

Minute Number 01 (23 - 24)

**Minutes of the April Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 17th April 2023.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 3 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Chairman brought forward agenda items 16, and 17 to accommodate Principal authority members in attendance.

Item 17. County Council Issues

County Cllr. Crump noted that he has reported potholes in Elm Row to the highways authority.

Cllr.Crump noted that he is surprised by the decision taken by the County Council to The Parish Council's request to install VSA's in the village and that he disagreed with that decision.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Aldi development will now go ahead and confirmed that the planning authority cannot use a development application to solve an existing problem.

Cllr.Crump noted that there is now a dedicated ASB officer to look into cases, and patrols will be stepped up.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be a nationwide emergency alert to all mobile phone on Sunday 23rd April.

There were no further County Council issues.

Item 16 . District Council Issues.

District Cllr.Adam noted that the enforcement action placed upon Stockton Hall farm remains in place irrespective of who owns the land

Cllr.Adam noted that issues are quiet at the moment across the DC

Cllr.Adam noted that this will be his final meeting with Stockton Parish Council due to the boundary changes across the district, and the Chairman formally thanked him for all his work on behalf of Stockton and its residents.

There were no further District Council issues.

The Chairman thanked both principal authority Cllrs. for their attendance.

Item 1. Open Forum

Mr.R.Musson on behalf of Stockton FC-CC gave a short presentation on the future of the FC-CC, and because of its increased in sports availability and the subsequent rise in membership, there will be a need for extra car parking. He noted that the public footpath and kissing gate in the back field causes problems with increased parking in that area, but all options are being looked at. The Chairman thanked Mr.Musson for this information and pointed out that it is good to see the FC-CC expanding its sports and social coverage

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

The following apology was received:-
Parish Cllrs.: Cllr.Kittendorf

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor

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

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2023

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was noted by Cllr. Warner 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 20th March 2023.

Coronation celebrations: it was noted that these were ongoing

Playing Field: The Chair noted that there is a committee meeting on Tuesday 18th that he is attending, and the issue of the fencing will be brought up then..

Cemetery extension: the Chair noted that the metal fencing could be utilised there

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

There were no new planning applications

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

22/00690/OUT, Grange Farm, Tomlow Road: Outline application for an agricultural workers dwelling with access and landscaping matters reserved – **Permission refused**

Item 8. Financial matters

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

April 2023 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
G.Farmer	£650.00	001620
S.S.E.	£188.23	001621
Stockton V.H. Comm.	£148.50	001622
WALC	£564.00	0016123
W.Robinson	£399.66	001624

Item 9. Year End statement

The year end statement having been previously circulated it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the statement was approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 10. Annual Governance Statement

It was proposed by Cll.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that The Annual Governance Statement was approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 11. Annual Accounting Statement

It was proposed by Cll.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that The Annual Accounting Statement was approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 12. Correspondence

There were no item of correspondence

Item 13. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: It was noted that the mowing has been commenced

Playing Field: It was noted that at the next meeting on 18th the Clerk to put the person with the trees in touch with Holly.

Unsafe Headstones: After discussion it was agreed that all unsafe headstones be laid flat and the Chair will put this in the parish magazine.

	<p><u>Item 14. Removal and addition to ongoing references</u> There were no further items for removal and addition.</p> <p><u>Item 15. Parish Council calendar actions</u> Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was passed to all Parish Cllrs, present and was formally approved Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This was undertaken by the Chair, Clerk, and Cllr.Millidge on March 15th and the Clerk will forward the names on unsafe headstones to the Chair.</p> <p><u>Item 16. Training and meetings</u> No training or meetings was undertaken.</p> <p><u>Item 17. District Council Issues.</u> See prior to Open Forum</p> <p><u>Item 18. County Council Issues</u> See prior to Open Forum</p> <p><u>Item 19. Villager of the year</u> After discussion of the nominees a secret ballot was undertaken and the Villager Of The Year was Mr.L.Cole</p> <p><u>Other Issues for information only</u> Cllr.Warner noted that a projector would be useful especially for discussing planning issues. Cllr.Millidge will continue to contact R.Pundsack regarding a quote for the repair to the village green. The Clerk noted that a sound system would be of benefit at meetings, and was charged with obtaining a proposal. The Chair noted a letter from a resident asking if anything can be done about the poor condition of the fence around Mr.Williamson's old house. It was concluded that nothing can be done by the Parish Council, but will support those residents affected.. R.Stubbins asked whether the residents of Jubilee Close could use the green there for the coronation celebrations. It was agreed that it could be used but not for barbeques. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be written to D.Crate for his support to the Parish Council and its work The Clerk should contact the returning officer regarding the process of co-opting another member this close to an election. It was noted that we should get the new cemetery functioning in this financial year.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.</p>	
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