

STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minute Number 04 (20 - 21)

Minutes of the Virtual Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council Held via Zoom at 7.15pm on 20th July 2020

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.L.Adam

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public:

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.T,Warner

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

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

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr.Millidge declared an interest in planning application 20/01791/TPO, Redwood Place, 2 Rectory Close, and will neither speak nor vote on that matter.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd June 2020

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 22nd June 2020

Mowing: The Chair noted that P.Byrne has arranged for the High Street mowing to be carried out, but the George Street mowing is more problematic in that Orbit states that the land does not belong to it.
School fencing: After representation from the PARISH Council it has transpired that the fencing has been adjusted.

The Chairman brought items 16 &17 on the agenda forward to accommodate the District and County Cllrs.

Item 16. District Council Issues.

The Chairman invited District Cllr.Adam to address the meeting.

Cllr.Adam reported that there was nothing major to report but noted that a petition has been presented to the County Council to reopen Stockton recycling Centre.

In response to a query from the Clerk regarding planning applications for the cemetery extension and sports club, Cllr. Adam will investigate how they are proceeding with the planning officers.

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

Item 17. County Council Issues.

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

Cllr. Crump noted that he would like to see the recycling centre open but there are concerns regarding social distancing and traffic issues (queues outside the centre being a road hazard. Examples from the recycling centre in Leamington Spa show that people are not adhering to the social distancing procedure, also there are people arriving with no pre booked time, being turned away and this causes traffic issues).

Cllr. Crump noted that some potholes are being repaired and hedges trimmed across the county together with some cycleways being set up. It was also noted that the Southam market operator has pulled out, but other operators are being approached to run the market (the fruit and vegetable trader, and the fish trader are still trading on another site).

Cllr. Crump also noted that he is not impressed with the way that HS2 contractor management are dealing with various issues raised at meetings.

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

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

20/01791/TPO, Redwood Place, 2 Rectory Close: 7 x yew to lift crown to 3 metres above ground, remove basal stem growth. 3 x yew remove – **After discussion it was decided to support the application on the grounds of increased visibility and lighting in the area, and it will allow the remaining trees to grow properly.**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Cllr. Emberton noted that the planning application 20/00946/FUL The Crown has been withdrawn.

Item 8. Financial Matters

It was proposed By Cllr. Emberton and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices listed on the 20th July 2020 agenda appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 9. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 10. Ongoing References

Street lighting: After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Collerson and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that the current maintenance contract with E.ON be terminated, and prior to that termination the Chairman will contact Midland Sign and Lighting to obtain formal quotes for any repair work needed on the lighting. - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Street lighting: **After discussion it was unanimously agreed** that the next upgrade to the village lighting will be Elm Row and the light outside the school.

Playing Field: The Clerk is to contact A. Khan of Brindley, Twist, Tafft & James, regarding progress on the lease for the playing field.

Memorial Field: Cllr. Millidge will ask a contractor for a quote to trim the hedge adjoining the memorial field.

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

Audit of Parish paths: The Chairman has walked most of them and noted that some additions to the way markers need to be done. The Chairman will report at next meeting.

Safety Audit of cemetery and playing field: Cllrs Millidge, Kittendorf and the Clerk will undertake these audits.

Item 13 Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the Standing Orders are formally approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 14 Financial Regulations

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the Financial regulations are formally approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 15 Risk assessment

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that the Risk Assessment Document is formally approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 16. Burial of a non-resident

After discussion it was decided that regretfully the Parish Council could not offer a burial space to a non-resident, but that it could offer a space for cremated remains.

Other Issues for information only

Midland Shires Farms: Cllr.Collerson asked does anyone know what is happening on that site as people have been seen moving items.

Hedge adjacent to scout field: The Chairman noted that Warwickshire Rural Housing Association will carry out work to reduce the hedge. The Chairman will contact the housing association to determine when the work will be done.

Wigley Group: The Chairman noted that the Wigley group want to talk to the Parish Council about how they can interact with the community in Stockton, the Chair will contact Wigley to set a date for two Cllrs. and the Clerk to meet with the group.

Meetings: The Chairman noted that August and September will remain as Zoom meetings but that it might be possible to pencil October as a time for a face to face Council meeting.

Future of Local Government: The Chairman noted that of Stratford District Council website is a document outlining possible changes to the future of local government (unitary authorities perhaps), and although it is a weighty document it is worth reading.

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

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