

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.55pm on 21st May 2018**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public:

Item 1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr. Emberton and seconded by Cllr. Kittendorf that Cllr. Collerson be elected Chairman of Stockton Parish Council for the year 2018-2019. There being no further nominees Cllr.Collerson was duly elected.

Item 2 Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Collerson duly signed the Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Proper Officer.

Item 3. Election of Vice Chairman

After discussion it was unanimously decided that a formal Vice Chairman was not required, when the Chair is absent, those at the meeting will elect a Chair for the meeting

Item 4. Open Forum

No matters were raised.

Item 5. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs.

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 6. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All members were in attendance

Item 7. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Item 8. Minutes of the meetings held on the 16th April 2018

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

Item 9. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th April 2018

New Arrivals: The Chairman noted that the vicar is inclined to have another meeting for new arrivals in December

Item 19.County Council Issues

The Chairman brought agenda item 19 forward to facilitate County Cllr Crump

Cllr.Crump noted that his community fund is now available for projects.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Parish Council complaint regarding the inadequacy of road closure information has been passed to the head of the highways department

Cllr.Crump gave an overview of the fire and rescue service

Cllr.Crump indicated that he is now the Chair of the planning committee east, and cabinet support officer to H.Roberts.

Cllr.Crump also noted that the community payback scheme is looking for some work (1 to 2 days)

There being no further issues the Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his attendance and report and Cllr.Crump left the meeting.

10. Planning Matters:

18/01104/FUL, Laurel House: Change to roof from flat to pitched to the first floor of the principal elevation, new porch and new windows to principal elevation – **No representation**

17/01239/FUL Hillsdown, 9 Mount Pleasant: garage extension and roof alterations (resubmission of *17/00964/FUL* – **No representation**

18/00731/FUL 10 High Street: Application withdrawn.

b) Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Item 11. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that all invoices shown in the April 2018 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 12. Correspondence and Reports

There was no correspondence for consideration

Item 13. Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for discussion

Item 14. Amenity Group

Playing Field: Cllr.Millidge will contact the Wicksteed representative for the free consultation about the playing field.

Item 15. Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no items for discussion

Item 16. Ongoing References

Parish Paths: The Chairman indicated that we are running out of waymarker covers and that more will be needed.

Website: Cllr.Emberton noted that issues with the website appear to have been resolved and it is now up and running. Cllr. email addresses will be within the Parish Council website, Cllr.Emberton and the Clerk will facilitate this with Edge IT Systems.

Item 17. Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

It was decided to remove the following from ongoing references:-

Proposed housing developments, Cemex quarry, Assets of community value, and St Michael's Crescent garages

It was decided to add the following to ongoing references:-

A426 Stockton crossroads

Item 18. GDPR

It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Warner That the GDPR policies are approved - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 19. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: This is ongoing at this time

Standing Orders: These have been formally reviewed and unanimously readopted

Financial Regulations: These have been formally reviewed and unanimously readopted

Internal Auditor: It was unanimously agreed that Mrs.G.Peacock be reappointed as internal auditor for the 2018-19 financial year.

Parish paths: These have been audited for accessibility by the Council.

Villager of the Year: The award winners have been publicised in the magazine (Mr & Mrs.Flegg)

Item 20. Training and Meetings

There were no training issues

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

As previously minuted (Item 19)

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that a parking issue in St. Michael's Crescent is still a problem.

The WI are coming up to an anniversary and suggest siting a bench in the cemetery, whilst this is not an issue given that the cemetery has two seats, it might be better placed in the memorial garden.

Tree inspection for the memorial trees Clerk to talk to the County Council tree officer

Internal audit report to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Scout Field.

After discussion the parish Council indicated that all hedges will cut back in September (after the nesting season)

That access to the playing field from the top of St. Michael's crescent will be reviewed.

That the Council will support a meeting with the scouts, villagers, polices etc to discuss issues.

The Council will support signage.

The Parish Council will look favourably on requests to help with functions in the scout field.

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