

Minute Number 03 (22 - 23)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 20th June 2022.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no issues for discussion under Open Forum.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Warner

District Cllr.Adam sent his apologies

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

It was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that these apologies are accepted - **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

District Cllr.Adam's apology for absence was noted

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 16 to accommodate the principal authority member in attendance.

Item 16 County Council Issues

County Cllr. Crump noted that due to HS2 there will be traffic lights at Ufton with the road closed from 8.30am until 3.30pm. There will also be 3 other road closures, and at some point there will be a road diversion through Dallas Burston. Cllr.Crump noted that swimming in open water is not recommended.

Cllr.Crump noted that the speed sign on the A426 close to Stockton crossroads is not working and that he will chase this up with the highways dept.

Cllr.Crump noted that the grant funding at his disposal have been disbursed with 75% going to Southam organisations, 25% to Stockton, and 5% to Napton.

Stockton Playing Fields committee appear to have missed the deadline.

Cllr.Crump noted that the bollard placed on the George Street green was removed by someone, and that now 2 bollards will be placed. Cllr.Crump noted that there will never be enough parking spaces.

Cllr.Crump noted that although parking at the junction of Napton Road/George Street at times makes it difficult to access Napton Road from George Street, it also acts to slow traffic down.

Cllr.Crump noted that retained firefighters are being sought by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service.

Cllr.Crump noted that the street lining on the Napton Road is now in the budget.

Cllr.Crump identified Donna Parry as the new PC for the area.

The Chairman asked Cllr.Crump whether he has any experience of traffic speed signs and at what stage do we contact the County Highways dept. In reply

Cllr.Crump indicated that we should involve them as soon as practicable.

There were no further County Council issues for consideration

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 9th May 2022

These minutes having been previously circulated it was noted that there was a typographical error on page 6 – repaired, and it was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that they be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 9th May 2022.

There were no matters arising

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

22/01223/VARY, The Old Post Office, 1 Mount Pleasant: variation of 2 conditions with new drawings – **No representation**

22/01587/FUL 17 Mount Pleasant: Rear and front side extension and raising the roof to create a further storey with dormer windows to the south east – **Object to this application on the grounds that it is incompatible with the existing street scene**

22/01617/FUL, Tollgate House, Rugby Road: Construction of a double Garage – **No representation**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

22/00568/VARY, Stockton House: Variation of condition 2 of planning Permission 20/03136/FUL – **Permission granted.**

22/01523/DDT Stockton House: Fell tree (stem cracked) following heavy Rain storm replacement planting required - **Information only.**

Item 8. Financial Matters

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

Invoices as follows:-

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Midland Sign & Lighting	£7254.00	001564
SLCC	£80.00	001565
W.Robinson	£143.88	001566
G.Farmer	£650.00	001567
SSE	£167.15	001568

Item 9. Internal Audit report

After discussion it was noted that the safeguarding policy will be put on the website.

It was also noted that the following will be reviewed and placed on the website:- Standing Orders; Financial Regulations: Asset register; Cemetery and Playing Field Safety Audits; Budget Monitoring Statements.

The Parish Council will look at the reserves against a possible interest change and whether to move to a higher interest form of saving (if one exists)

Item 10. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 11. Ongoing References

Community Forum: It was noted that a WALC community meeting will be held online

Website: Cllr.Emberton has made a facebook page for the Parish Council for information only.

Cemetery extension: The Chairman noted that N.Clough has offered to “top it” and bale the toppings at no cost.

20’s plenty: It was noted that the County Council will revisit the issue.

Item 12. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no removals from, or additions to ongoing references

Item 13. Parish Council calendar actions

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was passed to all Parish Cllrs, present and was formally approved

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit: This will be undertaken by the Clerk, Cllr.Millidge and Cllr.Kittendorf when weather and time permits

Item 14. Training and meetings

No training or meetings was undertaken.

Item 15. District Council Issues.

There were no District Council issues

Item 16. County Council Issues.

See after Item 3.

Other Issues for information only

Footpath St.Michaels Crescent to Becks Lane: It was noted that it is being overgrown by brambles – Clerk to deal with this.

Cemetery extension: It was noted that when the extension is in use the spoil from gravedigging will have to be removed.

Hedge opposite W Rumsey's: It was noted that this needs to be cut back – this will occur when the license permits.

Speed signs: I was noted that there are signs that analyse the speed of vehicles, and the positioning of any sign needs to be discussed. It was also noted that signs can show any message that is required. The Clerk will contact the highways department.

Local cycling and walking plan: It was noted that there is a consultation document on the County Council website and will remain until August. The Parish Council will respond pointing out that there are no footpaths between Stockton and surrounding towns and villages. The Chair will forward link to the consultation document to all Cllrs.

Site Allocation Plan: It was noted that there are no reserve sites listed for Stockton (the only mention is the self-build site).

Trees: The Chairman noted that Orbit seem to be happy for the Parish Council to put trees on the greens in Manor Road and George Street. The Clerk is to write to residents adjacent to those sites asking for views and whether volunteers will look after them for a couple of years until established. The School has agreed to have one on the playing field. It was noted that the churchyard could be used for cherry trees, and the Parish Council could consider trees for the old part of the cemetery. The Chairman gives his apologies for the next two meetings

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