

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 17th August 2015

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, J.Emberton, C.Millidge, and T.Warner.

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg

Villager of the Year

The Chairman noted that he met with the recipient, who unfortunately couldn't attend the meeting, and it was agreed that she will be formally given the award at the October meeting.

Open Forum

Mr.Legg brought up the matter of the non emptying of the rubbish bin on the playing field and noted that it has been eventually emptied after 10 weeks or so. The Clerk noted that Mr.C.Dobson of the District Council was in liaison with Biffa to determine how it has been missed and to put into place procedures whereby it will be emptied on a regular basis. Mr Legg also noted that the grass is long and in clumps on the playing field, and after discussion during which dissatisfaction with the current mowing contractor was voiced, the Council agreed that there should be further mowing and reseeding of the field to bring it up to an acceptable standard.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Parish Council an email from Cllr.Bennett in which she indicated that on medical grounds she was tendering her resignation. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Banham, and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the resignation be accepted. The Clerk is to write to Cllr.Bennett thanking her for all her valuable work over the years, and to purchase some flowers as a tribute.

This concluded the Open Forum, and the Parish Council meeting began formally.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from:-

Parish Council: Cllr.J.Neal

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

This apology for absence was unanimously accepted.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2015

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the 20th July 2015 meeting

Scout Field: The Chairman noted that M&T Sharples asked for a meeting with the Scouts and Parish Council to discuss the field and that this has been agreed for later in the week.

Barley Mow site: Cllr.Banham noted that bin area would appear to be directly outside his neighbours house, and also that any visitors to the future occupants of the site may have to park in Post Office lane

to the detriment of the occupants of the lane. It was noted that there are currently two extra parking places on site for visitors. The Clerk is to write to the developer granting an easement over the green for access to sewers, and also asking that the Parish Council meet with the developer to discuss access for the flats opening directly onto the green, and the possibility of returning the concrete hardstanding back to village green.

Core Strategy: The Clerk is to write to the District Council supporting the planning inspectors view on housing in Category 2 villages

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/00562/OUT, Land to east of Southam Road Long Itchington: Amendment to original planning application (removal of land for potential GP surgery) – previous comments still valid

15/02707/FUL, 13 St. Michaels Crescent: Demolition of sectional concrete garage and erection of summerhouse (retrospective) – No representation

15/02710/FUL, 22 Earles Close: Single storey rear extension to include replacement of the conservatory to form a porch – No representation

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

There were no new planning decisions.

It was noted that extensions to date for comments by the Parish Council on planning applications are now very difficult to obtain and after discussion it was agreed that the current system whereby power is delegated to the Clerk (in consultation with four Cllrs) to make the decision, will be continued.

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Banham that all invoices shown in the July 2015 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence and Reports

WCC church service: Cllr. and Mrs. Banham will attend if possible.

Aggy's cemetery beam system quote: It was agreed that the Council will wait until the quote from Banbury Construction arrives before discussing the matter.

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no issues for consideration

Amenity Group

There were no issues for consideration

Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There was no other correspondence

Ongoing References

Community Forum: It was noted that the next forum meeting is in September

Parish Paths: The Chairman noted that he has walked the footpaths, and will fix the sign at the top of Earles when the ground softens.

E.ON: The Clerk is to ask other Councils who their electric light supplier is to determine whether a cheaper tariff may be found.

Playing Field: The Clerk is to instruct M. Childs to arrange the hire of the equipment that will allow the

remains of the bike slide to be spread evenly prior to seeding, and the area around the hill to be cut back.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Recording of Meetings Policy and Notice

This policy and notice were distributed prior to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that they be adopted as a formal policy and notice

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: It was agreed that the finances were in line with the budget figures

County Council Lengthsman scheme

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council express an interest in this scheme, and the Clerk will report this to the County Council

Training and Meetings

There were no events for comment.

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Cllrs. Collerson, Emberton, and Warner tendered their apologies for absence from the next Parish Council as they will be on holiday.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.