

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 16th January 2017

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, P.Banham, H.Kittendorf, C.Millidge, and W.Rumsey.

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg

Open Forum

Mr.Legg noted that some cars from the Barley Mow apartments are parking on the front of the property over the white lines on the road thus narrowing the road space, and this is dangerous both to cars and pedestrians. After some discussion on the matter it was agreed that a letter be sent to the residents pointing out that there is dedicated parking areas at the rear of the property, and asking that the residents use them.

There were no further items under the open forum.

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. J.Emberton, T.Warner

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

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

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 19th December 2016

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th December 2016

Dog fouling: The Clerk will obtain some cans of the paint as used in Shipston On Stour to highlight dog fouling.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

16/04095/COUQ, Green Farm, Napton Road: Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building including building operations to form one dwelling under Class Q (a) and (b) of part 3 of the GPDO 2015 – **No Representation**

17/00021/HRN. Land adjacent Stockton Hall off Rugby Road: Removal of approx.116metres of hedgerow – **Object on the grounds that the hedge is over 30 years old and therefore needs to be preserved intact.**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

16/01846/FUL, 1 High Street: Erection of 5 new dwellings and alterations to existing bungalow including access, parking and garaging arrangements for all properties –
Permission refused

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that all invoices shown in the January 2017 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid -

This motion was unanimously agreed.

Budget for the financial year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

The Clerk brought to the attention of the notification from Stratford on Avon District Council that the council tax support grant will be reduced for the 2017-2018 financial year from £800 to £590, and the effect that this could have on the precept.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the budget for the 2017-2018 financial year which would be set as last year at £20,903.

This budget figure of £20,903 minus Council Tax reduction Grant (paid by the District Council) of £590 gives a precept figure of £20,313.

Correspondence and Reports

There were no items for consideration

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for consideration

Amenity Group

Village Mowing: The Amenity group at its meeting concluded that best value for the Parish would be to extend the existing contract with the local contractor for another number of years. It was noted that villagers themselves were very happy with the level of service and compliment the contractor to the Council on a regular basis. It was agreed that Cllr.Kittendorf will meet with the contractor to look at all the issues and will report back to the Council.

Roads and pavements: Cllr.Millidge will make a schedule for the inspections and these will be sent to the Highways department.

Public footpaths and bridleways: The Chairman will arrange a schedule for inspection.

Drains: It was noted that the drains are blocked at a number of areas: - Post Office Lane/Junction School Street, opposite Glebe Close entrance, outside 7 & 8 Manor Road (photographs from B.Legg to show, and Junction High Street/Napton Road (outside Braunston House), the Clerk is to send this list to the highways.

Street Cleaning: It was noted that there has been no street cleaner in Stockton for a long time; Clerk will contact street scene and the District Council.

Garages at the rear of St.Michael's Crescent: It was noted that there are rats appearing from this area, the Clerk will confirm who owns the garages, asking them to clear this area.

Correspondence not passed to Action Group

There were no items for consideration

Ongoing References

Street Lighting: The Clerk is to prepare a report on the status of the proposed light on the Barley Mow wall in Post Office lane.

New Housing development: The Chairman met with the site agent and complained that the verges along Napton Road being destroyed and asked for kerbing along the whole length to Station Road, the agent will take this to Taylor Wimpey. The trench along Napton Road has not been filled in to the standard required of roads, and the site agent noted that when the development work is completed it will be properly re-instated. The Chairman noted that the complete hedge from Grange Farm Drive

has been removed, and in reply the agent noted that the construction work was digging up the roots and that the hedge will be reinstated on completion.

Fibre Optic to the Home: the Chairman noted that the Parish Council asked for this some time ago and asked the site agent to find a contact at Taylor Wimpey who can talk about this issue

Cemetery Extension: The Clerk will contact R.Frogley for a quote to put up a fence across the cemetery extension.

Cemex Quarry: It was noted that the next liaison meeting will be on Monday 6th Feb at the cement works in Long Itchington, as the Chairman will be away the Clerk will attend.

Villager of the Year: As no nominations have been received it was determined that it will be put into the magazine and on the facebook page.

Memorial Field: The Chairman noted that there will be a ceremony starting in St.Michael's Church on Sunday 22nd January 2017 commencing at 10.30am

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

Cemetery Extension: It was determined that this be added.

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: This was shown and found to be in line with the budget.

Precept: See Financial matters.

Review Donations: It was agreed that there will be no change to the donations policy.

Training and Meetings

There were no issues for consideration

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

Other Issues

Clean Up day: This will be held on March 18th, the Clerk will obtain grabbers, tabards, and sturdy bags from the District Council.

The Chairman gave his apologies for absence at the next meeting.

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