

**Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 15th February 2016**

**Those present: -**

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

*District Councillor:* Cllr.D.Riches

*County Councillor:*

*Public:* 18 members of the public

**Open Forum**

The Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson opened the meeting welcoming all attendees, and opened the open forum agenda item to the public for matters to be raised. There were no items for discussion. This concluded the business of open forum.

**Apologies for Absence**

*Parish Cllrs.* Cllrs. P.Banham, and J.Emberton

*District Cllr.:*

*County Cllr.:*

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

*Parish Cllrs;* It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that the apology be accepted - This motion was unanimously carried.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Agenda item 7 Planning application 15/03449/OUT**

The Chairman brought this item forward for discussion, and suspended Standing Orders to allow the public in attendance to speak.

Matters relating to this application in respect of the replacement for the existing scout hut were raised by members of the scout group who were unhappy that the developer indicated that replacement cost would be £150K and that there was no commitment to replace the building prior to the development commencing. The developer indicated that the cost was just based on square footage of the building, but that there could be other options for the construction of the scout hut and that he was happy to discuss these ideas including a funding contribution. District Cllr. Riches gave an overview of the planning process to date and indicated that without a satisfactory resolution of the scout hut issue could result in him opposing the application to the planning committee.

The Parish Council indicated that it would support the scout group in its efforts to replace the hut, but noted that as part of the planning application was a commitment from the landowner to gift a lease to the adjoining playing field for a total of 999 years. This potential lease has been received by the Parish Council and will be sent to the Parish Council solicitors for study.

Other members of the public in attendance raised the matter of funding for any new scout building, and the ongoing problems associated with vandalism. Members of the public also raised concerns about problems arising from the increased traffic but the Chairman replied that based on the comments of the highways authority over previous planning applications both here and in neighbouring villages, the highways authority would be very unlikely to raise any objections. District Cllr.Riches was in agreement

with this comment pointing out that the highways authority used a computer modelling system which dictated their responses.

After all those attending had spoken on the matter, the Chairman read a letter to the planning authority in which the Parish reiterated its support for the application with the proviso that the playing field lease and the scout hut issues are resolved.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders and the Parish Council discussed the application and determined to support with the conditions related to the playing field lease and scout hut being resolved.

### **Agenda item 17 District Council Issues**

The Chairman brought this agenda item forward to facilitate District Cllr.Riches being able to go home  
*WMCA:* Cllr.Riches noted that that the District Council has revised its decision and has joined the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) as a non executive member in order to have potential access to more central government than would otherwise be available.

*Ubus:* This has had further funding but is still an underused facility.

*Core Strategy:* The Examination In Public (EIP) has now concluded and it is to be hoped that decision on the efficacy of the strategy will be received by the end of the summer.

*There being no further items Cllr.Riches left the meeting.*

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016**

These minutes being previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Warner that they be accepted as a true record - This motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the 18th January 2016**

There were no matters arising from the minutes for attention

### **Planning Matters: -**

#### *a. New Planning Applications*

15/03449/OUT, Land Off Glebe Close: Residential development comprising 10 dwellings and demolition and relocation of existing scout hut. Access layout and scale to be considered in detail - As recorded earlier Support with conditions relating to the playing field lease and scout hut.

15/04468/FUL: Extension of existing dropped kerb and retention of existing access track (part of works within Stratford on Avon district) – Application withdrawn

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

### **Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Neal and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that all invoices shown in the February 2016 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Correspondence and Reports**

*WALC briefing day:* It was agreed that the Clerk should attend.

### **Finance & Strategy Group**

*Villager of the Year:* After 4 nominations this award will be determined at the March meeting.

### **Amenity Group**

There were no items for consideration.

### **Correspondence not passed to Action Groups**

There were no items for consideration.

### **Ongoing References**

*Village Mowing:* Mowing contract will be sent to contractors for quotes

*Street lighting:* The Clerk is to contact E>ON regarding the street light at the Barley Mow.

*Playing Field:* The Clerk is to send the lease to the solicitors for comment.

*Cemex Quarry:* there will be a liaison committee meeting on 23rd February and the Chairman will attend.

*Memorial Field:* The Chairman visited Stockscape at Long Marston and noted that the stone on offer is granite with an 8-10 week delivery to Stockscape and a further 2-3 weeks for sign writing. Stockscape will drill 2 holes for dowels and the total weight will be 2 tons. After discussion the parish Council agreed that the Chair should contact Barry Tuckey regarding a crane for siting the stone, and also Paul Cox for siting the pathway.

### **Additions and Removals to Ongoing References**

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

### **Parish Council Calendar Actions**

*Monthly budget monitoring:* It was agreed that the finances shown were in line with the budget figures.

*Village footpath:* The Chairman has walked these and they are suitable for use.

### **Training and Meetings**

*Audit and Account regulations:* The clerk gave an overview of the training undertaken on these topics and will meet with the Chairman and Cllr.Emberton the website manager to determine what and how information will be put on the website

### **District Council issues**

As earlier recorded

### **County Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration.

### **Other Issues**

*Parking in St.Michael's Crescent:* Cllr.Rumsey noted that parking on the pavements are preventing people from walking on them, and this was echoed by Cllr.Neal with regard to Elm Row. The Chairman will bring this matter to the police at the next community forum meeting.

*Dog waste:* Cllr Warner noted that dog waste is now a problem across the village (Cllr.Neal agreed) and showed a couple of posters that might help in tackling the problem. The Clerk is to talk to the dog warden re the shock factor in these posters.

*Clean for the Queen:* This has been set for Saturday 5th March with meeting outside the Post Office at 10.00am. The Clerk will contact Street Scene regarding picker sticks, bags and collection.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.**