

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 10th April 2017

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg, Mr.D.Billsborough, Ms.E.Billsborough.

The Wigley Group:- J.Davis, B.Watts, and O.Taylor

Planning Application 17/00523/FUL, Kings House

The Chairman Cllr.H.Collerson welcomed all present to the meeting and brought planning item 7 forward for consideration, (application 17/00523/FUL, Kings House, for change of use from residential Class C3 to office use Class B1)

The representatives of the Wigley Group gave a presentation on their plans for the change of use for Kings House, pointing out that the group is a local company (started in Barby) and whose current building is leased at Coventry Airport, and would like to make the house its main office and that currently there are currently 18 employees and no plans for major expansion. They noted that there will be no fundamental change to the exterior of the house and that all potential changes will be inside. It was noted that the access off the Napton Road is limited and this will mean an improved access to comply with the highway authority regulations, and the same will apply to the access from the A426. It was further noted that as a worst case scenario there will be two time frames (8.00 – 9.00am, and 5.00 – 6.00pm) when there will be an extra 19 car movements. The Wigley Group confirmed that they wish to play a part within the village should this application come to fruition. There followed a general discussion between the Wigley Group, residents, and Parish Councillors about the group itself and this application. At the conclusion of this discussion the Chairman thanked the Wigley Group for their attendance and contribution to the meeting and the group then left the meeting.

After further discussion by the Parish Council it was agreed that the Council would support this application, on the grounds that it would bring a well considered village building back into a formal use which can only enhance the Kings House and the entrance to the village, there may also be the potential for more local employment, and that the Parish Council should ask for a more formal traffic calming measure to be in place (e.g. double white lines from the A426 junction back towards Southam past Tollgate House).

Open Forum

Mr.Legg pointed out that cars were still parking at the front of the Barley Mow, encroaching into the road whilst there are still vacant parking places at the rear of the building, thus presenting a road safety hazard. The Clerk is to send a letter to all residents asking them to avoid parking at the front whilst there are spaces at the rear

There were no further items under open forum.

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. J.Emberton

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that the apology be accepted – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th March 2017

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 20th March 2017

Village Mowing: Cllrs Millidge and Kittendorf reported that Mr. Stanley was still awaiting the results from some medical tests, and given that the mowing season has started Cllr. Millidge noted that a Mr. G. Farmer has stepped in temporarily to carry out the village mowing until the problem with Mr. Stanley resolves itself.

Dog fouling Signs: Cllr. Kittendorf noted that the signs on posts throughout the village are faded and cannot be read easily, the Clerk is to look at finding replacements.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

17/00523/FUL, Kings House: See agenda item 1

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Warner that all invoices shown in the April 2017 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Annual Governance Statement.

After discussion on each governance item it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should sign as approval of the governance statement.

Correspondence and Reports

Villager of the Year: It was noted that Mrs. Legg had requested a voucher from Smiths Nurseries at Bagington as the award.

Finance & Strategy Group

Nothing to report

Amenity Group

There were no items for discussion

Correspondence not passed to Action Group

There were no items for consideration

Ongoing References

Community Forum: The Chairman noted that the forum organiser is trying to get the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting and asked for any questions that could be put to him. The Chairman in reply asked how the current neighbourhood policing team was going to cope with the increase in dwellings across the area (including the 2, 800 dwellings at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath), and what the future policing strategy will be.

Parish Paths: The Chairman has walked some of the paths, and will complete the rest as soon as practicable.

Housing Developments: the Chairman has received notification of areas within the new developments, and who will be responsible for their upkeep (the Parish Council refused to take responsibility for any areas within each development).

Playing Field: The Amenity Group will look at all issues regarding the field and play equipment. It was noted that Dorne Jones has provided new nets for the goalpost, and also arranged for them to be fitted. The Clerk is to write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to Ms.Jones.

Memorial Field: The Chairman noted that there are two rows of dandelions across the field; the Clerk is to arrange for R.Mingins to spray these before any seed is set.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

It was agreed that the issue of the St.Michael's Crescent rear garages should be added

Parish Council Calendar Actions

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

Cemetery and playing field safety audit is ongoing.

Review emergency plan: Cllr.Emberton has undertaken to review the plan and will report back.

Annual Parish Meeting: the Chairman will write an article for Stockton's news, and arrange for some posters to be printed.

Training and Meetings

It was agreed that the Council will pay for the Clerks training days on the 8th and 9th June 2017.

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

Other Issues

The Pound. It was noted that some bracken and hedge material are on the pound, the Clerk is to arrange for M.Childs to remove.

Village map: The Clerk is to arrange with the Ordnance Survey to get a map of the village with all new dwellings on it

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.