

Minute Number 02 (26-27)

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.40pm on 18th May 2026.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr. A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr. .A.Crump

Public: 3 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council.

Item 1. Election of Chair for the year 2026-27

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that Cllr.Collerson be elected Chair of Stockton Parish Council for the year 2026-2027 – **There being no further nominations Cllr.Collerson was elected unopposed.**

Item 2. Acceptance of Office of Chair, Stockton Parish Council

The elected Chair, Cllr.Collerson signed The Acceptance of Office.

Item 3. Election of Vice Chair for the year 2026-27

After discussion it was agreed that a Vice Chairman for 2026-27 would not be necessary, and in the absence of the Chair at any meeting, a Chair for that meeting will be elected as required.

Item 4. Acceptance of Office of Vice Chair, Stockton Parish Council

Not necessary.

Item 5. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum

The Chair brought agenda items 23 and 24 forward to accommodate the Principal authorities member present Cllr.Crump.

Item 23 & 24. County and District Council Issues

- 1) Cllr.Crump noted that 770+ page report on the SWLP going to SDC/WDC Joint Cabinet next week, 3,086 homes earmarked for Southam, 13 Gypsy & Traveller Pitches, 3 primary schools, Secondary School, 7.8 hectares of industrial areas. Consultation likely to start next month.
- 2) Fire and Rescue response times improved to an average 6 mins 58 seconds and availability of pumps has improved too.
- 3) 5 Year Housing Land Supply requirement but SDC has only 2.21 years, therefore SDC need to grant 3.5 – 4k homes in order to regain control.
- 4) Issues around School parking
- 5) I will be doing a Fraud Awareness Talk to Stockton WI on 1st June 7.30pm
- 6) Various jobs and issues highlighted and reported.

This concluded Cllr. Crump's report and the Chair thanked him for his attendance. Cllr. Crump left the meeting.

Item 6. Apologies for Absence

The following apologies for absence were received:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.Kittendorf

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 7. Acceptance of Apologies

It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that these apologies for absence be accepted – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 8. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 9. Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 10. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20th April 2026

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.W.Rumsey that the minutes of the meeting on 20th April 2026 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 11. Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 20th April 2026

There were no matters arising.

Item 12. Planning Matters

a. New Planning applications

26/01138/TREE Redwood Place, 2 Rectory Close: T1 yew tree – cut branches back that are currently obscuring streetlight – **Support because it is lighting up a dark area within the village**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

25/02247/FUL, 42 Post Office Lane: Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 3 new dwellings with all associated works – **Permission granted.**

Item 13. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that all invoices identified on the 18th May 2026 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

May 2026 Invoices

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Konica Minolta	£212.15	001846
W.Robinson	£52.32	001847
F.Mann Farmers	£1194.00	001848
Gallagher	£1481.52	001849
Edge IT	£360.00	Fast Payment at bank
Creative Signs	£156.00	Fast payment at bank

Item 14. Year End Reconciliation 2025-2026

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.R.Rumsey that the reconciliation be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 15. AGAR Annual Governance Statement 2025-26

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.R.Rumsey that the reconciliation be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 16. AGAR Annual Accounting Statement 2025-26

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.R.Rumsey that the reconciliation be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 17. Asset Register 2025-26

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that the asset register be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 18 Policies and Procedures

After study and discussion of all Parish Council policies and procedures **it was unanimously agreed that they be approved en bloc for a 3 year period.**
It was also agreed that should any statutory body suggest a change to any policy or procedure, that change will be reviewed.

Item 19. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

Item 20. Ongoing References

There were no ongoing references

Item 21. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing reference

Item 22. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet has not been updated to reflect the month of May, this will be carried out by the next meeting.
Audit of cemetery and Playing field: The cemetery and playing field safety audit will be carried out as time permits.

Item 23. Training and Meetings

There were no training or meetings to record

Item 24. District Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 2

Item 25. County Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 2

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that the hedge between the two cemeteries is looking very shabby and it would be better if there was a small archway in the hedge to connect both cemeteries without leaving either. This matter will be looked at once the nesting season is over.

It was noted that the area around the stone is also looking quite shabby, and informal contact with a contractor will be necessary to look at options.

The hedge at the top of Mount Pleasant is overgrown, and if we wish to have it looking nice then it may be possible to add it to our hedge trimming contract.

It was noted that a sign outside the church stopping parking at a defined point has been mooted. The Church would like to reserve some spaces for disabled drivers but this is not within the remit of the Parish Council, rather the Church should contact the highways authority.

It was mooted that for the Remembrance Service at the memorial, it would be good if the Parish Council could fund some small crosses with the names of the fallen added for children to place around the memorial.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

