

**Minute Number 03 (23 - 24)**

**Minutes of the May Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council**  
**Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19th June 2023.**

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public

**The Chairman welcomed all to the monthly meeting of Stockton Parish Council**

**Item 1. Open Forum**

Mr.Sharples noted that there have been some problems regarding the ownership of the bottom path from St.Michaels Crescent to the old football field, and pointed out that there is no defined ownership of that path and pointed out that in all probability it is in the ownership of Stratford District Council (who inherited from Southam RDC when that authority was disbanded).

Mr.Sharples also asked whether Stratford DC has consulted with the Parish Council about anything regarding the old football field and them planning application, in reply the Clerk answered that there has been no communication from the DC about anything, and Mr. Sharples indicated that the application was proceeding slowly.

There were no further issues under open forum.

**The Chairman brought forward agenda items 14, and 15 to accommodate Principal authorities member in attendance.**

**Items 14 &15. District and County Council Issues**

County Cllr. Crump noted that he has been in regular contact with Hollie Jones the Chair of the Playing Field Committee to give advice and support to that committee on the way forward.

Cllr.Crump met with the Chairman and a representative from the Highways dept. to look at the state of the village verges in George Street. The Highways representative indicated that the cost of repairing the verges properly is around the £50K mark and this the Chairman would be far to expensive for the Parish Council to repair.

Cllr.Crump dealt with a flooding issue in Becks Lane and brought it to the attention of the County Council.

Cllr.Crump noted that the broadband contractors are now improving their performance especially after on contractor was suspended for a number of weeks. Cllr.Crump noted that the CC has taken legal advice and that advice is that the enforcement policy for Stockton Hall Farm is with Stratford DC and Cllr.Crump will contact the relevant enforcement officers.

There were no further County Council issues.

**The Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his contribution to the meeting.**

Cllr.Crump left the meeting

Mr.Sharples left the meeting

**Item 2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr warner, Cllr.Kittendorf

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Rumsey that these apologies be accepted – **This motion was carried unanimously.**

**Item 4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

**Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2023**

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Rumsey that the minutes be accepted as a true record -

**This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

Playing Field: It was noted that the playing field committee now has a volunteer to undertake play safety inspections and is now booked on a WALC course.

**Item 7. Planning Matters:****a. New Planning applications**

22/03259/FUL, 17 Mount Pleasant: Rear and front side extension and raising of the roof to create a further storey with dormer windows to the south east – **No representation** (taken under delegated powers)

23/01163/FUL, The Boathouse Hold, Flat 1, Station Road: A change of Use of part of Class C3 dwellinghouse. The Boathouse to Class E(g) (Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions) to what is known as Flat1, The Boathouse Hold east – **No representation** (taken under delegated powers)

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

23/00366/FUL, Windmill Farmhouse, Rugby Road: Erection of hay and machinery barn (agricultural use), stable block and menage (private equestrian use), associated land level changes/earthworks, hardstanding and all associated works – **Permission granted.**

It was noted that the Trendgrey planning application is under appeal.

The Clerk is to determine whether the Cornwood planning application is under appeal.

**Item 8. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices identified on the June agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**June 2023 Invoices**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>
Stockton PF Committee	£50.00	001629
R.Stephenson	£15.00	001633
SLCC	£80.00	001634
Stockton V.Hall Comm.	£1500.00	0016135
Comm Heartbeat Trust	£162.00	001636
G.Farmer	£650.00	001637
G.Beaumont	£200.00	001638
SSE	£172.42	001639

**Item 9. Correspondence**

There were no item of correspondence

**Item 10. Ongoing References**

Village Mowing: The mowing contract which will be reviewed after the 2023 growing season has finished was discussed and the Parish Council will look at its procurement process.

Playing Field: It was noted that the path around the playing field is now complete.. It was noted that the post is missing from the St.Michael's Crescent gate to the top of the playing field.

**Item 11. Removal and addition to ongoing references**

There were no further items for removal and addition.

**Item 12. Parish Council calendar actions**

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was not passed to all Cllrs, and will be sent later and reviewed at the next meeting.  
Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This was reviewed in April and will be done again in September.

**Item 13. Training and meetings**

The Chairman attended a Zoom meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June regarding climate change and noted that Warwickshire County Council have set up their own tree nursery. The Chair will attend another meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June regarding UKSPF and CIL.

**Item 14. District Council Issues.**

See prior to Open Forum

**Item 15. County Council Issues**

See prior to Open Forum

**Other Issues for information only**

It was asked whether a seat could be placed outside the cemetery extension facing Napton and the answer is yes.

The Clerk is to talk to the Bishops Itchington Clerk regarding Parish Council controlling the gravedigging service.

It was noted that the verge opposite the Village Hall is a mess and needs to be mowed and tree branches removed (the Clerk will contact Cllr.Crump regarding getting the Highways Authority to deal with the residents.

Annual review of Standing Orders and the limits for multiple quotes for work is £450.

The Clerk will add review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to the July agenda.

The Clerk will add the internal audit report to the July agenda

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm