

Minute Number 10 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 20th January 2025.**

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, H.Kittendorf, R.Rumsey, and T.Warner.

District Councillor: District Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: County Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 4 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the January 2025 meeting of Stockton Parish Council

Item 1. Open Forum

As part of the village broadband determination, the Chair noted that the cost of the SOLAS offer for the broadband is £40 per month.

After discussion it was determined that the Village Hall Committee will discuss the matter with suppliers and that the Parish Council will initially fund set up costs and the monthly running costs for the broadband connection.

Representatives of the Village Hall Committee noted that they are applying to Stratford DC for funding to put solar panels on the village hall roof and batteries within the village hall (from the Climate Change Community Fund (CCCVF))

The Chair brought agenda items 17 and 18 forward to accommodate the Principal Authorities member present

Items 17.& 18 District and County Council Issues

SDC.

Cllr.Crump noted that he met with Cllr.Warner, a resident and a WCC representative to look at the issues of traffic accidents at the crossroads. It was noted that the only real solution will be traffic lights together with better road markings. It was noted that the likely cost of the traffic lights will be in seven figures so external funding will be required. It was further noted that a roundabout would not be appropriate.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be some village road closures due to STW main works.

Cllr.Crump noted that WCC are looking for an additional 30 full time fire fighters. Cllr.Crump indicated that the budget proposals for SDC and WCC should be completed early next month

Cllr.Crump noted that in line with government proposals to streamline local government Warwickshire has received an invitation to make a proposal for Unitarism. It should be noted that all 2 tier Councils will cease to exist in the present form by 2028 and WCC wish to be in the first tranche to reorganise along unitary lines

Cllr.Crump noted that the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) is now live and will run until 7th March 2025. All interested parties have been invited to comment on the preferred options for SWLP for the next 25 years. This will identify significantly more locations for housing and employment growth over the next 25 years.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.Emberton, Cllr.Millidge; Cllr.W.Rumsey.

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

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

Item 4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 6. Minutes of the meeting on 16th December 2024

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr. R. Rumsey that the minutes of the 16th December 2024 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the 16 December 2024 Parish Council meeting

There were no matters arising

Item 8. Planning Matters**a. New Planning applications**

There were no planning applications received.

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**Item 9. Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Rumsey and seconded by Cllr. Kittendorf that all invoices identified on the December 2024 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

January_2025 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£172.35	001747
Cemex UK Ops,	£350.00	001748
Midland Sign & Lighting	£210.00	001749

Item 10. Budget and Precept for the financial Year 2025-2026

It was agreed that figure for the budget and precept determined in January was correct.

Item 11. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 12. Ongoing References

Parish Cllr. Email addresses: It was determined that Edge IT will be asked to provide a separate email address for Cllr. R. Rumsey.

Item 13. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Item 14. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The Clerk sent the spreadsheet to all Cllrs. And it was determined that the budget was in line with expectations
Safety Audit of cemetery and Playing Field: The audit of the cemetery will be carried out as soon as practicable, and the Playing Field has been externally audited.

Item 15. Training and Meetings

It was noted that the Chair and Cllr. Warner attended a meeting regarding central reporting issues

	<p><u>Item 16. SWLP</u> It was determined that a Parish Council response will be made when the document has been studied.</p> <p><u>Item 17. District Council Issues</u> See after Open Forum</p> <p><u>Item 18. County Council Issues</u> See after Open Forum</p> <p>Other Issues for information only Cemetery: Clerk is to get the gravedigger to remove the soil pile. Memorial Garden: Clerk to get dog fouling signage Car parking at sports field: Photographs to be taken to bolster extra parking application. Yellow lines o/s village hall: Clerk to chase CC VOY: Annual announcement for VOY award to be made in the magazine Honour board: Clerk to contact joiner. Village handyman: Chair to contact a named village resident Street light P.O.Lane; Chair to contact MSL.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.</p>	
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