

Minute Number 11 (25 - 26)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 16th March 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: 4 members of the public.

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

Item 1. Open Forum

Mr.Sharples noted that the planning authority will meet next week and that the self build development could also begin next week. Mr.Sharples also noted that a skate park could also be added to the playing field dependant upon funding. After discussion the Parish Council will also look at what funding may be available. Mr.Rumsey noted that a start will be made to the top entrance lane to the playing field and also to the hedges and asked when the Parish Council wants him to start, in answer the Council indicated that he may start when he is ready, and that any expenses for materials may be presented to the Council.

There were no further items brought un open forum

The Chair brought agenda items 17 and 18 forward to accommodate the Principal authorities member present

Item 17 & 18. County and District Council Issues

Cllr. Crump noted that there are challenging issues with an ASB case, poor parking issues, potholes and road closures, he will attempt to deal with these as they arise, and he and a highways officer will tour the village on Friday to look at these issues.

The grasscrete opposite the Crown should be laid by the end of the month.

Cllr. Crump noted that SDC housing land supply has only 2.74 years worth of sites and that unless the DC gets its land supply to 5 years then it will open season in the district for developers. The planning application for up to 80 houses in the village is still progressing with many technical issues needing more clarity.

Cllr.Crump also noted that the CC has put aside some funding for improvements at the Stockton crossroads

Cllr,Crump noted that the SWLP has published its local development scheme setting out the timetable for key planning documents to keep all interested parties up to date on the relevant issues.

Cllr.Crump also noted that the appeal against permission for a Napton self build development has been refused by the inspector because evidence against the development was not strong enough (the objections were not confirmed by accredited people/organisations)

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

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 19th January 2026

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the minutes of the meeting on 19th January 2026 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 19th January 2026

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

Tree adjacent to the memorial field: After notification of the state of the tree it was unanimously agreed that the Standing Order regarding quotes for work of value more than £1000 would be suspended and that Shire Forestry be employed to take the tree down.

Item 8. Planning Matters

a. New Planning applications

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

25/02888/COUQ, Grange Farm Tomlow Road: Prior approval for change of use of 2no agricultural buildings, to 7no dwelling houses and associated operational development – **Permission granted**

Item 9. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.H.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that all invoices identified on the 16th March 2026 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

January 2025 Invoices

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
W.Robinson	£48.00	001820
R.Stephenson	£16.00	001821
SSE	£424.06	001822
Konica Minolta	£123.14	001823
Brindley TT&J	£1617.00	001824
Edge IT	£524.30	001825
W.Robinson	£121.82	001826
Edge IT	£320.40	001827
Konica Minolta	£212.15	001828
Lloyds Bank	£5.75	Direct from account
Smith of Derby	£216.00	001829
W.Robinson	£48.00	001830
Lloyds Bank	£7.25	Direct from account
SSE	£349.81	001831
Shire Forestry	£3240.00	001832
Konica Minolta	£197.35	001833

Item 10. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for discussion.

Item 11. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: It was noted that the mowing will commence this month (Mr.FRumsey will fill the edges on the village green with topsoil. Mrs.Childs offered a bench for the cemetery to be placed at the hedge, this offer was gratefully received by the Parish Council. Mrs Childs also asked about a rose garden for the cemetery, but due to potential ongoing maintenance problems this offer was declined.

Cemex: It was noted that the Rugby Cement Trust Fund has now been wound up and the Parish Council will write to Ian Southcott thanking him for the funds that have come to Stockton.

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. Villager of the Year

The nominations and a ballot form were passed to all Cllrs, and the result was that the Village Hall Committee was voted Villager of the Year.

Item 15. Local Government Reorganisation

After discussion it was determined that the Parish Council response to LGA reorganisation is to agree with the two authorities North and South Warwickshire solution.

Item 16. Training and Meetings

There were no training or meetings to record

Item 17. District Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 2

Item 18. County Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 2

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that there was dog mess on the playing field

Village handyman: It was agreed that the PC should talk to Rob Milburn about the role

It was noted that street sign for Weavers Way should also read "leading to Arnolds Corner (No through Road)

It was noted that daffodils on the village green would enhance the green

It was noted that there was some mapping software for sale that could hold all village lighting and street furniture.

Speed signs, it was noted that WCC has a policy of not supporting them.

All Parish Council policies and procedures are due for renewal.

Cllrs. Emberton and Warner will not be in attendance at the April meeting and they gave their apologies for absence.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.