

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.20pm on 19th May 2014

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, C.Millidge, S.Bennett, S.Kittendorf and J.Neal.

District Councillor: S.Kittendorf

County Councillor:

Public: M.Stringer, 18 members of the public

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that Cllr.Collerson be re-elected as Chairman of Stockton Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015. There being no further nominations Cllr.Collerson was duly elected.

Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Bennett that Cllr.Banham be re-elected as Vice Chairman of Stockton Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015. There being no further nominations Cllr.Banham was duly elected.

Planning Matters: - the Chairman indicated that agenda item 9. Planning matters be brought forward.

a. New Planning Applications

14/00722/FUL, 1 High Street: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 5 x 4 bedroom detached dwellings. The chairman then invited comments from those parishioners in attendance on this application. Parishioners spoke in opposition to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the street scene, no requirement for this type of dwellings, the width of Mount Pleasant Close for access, and the difficulty of refuse lorry access - After listening the Parish Council determined to object to this application.

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Open Forum

Mr.M.Sharples for Mr.Wilks attended and gave a presentation on the future of the scout field and playing field. Parishioners in attendance spoke at length about the potential loss of amenity for the scouts and the village children who use the playing field. At a time when there could be potentially in excess of 200 extra houses built within the village the loss of any play facilities would be most regrettable. At the conclusion of the discussion the Parish Council indicated that it would write to Mr.Wilks asking that the playing field and scout fields leases be renewed or even the fields be sold to the Parish Council.

There being no further items the Open Forum closed.

The Chair thanked Mr.Sharples for his attendance.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from

Parish Cllrs: J.Emberton

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr.Neal and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that this apology for absence be accepted This motion was unanimously agreed.

Declarations of Interest

There were no statutory or non statutory declarations of interest

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2014

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the 14th April 2014 meeting

There were no matters arising.

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Neal and seconded by Cllr.Bennett that all invoices shown in the April 2014 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid –This motion was unanimously agreed.

After discussion it was determined to ask D.Stanley to clean the road signs

Correspondence and Reports

There was no correspondence for discussion.

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no issues for discussion.

Amenity Group

There were no issues for discussion.

Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no issues for discussion.

Ongoing References

Public paths partnership: The Chair noted that Mrs.Mudd has complained that the way post outside Green farm has been removed again, and that she is in contact with the County Council to report this matter.

Website: A parishioner has noted that the link from the website to the bus timetable did not link with the latest bus times.

Street lighting: the developer at Glebe Close has sent a copy of the proposed lighting and after discussion it was determined that lights numbered 2, 5, & 6 be retained with light 5 to be moved closer to the junction.

Cemetery extension: the Clerk to talk to Banbury Town Council to ascertain which contractor deals with their beam system.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

No removals or additions to ongoing references.

Year end accounts for 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

It was proposed by Cllr.Bennett and seconded by Cllr.Neal that the yearend accounts as shown be approved This motion was unanimously agreed.

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Financial regulations: the Clerk is to obtain a copy of the latest NALC model set for consideration by strategy group

Internal auditor: It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that Mrs.G.Bailey of Napton be retained as next year's internal auditor This motion was unanimously agreed.

Audit of public paths: the Chair will obtain all relevant maps

Villager of the Year: confirmation that this took place last month.

Training and Meetings

There were no reports for consideration

District Council issues

Core strategy: Cllr.Kittendorf gave a report on the progress of the strategy

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

It was noted that the pothole in Elm Row is getting bigger.

Then road speed sign outside the cricket club hedge has been turned around

The dog bin outside the FC-CC is blocking the vision splay, Clerk to contact M.Childs to have it re-sited

The Parish Council will write to the PCC Mr.R.Ball regarding a police presence in the village at parish council meetings

Letter from Mr.Legg re the hard standing outside the Barley Mow, being grassed over

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm