained in the use of a defibrillator, and is willing to use that training by offering to assist in any rota of users who will make up the list of trained users within the village. The Chairman thanked him for this offer and hoped that this would be the start of a self sufficient user list within the village.

Mrs.Otway noted that the white traffic marking lines on the junction at Sycamore Close and laurels drive are practically non-existent and that this has resulted in her having near misses with other drivers as it is unclear who has the right of way. Several Cllrs have noted that the markings at the Junction of Rectory Close and Church Street are also faint with the same result as Mrs. Otway. The Chairman thanked Mrs.Otway for her observations, and the Clerk will contact Mr.P.Byrne of the highways department asking that these lines be renewed.

There were no further issues under open forum.

# Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. Cllr.T.Warner

District Cllr.:

County Cllr. Cllr.A.Crump

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the apology for absence from Cllr.Warner be accepted **– This motion was unanimously agreed**

# Declarations of Interest

The Chairman Cllr.Collerson declared an interest in cheque number 0021203 on the agenda appendix 1.

**Minutes of the meetings held on the 15th May 2017**

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

**Matters arising from the minutes of the 15th May 2017**

There were no outstanding matters.

**Planning Matters: -**

## New Planning Applications

17/01328/FUL, Green farm, Napton Road: Full planning permission following Prior Approval, 16/04095/COUQ for alterations to exterior building, landscaping and rationalisation of cartilage **– No representation (under delegated powers)**

17/00925/FUL, 1 High Street: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 5 new dwellings including access, parking, and garaging for all properties **– No representation.**

17/01595/FUL, 1 Greaves Cottages: Proposed two storey side extension to existing dwelling **– No representation.**

17/01276/OUT, 4 Becks Close: outline application for a dwelling with all matters reserved **– Object one grounds that the narrow entrance will make emergency vehicles unable to access the site. The adopted Core Strategy indicates that Stockton has exceeded its housing requirements for the plan period.**

1. **Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**

17/01023/FUL, 25 Grange Farm Drive: Demolish existing conservatory. Construct a new single storey pitched roof family room. Internal alterations **– Permission granted**

# Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Banham that all invoices shown in the June 2017 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

# Correspondence and Reports

*Taylor Wimpey*: It was noted that although Mr.T.Nutt the managing director of TW Midlands indicated that he has passed the Parish Council letter to J.Symons for reply, one month on from that date the council has still not had a reply. It was resolved that a further letter be written to Mr.Nutt.

*Southam Surgery*: the Council determined that the Clerk asks the surgery for clarification of what course they are asking the Council take. The Clerk will ask the Clerk of Southam Town Council what course the Town Council will take on this matter.

## Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for discussion

## Amenity Group

*Playing Field*: Cllr.Millidge indicated that she and Cllr.Rumsey carried out an inspection of the playing field equipment and also carried out a litter pick. It was noted that the goal post nets have either been vandalised or disintegrated, the Clerk will ask the sports club where replacement nets can be obtained. Cllr.Millidge has produced a safety check spreadsheet for the playing field and will send a quarterly copy to the Clerk for electronic storage to the external hard drive. Cllr.Rumsey noted that the hedge at the top of the field (towards the Laurels) is now very thick and needs to be cut back urgently.

*Cemetery*: Cllr.Millidge indicated that she and Cllr.Rumsey also carried out a safety check of the cemetery and headstones and noted that one headstone is very unstable; in order that this may be made safe it should be laid flat whilst the Council tries to contact the descendants.

*Mount Pleasant trees*: The Chairman noted that a tree (ash) on Mount Pleasant opposite number 25 has had fallen branches and as it looks as though it may have ash dieback we should remove it. The Clerk will contact T.Rogers for this removal.

*Millennium Green.* The Chairman noted that the hedge has grown outward and that also a plum tree has encroached on a neighbour’s garden with M.Childs trimming tree and hedge back

*Barley Mow hedge*: Cllr.Banham noted that hedge at the rear of the Barley Mow is overgrown to the pavement; the Clerk will contact the management company to have it cut back.

**Correspondence not passed to Action Group**

## There were no items for consideration

**Ongoing References**

*Community Forum;* The Chairman and Cllr.Kittendorf attended the last forum meeting and found that the police matters took up a lot of time due to residents of Southam complaining about traffic. The Chairman had to leave this meeting before it finished.

*Street Lighting:* The Clerk is to contact S.Townson re inspection of lighting on the hill

**Additions and Removals to Ongoing References**

There were no additions or removals to ongoing references.

**Parish Council Calendar Actions**

*Monthly budget monitoring:* This was shown and found to be in line with the budget.

See Amenity Group report

*Asset Register Cemetery and playing field safety audit:*: This was postponed to the next meeting

*Risk Assessment:* It was agreed that this document met with the council requirements and is approved.

**Training and Meetings**

*Clerk’s Training;* The Clerk gave a resume of the issues raised at the Stratford on Avon event and gave an indication of the consensus view of the lectures regarding future levels of precept at parish and town levels.

**District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

**County Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

**Other Issues**

*Gardens in School Street:* It was noted that some garden plants are growing in the pavements at School Street, and Church Street and could be causing a hazard. Also the pavements outside the school are a mess with vegetation growing in the pavements.

*Code Of Conduct*: The Chairman noted that Stratford District Council are rewriting the CoC (and that we and other parishes use this for our CoC), and as the Clerk has sent the link to all Cllrs has asked them to study it.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.**