

Minute Number 07 (20 - 21)

Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council Held via Zoom at 7.15pm on 19th October 2020

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public

The Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson welcomed all in attendance and thanked Cllr.Emberton for chairing the last Parish Council meeting in his absence

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum.

Items 16 & 15 District and County Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District and County Cllrs. Adam and Crump to address the meeting.

County Council Issues

The Chairman invited County Cllr.Crump to address the meeting.

Cllr.Crump noted that some 3 lots of his grant funding was directed to organisations within Stockton(Car park, FC-CC, and Scouts)

Cllr. Crump noted that there is a national trust set up to help young people into employment.

Cllr.Crump indicated that at a meeting with the HS2 organisation it was clear that they were not keen on amending the A425 proposals.

Cllr.Crump noted that speeding issues (including accidents at the Stockton crossroads) are being addressed and this also applies across the district, and he would be keen to have the parish views on what needs to be done to slow traffic through villages.

Cllr.Crump noted that a new number 63 and 64 bus timetables have been produced (the chairman will have a look at the timetable on the bus shelter) and this new timetable applies from Monday 27th.

The County Council notes that in order for the track and trace scheme to be effective it is essential that we all follow the rules.

The Chairman raised the matter of the dropped kerb at the FC-CC and noted that P.Byrne stated that his 12monthly audit will pick this up and that Taylor Wimpey will pay for the dropped kerb.

The Chairman noted that regarding the complaint received by Cllr.Crump about a footpath, he has had a look at it and doesn't think anything needs to change.

There were no further issues from Cllr.Crump and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance at the virtual meeting.

District Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District Cllr.Adam to address the meeting.

Cllr.Adam noted that meetings regarding HS2 continue at the parish level, and that a meeting with Ufton PC may be of value (although no regularity of meetings are available as yet), and that HS2 is being held to account as much as possible.

Cllr.Adam noted that the reserved planning sites will be out for consultation at the end of the month.

Cllr.Adam noted that the proposal to move to a unitary authority has gone quiet at the moment but will resurface, the Chairman noted that the preferred view of local parishes is for a two-state unitary authority.

The Chairman raised that matter of Nelsons way and Nelsons Close in Stockton and Long Itchington and Cllr. Adam replied that he has contacted the planning officers who informed him that these names are now set and cannot be changed. Cllr.Adam noted that the officers agreed that it should have been handled better at the outset, and will attempt to ensure that it doesn't re-occur

The Chairman noted that a letter has been received from another Parish pointing out that the District Council has not sorted out a travellers site and that this could pose a problem for parishes should an application be received, The Parish Council will write to the District Council with a copy to Cllr.Adam.

There were no further issues from Cllr.Adam and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance at the virtual meeting.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs.: Cllr.Crate, and Cllr.Warner
Both Principal Authority Cllrs were present

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

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

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 2020

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st September 2020

There were no matters arising

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

20/02578/FUL, 18 St.Michael's Crescent: Demolition of existing conservatory and replaced with single storey rear extension, first floor extension, loft conversion and front porch extension – No representation

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Planning Inspectorate: 19/01510, land within the garden of The Laurels farmhouse – **Appeal dismissed.**

Item 8. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices listed on the 21st September 2020 agenda appendix 1 as shown below be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

G.Farmer: £265.00 for village mowing	Cheque 001453
R.Stephenson: £15.00 for bus shelter window cleaning	Cheque 001454
Warwickshire County Council: £540.00 for cemetery extension archaeological report	Cheque 001455
SSE: £172.42 for street lighting to September 2020	Cheque 001456
PKF Littlejohn: £240.00 for annual audit	Cheque 001457

Item 9. Correspondence

No issues for discussion

Item 10. Ongoing References

Street Lighting: It was noted that the streetlight column in Nelsons Way is listing at an angle. The Chairman will get in touch with Taylor Wimpey to determine if it is responsible.

Item 11. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References

There were no removals or additions to ongoing references

Item 12. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet having been sent to all Cllrs was approved

External Auditors Report: The report was sent to all Cllrs and unanimously approved.

Annual Insurance: This was found to be satisfactory (is the light on Nelsons Way adopted)

Midyear bank reconciliation: This having been sent to Cllrs was discussed and unanimously approved.

Villager of the Year: It was agreed that a new award should be considered for Covid heroes

Item 13 Local Government Re-Organisation

After discussion of the report thus far it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk continue with representations regarding this item

Item 14 Training and meetings

HS2 meeting: Cllr.Emberton attended the last meeting of the HS2 liaison group and found that the representatives from HS2 are not listening, they are effectively saying that whatever they decide will happen irrespective of the views of the local communities.

Item 15 District Council Issues

These were dealt with after agenda item 1

Item 16 County Council Issues

These were dealt with after agenda item 1

Other Issues for information only

Memorial Day: It was noted that the vicar Rev. Roberts is suggesting a low impact day (Cllr.Emberton will lay a wreath on behalf of the parish Council).

Village mowing: Cllr.Millidge noted that one of our contractors (G.Farmer) will hold his prices for the next year, but we need a new map of the village to accurately map the mowing areas.

School railings: Cllr.Rumsey noted that the school railings have been moved, the Chairman noted that the contractor moved them to the cemetery extension for us.

Long Itchington NHP: The Chairman noted that this doesn't really affect us as the BUAB appears to only go beyond the current estate after the school and possibly on the other side of the road. There is nothing about traffic and if anyone wishes to read the document contact the Clerk.

Sports Field: The Chairman noted that a model racing club has applied to join and use the back field adjacent to Station Road.

Stockton Scouts: The Chairman noted that the scouts have a new chair Mr. Matt Jarvis, and he is asking whether the Parish Council would apply for a new scout hut to be placed on a new site on the field.

Dog mess: The Chairman noted that a complaint has been received about dog owners who are walking pets down Becks lane and throwing poo bags into gardens, The Chair will raise a letter for the magazine.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm