

Minute Number 10 (25 - 26)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 19th January 2026.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr. A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr. .A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public.

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

The Chair brought agenda items 16 and 17 forward to accommodate the Principal authorities member present

Item 15 & 16. County and District Council Issues

Cllr. Crump noted that with regard to the development on land at Sycamore Close (25/00823/OUT) to oppose this will require a united front from all consultees and that the Lib Dem planning committee members did not attend neither did their deputies. Cllr. Crump also noted that the Chair of the planning committee has had complaints against him.

Cllr.Crump noted that he has requested a site visit by the planning committee prior to any decision.

Cllr.Crump noted that the local government reorganisation consultation will last until the end of March with the result being published in July 2026.

Cllr. Crump noted that the grasscrete on the verge opposite the Crown Inn will be completed using his dedicated budget.

Cllr. Crump noted that the District Council budget increase will be approximately 2.9%

Cllr. Crump noted that the County Council budget increase will be approximately 4.9%

Cllr. Crump noted that the hydro electric scheme for the theatre in Stratford is unsustainable and that the solar energy scheme for the theatre is ongoing.

Cllr.Crump noted that the feasibility study for Stockton crossroads is ongoing with more progress made.

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

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

All Parish Councillors were in attendance so no apologies were necessary:-

Parish Cllrs:

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

No acceptance of apologies are necessary

Item 4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15th December 2025

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.T.Warner that the minutes of the meeting on 15th December 2025 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 15th December 2025

Cllr.R.Rumsey's email is not functioning, the Clerk will contact Edge IT to have it repaired.

Light in Rectory Close is being blocked by a tree with a TPO on it, so a planning application will be needed to request permission to prune the offending tree/s.

Item 8. Planning Matters**a. New Planning applications**

25/00823/OUT, Land at Sycamore Close: The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who have made a contribution to the planning department **in opposition to this application**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**Item 9. Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.H.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.C.Millidge that all invoices identified on the 19th January 2026 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

January 2025 Invoices

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Signs Express	£120.00	001813
Midland Sign & Lighting	£324.00	001814
W.Robinson	£48.00	001815
Lloyds Bank	£7.25	Direct from account
SSE	£436.43	001816
S.Rowberry	£840.00	001817
F.Mann Farmers	£234.00	001818
Konica Minolta	£212.15	001819

Item 10. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

Item 11. Ongoing References

There were no items for consideration.

Item 12. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing reference

Item 13. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet having been circulated to Cllrs., was discussed and approved.

Audit of cemetery and Playing field: Cllr.Millidge recently carried out an audit of the playing field with no issues found. The cemetery safety audit will be carried out as time and weather permits.

Item 14. Training and Meetings

There were no training or meetings to record

	<p><u>Item 15. District Council Issues</u> See prior to agenda item 1</p> <p><u>Item 16. County Council Issues</u> See prior to agenda item 1</p> <p><u>February Parish Council Meeting</u> After noting that the village hall will not be available for the normal meeting in February it was determined that the February meeting meeting will be cancelled and it was proposed by Cllr.H.Collerson and seconded by Cllr. J.Emberton that power to deal with any outstanding issues before the March meeting will be delegated to the Clerk - This motion was unanimously agreed.</p> <p><u>Other Issues for information only</u> Tree adjacent to the memorial garden is unsafe, the Chair will obtain a quote for its removal. Street light at entrance to Grange Farm Drive is flickering, the next time that Midland Sign and Light are here get them to have a look at it. It was noted that some people have been seen measuring land at Jubilee Fields and some comments on facebook are strange. It was noted that WALC recommend that PC's should have a 5 year plan, Chair will send out a list for comment. Villager of the year advert to be put in Stocktons News. Village handyman we need to look at Bishops Itchington PC about the insurance implications, and talk to potential handymen.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.</p>	
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