

Minute Number 09 (20 - 21)

**Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held via Zoom at 7.15pm on 21st December 2020**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public

Item 1. Open Forum

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, and asked for items to be considered under the open forum

The member of the public noted that he will put up the “ No Litter” signs in the village next week, the Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.

The member of the public brought to the attention of the Council the state of the children’s play area in the village and noted that a complaint had been made by a visitor to the village, and it was further noted that the WI then made arrangements for the picking up of this litter. The problem appears to be a number of young people (not all from the village) and asked whether a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) could be put in place to ban the consumption of alcohol in the playing field.

The Chairman noted that if one of these orders were in place then the police can issue spot fines without recourse to the courts system.

Cllr.Emberton noted that the difficulty is that the offenders appear to be coming from Daventry thus making any enforcement more difficult. To have an order in place we must prove that there is a defined serious problem, but the difficulty is in the enforcement of the order (sometimes at other places Neighbourhood/Street Watches can enforce them, but to add to the problem in Stockton the playing field is tucked away mostly out of sight.

Cllr.Emberton further noted that there are two main issues, rather than putting comments onto facebook, they should be reported to the police thus showing that there is a clear problem.

The Chairman noted that for a PSPO to be put in place the police must know that there is constant reporting of the problem to the police, rather than complaints on facebook.

County Cllr.Crump noted that if the village can keep a record of patterns on anti-social behaviour then the police can act but evidence must be gathered.

Cllr.Emberton agreed that the police need hard evidence that the problem is occurring and is serious enough to be recorded.

District Cllr.Adam contacted the District Council community safety team, and they are unaware of the problem, they must have evidence, e.g., in Long Itchington evidence of anti-social behaviour had the effect of increased patrolling by the police.

Cllr.Warner noted that we could build a retrospective list of complaints.

The member of the public noted that we will have to get the residents of the area on board in that they are confident that reporting these problems will result in something being done.

Cllr.Millidge noted that in the past there was a Playing Fields committee to run it, but now it appears that no one wants to get involved.

The Chairman and Clerk will put a letter together about this problem for the residents affected.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his contribution to the meeting. The member of the public then left the meeting. There were no further items raised under open forum.

The Chairman brought items 15 & 16 on the agenda forward to accommodate the District and County Cllrs.

Item 15. District Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District Cllr.Adam to address the meeting. Cllr.Adam reported that HS2 is still impacting negatively on the area. Cllr.Adam noted that the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) for Stratford on Avon District Council has now closed, and he has commented on his ward (including Stockton) with specific issues for each site, and will be available online, he has sent copy of his comments to the Clerk.

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

Item 16.County Council Issues.

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

Cllr.Crump noted that he sends a regular report on County Council issues to the Clerk for distribution. Cllr.Crump noted that the occupancy of hospitals due to Covid 19 is increasing with the over 60's being of particular concern, infection rates have rocketed., there were 94 deaths in Rugby and 114 in North Warwicks.

Cllr.Crump noted that he has been contacted by residents regarding the behaviour in the playing field.

Cllr.Crump noted that regarding the dropped kerb by the FC-CC that Taylor Wimpey will not be putting one there as the road safety team at the County Council has put a notice that there must be a dropped kerb on the opposite side of the road, and this is not possible. The Clerk is to send a supporting email regarding this dropped kerb because of the effect on the disabled, and parents with pushchairs accessing the sports club.

Cllr.Crump noted that the road safety team will do an audit of the A426 crossroads at Stockton. The Chairman noted that there have been 4 accidents since September at this crossroads, a letter will be sent to the Chief Executive of the County Council asking for a serious solution to this problem (and send this letter on an annual basis if nothing substantial is done).

Cllr.Crump noted that there has been a complaint re parking in Laurels Drive by parents on the school run, the Chairman noted that the Head has sent a letter to all parents regarding responsible parking.

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

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs:

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All Cllrs. were in attendance

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2020

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th November 2020

Street parking: It was noted that there are issues regarding parking in

George Street (people using the green as there are no free spaces), and it was asked whether the Cornwood farm potential development can exacerbate this problem.

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

20/03212/LBC, 28 Post Office lane: Replacement windows to property – **No representation.**

20/02874/FUL, In the Parish of Stockton: Change of use of the disused Lias line from a historic disused railway line to a cycle/pedestrian route to be laid in a sealed surface with associated ancillary development. Horse riders will also be accommodated along the route – **No representation.**

20/03136/FUL, Stockton House: Two storey extension of existing office building, associated alterations to existing elevations, demolition of ground and first floor WC, extension and enclosure of existing canopy structure and formation of overspill car park – **Comments made on potential car park, archaeological report of car park, and potential lighting.**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council, County Council, or Planning Inspectorate

Item 8. Financial Matters

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

Stockton FC-CC	£15,5600	Cheque No. 001463
R.Stephenson	£15.00	Cheque No. 001464
Stratford D.C.	£68.64	Cheque No. 001465
S.S.E.	£167.15	Cheque No. 001466

Payments received December 2020

ESC lottery fund	£15.600.00
Stockton FC-CC	£350.00

Item 9. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 10. Ongoing References

Parish paths: The Chairman noted that the only issues were minor and that he will attend to them.

Website: It was noted that a message was received regarding publishing images on the website, and Hugo Fox agreed that it was a scam and could be ignored

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 was previously sent to all Cllrs. before the meeting and approved.

Parish Council donations: It was agreed that the outside donations bodies donations from the Parish Council were appropriate.

Item 13. Budget and precept for the year 2021 – 2022

After discussion of the proposed budget previously distributed it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the precept for the financial year 1st April 2021` to 31st March 2022 be set at £26.000 - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 14 Training and meetings

The Chairman gave a report on the ICCM training undertaken by himself and Cllr. Millidge and found it very informative and useful. The Clerk will obtain a large map of the cemetery from Pear Technology

Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC); Cllr. Emberton went to the PCC meeting and reported that all Parishes attending had the same agenda – need for closer relationships with the police and concerns at the public use of facebook rather than contacting the police. In order to get any priority for visits etc we have to demonstrate that we have a defined problem.

Other Issues for information only

Cllr.Millidge noted that the streets will need cleaning from wet leaves in the new year, and that in her view visibility at the crossroads is not good..

Cllr.Warner noted that a member of the public clears the pavement on the hill from leaves, the Chairman will put an article in the magazine about this.

Cllr.Warner asked about M.Childs and the Chairman will see him to determine whether/if he can do some work.

Cllr.Crate noted that the sign by the crossroads has been broken off (picture missing) and the 30mph sign is missing, the Chairman will look at it tomorrow..

Cllr.Rumsey noted that the spoil in the cemetery is getting near the Christmas tree, the Clerk is to contact the gravedigger to make the heap smaller and keep away from the tree.

Cllr.Emberton asked whether the Parish Council will officially thank the WI for their cleaning of the Children's play area, and can we pay someone to clear the area on a weekly basis. Chairman and clerk to write letter of thanks to WI.

Chairman, noted that he now has a hard copy of the Site Allocation Plan (SAP), and the Clerk will invite Sarah Brooke Taylor to the January meeting to give a presentation regarding a housing needs survey. The Chair further noted that through Long Itchington there are 3 houses for sale notices on the verges and the Town and Country planning act regulations 2007 states that estate agents' boards should only be placed on the curtilage of the building not on verges, a letter will be sent to Connells reminding them of the law.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm