

**Minute Number 11 (23 - 24)**

**Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 19th February 2024.**

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public.

**The Chair welcomed all to the monthly meeting of Stockton Parish Council**

**The Chair brought agenda items 16 &17 forward to accommodate the principal authorities member present.**

**Items 16 & 17.**

County and District Cllr. Crump noted that the County Council budget has been set with a 4.99% increase.

The percentage of the County Council budget that takes 72% of the total funding are adult and children care, special education needs and social care.

There is now a new crime strategy focussing on the county line drug programme with vulnerable people living on their own.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be the mayor making in Southam next week.

Cllr.Crump noted that parking around schools is still a problem (he noted that signs were put up in Stockton at determined times.

Cllr.Crump noted that the District Council budget is likely to be a 2.99% increase. Cllr.Crump noted that the Dc is putting in £250,000 per year over the next three to Biffa as a contribution in order to change the Biffa fleet to environmentally friendly lorries.

Cllr.Crump noted that the District Council will fuel their vehicles with waste vegetable oil on a three year trial basis with a potential saving of £250K per annum.

Cllr.Crump noted that the new Stockton Hall Farm owner seems more amenable to looking after the land compared to other owners.

Cllr.Crump noted that the response to public consultations by the authorities are currently not very good, a better way of determining public opinion must be found.

Cllr..Crump noted that Aldi have entered a variation on planning conditions for the new store to accommodate deliveries.

Cllr.Crump sent an email to the Clerk regarding a tree that blocks a street light at Laurels Drive. The Chair will send an address for the agent to the Clerk and a letter sent to have the tree cut back.

This completed Cllr.Crump's presentation and after being thanked by the Chair left the meeting.

**Item 1 Open Forum**

A member of the public enquired about who is responsible for putting a dropped kerb/s at the entrance to Orchard Grove, given that he and another (who uses a wheelchair) cannot readily access the pavement. The Clerk will contact the appropriate authority.

**Item 2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr.Kittendorf

**Item 3 Acceptance of Apologies**

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

**Item 4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

**Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Warner that the minutes be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Safety Audit of Playing Field: The clerk is to find companies who can carry out this inspection.

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

24/00072/FUL, Land adjacent to Stockton Hall farm: Change of use of agricultural land to commercial storage land (use class B8) and use for light industrial purposes (use class E(g)(iii): engineering works to alter ground levels across the site, including creation of bunds; retention of storage container and static caravan for commercial purposes associated with the storage and industrial uses on the site – **Support with conditions.**

24/00119/FUL, Stockton Primary School: Refurbishment of existing porch. Remove the existing UPVC porch frames and glass roof and replace with ne UPVC frames and a solid timber/ slate effect roof on the same footprint as the existing - **Support**

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

23/03015/FUL, Josies Place, 6 High Street: Proposed canopy – **Permission granted.**

Bellway homes: After discussions it was agreed that nothing should be done at the moment.

**Item 8. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that all invoices identified on the February 2024 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**February 2024 Invoices**

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Edge IT Systems Ltd	£477.22	001682
SSE	£177.65	001683

**Fasthosts.**

The Clerk was instructed to commence re registration of the domain name.

**Item 9. Correspondence**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 10. Ongoing References**

Village Mowing: The new mowing contract with F. Mann was approved.

Website: Cllr. Emberton indicated that the website is going well but is unsure how many parishioners access it, and is asking do we have anyone who can perform his function when he is on holiday.

Playing Field: The Chair noted that there will be a committee meeting on 20/02/24.

Cemetery: The Clerk will instruct the gravedigger to remove the soil around the Christmas tree in the cemetery.

**Item 11. Removal and addition to ongoing references**

Speed Control: It was agreed that this would be removed from ongoing references

**Item 12. Villager of the Year**

This item will be determined at the March meeting

**Item 13. WFRS Consultation**

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to support the proposal from WFRS, and the Chair will fill in the online reply.

**Item 14. Parish Council calendar actions**

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was sent previously to all and agreed.

Playing Field audit. The Clerk will obtain costs for an external safety audit of the playing field.

**Item 15. Training and meetings**

SNT meeting: The Chair and Cllr.Emberton attended the meeting with the new PCSO's and noted the meeting was useful but limited in scope, and neither were sure that the next meeting will be an improvement.

**Item 16. District Council Issues.**

See commencement of meeting.

**Item 17. County Council Issues**

See commencement of meeting.

**Other Issues for information only**

The WI asked where the village skittles are, it was noted that the scouts may have a key to the containers in the scout field where they may be kept.

Entrance to scout field: It was noted that this is still blocked and who owns that piece of land is in question.

Scout Field: M.Sharpley to be informed that the scout field will not be mowed this year.

Top soil and grass seed is to be ordered by Cllr.Millidge so that repairs to grass verges outside the church can begin.

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