Minute Number 06 (23 - 24)

Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 18th September 2023.

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs., C.Millidge, J.Emberton, W.Rumsey and T.Warner.

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: 1 member of the public

Item 1. Election of Chair for the meeting

It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and Sec by Cllr.Warner that Cllr.Millidge be elected as Chair for this Parish Council meeting. There being no further nomination Cllr. Millidge was duly elected as Chair.

Item 2. Acceptance of Office Declaration

Cllr. Millidge signed the Acceptance of Office declaration.

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

Item 3 Open Forum

The Clerk noted that he had received a request from a resident of Iris Mews to see if the light at the mews could be tilted slightly downwards to avoid shining into a bedroom window – the meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact Midland Sign and light to determine whether this could be done.

Item 4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from:-Parish Cllrs: Cllr. Collerson; Cllr. Kittendorf County and District Cllr. Cllr. A Crump

Item 5. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the apologies for absence from Cllr.Collerson and Kittendorf be accepted – this motion was unanimously agreed.

The apology for absence from County and District Cllr. Crump was noted.

Item 6. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

Item 7. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st August 2023

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Rumsey that the minutes be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 8. Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st August 2023. There were questions about the ownership of the path leading to the gate to the scout field and it was noted that Cllr. Collerson has ordered a land registry title plan to determine ownership.

Item 9. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

21/02330/OUT, Land west of Jubilee fields (old scout field): Outline application for the demolition and replacement of existing scout hut and the construction of up to 13 self build/ custom build dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved (except for access) – Support as previous applications.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Item 10. Financial matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Rumseythat all invoices identified on the September 2023 agenda appendix 1 be paid – This motion was unanimously agreed.

September 2023 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£177.54	001656
G.Farmer	£650.00	001657
Cemex UK Operations	£350.00	001658
Hugo Fox Ltd	Cancelled	001659
W.Robinson	£151.45	001660

Item 11. Correspondence

Noralle: Quote for work to the cemetery extension. Given that this would breach our financial regulations it was determined that the Clerk should seek two further quotes.

Item 12. Ongoing References

Website: It was noted by ClIr.Emberton that Hugofox our website host has determined that the hosting will now have to be paid for (up to now it has been free hosting) and that an annual payment of £122.28 (including £20.38 VAT) will be required. After discussion it was agreed that this should be paid, but given that it had to be paid by October 4th, it was also agreed that the Clerk will make this payment and recover it from the Parish Council as listed on the October agenda.

Item 13. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no further items for removal and addition.

Item 14. Website Provider

As noted in Item 12.

Item 15. Parish Council calendar actions

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was sent previously to all Cllrs, and approved.

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This will be reviewed at the end of September..

Item 16. Training and meetings

There were no training events or meetings attended.

Item 17. District Council Issues.

There were no District Council issues for discussion.

Item 18. County Council Issues

There were no County Council issues for discussion.

Other Issues for information only

Public footpath from St. Michael's Crescent to Becks Lane: Cllr. Rumsey noted that this is now overgrown with weeds and brambles, the Clerk will arrange for it to be dealt with.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm