

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 21st October 2019**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 7 members of the public

Item I. Open Forum

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Chairman then gave details of the options available for future of the public phone box should BT determine to close the it after the public consultation.

The Parish Council has the following options available to it under the consultation process :-

No change in the usage

Remove the phone box

Arrange for the phone box to become a Parish Asset.

After a full discussion it was agreed that if BT cease s to utilise the box then the Parish Council will ask for it to become a village asset.

Mr.M.Scott of the ambulance service then gave a detailed explanation of how a defibrillator functions and the how various models of usage are available. He also detailed how a defibrillator is supported by the ambulance service, pointing out that if a defibrillator is purchased for community use, then there will have to be a memorandum of understanding with the ambulance service.

In answering a question of liability Mr.Scott noted that the Good Samaritans Act is in force.

This concluded the information from Mr.Scott who pointed out that if the Parish Council decides to purchase a defibrillator he will put us in touch with the Ambulance Service Community manager. Mr.Scott also made the offer if a CPR session was required he will be glad to lead one in the village hall..

The Chairman thanked Mr.Scott for his valuable input.

The Chairman pointed out that he has had eight responses asking to be part of a community defibrillator group, and that he will try to get that group together to attend a Council meeting with its own agenda item, to discuss the way forward on this issue.

There were no further issues under open forum.

Item 20. County Council issues

The Chairman brought item 20 County Council forward to facilitate Cllr.Crump.

Cllr.Crump's noted that the County Council embarked on a consultation to determine a five-year priority list with for example social care, child care, education etc which was held at Tesco. The County Council spends 80% of its funding on social care items, fire and rescue, the County Council is putting a tri service officer in place to link all items.

Cllr.Crump indicated that he is still waiting for the County Council to respond to his ideas regarding the crossroads and Greaves Cottages issues.

Cllr.Crump noted that from now all County Council reports must have a section on climate emergency, with a dedicated officer to look after the Stockton Recycling facility (Andrew Pan)

There being no further County Council issues the Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his attendance, and Cllr.Crump left the meeting

Item 2. BT .Closure of telephone box

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will adopt the telephone box as a community asset

Item 3. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs:

District Cllr: Cllr.Adam

County Cllr:

Item 4. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All Parish Councillors were in attendance

The apology for absence from District Cllr.Adam was noted

Item 5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

Item 6. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2019

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

Item 7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th September 2019

SM16 St. Michael's Crescent: It was noted that the footpath will now sit between two large fences, the Chairman will contact the developers.

Cemetery and Playing Filed safety audit: The Clerk and Cllrs Millidge and Kittendorf will carry out this audit.

Dropped kerb at FC-CC: The Chairman noted that the County Council will pick this up

Item 8. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

19/02530 /FUL, The Old Post Office,1 Mount Pleasant: Demolition of existing rear extension and garage and replacement with a rear two storey extension and siting of a new garage – **No representation (under delegated powers)**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

19/02191/FUL Green Farm, Napton Road: Partial change of stable block to residential annex – **Permission refused**

19/02530/FUL, 1 Mount Pleasant: demolition of existing rear extension and garage and replacement with a rear two storey extension and siting of a new garage – **Permission granted.**

Item 9. Financial Matters

It was proposed By Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Warner that all invoices listed on the21st October 2019 agenda appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 10. Correspondence

Stockton PCC request for funding churchyard mowing: The Clerk advised that such a donation may be ultra vires according to WALC, however the Parish Council noted that the state of the churchyard is deemed important by residents, so therefore this donation should be made. The Clerk was instructed to put this as an invoice for payment to the next meeting,

Mr.Crane; Casual vacancy application

Item 17 Parish Council vacancy

The Chairman brought agenda item 17 Parish Council vacancy forward.

After discussion on the resume provided by Mr.Crane, it was proposed by

Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that Mr.Crane be co-opted to the office of Parish Councillor for Stockton parish Council - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Cllr.Crane signed the Acceptance of Office declaration in the presence of the Proper Officer and was formally welcomed into the Parish Council

Item 11. Finance and Strategy Group Report

There were no items for discussion

Item 12. Amenity Group Report

There were no items for discussion

Item 13. Correspondence not passed to groups

There were no items for discussion

Item 14. Ongoing References

Community Forum: It was noted that Stockton issues have been placed higher up the priority order for the next year.

Street Lighting: Now the nights are getting darker the Chairman will look for the next 10 lights to be brought to the notice of the Parish Council for approval for change to LED's.

Cleaning road signs: It was determined that D.Stanley be asked to clean the road signs.

Crossroads from L. Itchington: It was noted that hedge is overgrown hampering visibility along the road towards Southam, and water is still lying on the road after rain at the crossroads. The Clerk is to contact P.Byrne of the highways department.

Item 15. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References.

There was no addition or removals of items.

Item 16. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously circulated with no major issues identified.

Annual Insurance: It was agreed that the insurance cover is adequate..

Review cemetery fees: Cllr.Millidge will look at comparable councils and their burial fees.

Safety Audit of Cemetery and Playing field: This will be carried out next month

Publicity for Villager of the Year award: The Chairman has sent an article to Stockton's news.

Item 17 Parish Council vacancy

See earlier after agenda item 10

Item 18. Training and meetings

The report into the Site Allocations Plan is under the planning item 7

Item 19. District Council issues

There were no District Council issues reported

Item 20. County Council issues

See Cllr.Crump's report brought forward after agenda item 1

Other Issues for information only

Signs on Verge in Napton Road: It was noted that for sale signs are put on the verges on Napton Road not outside the actual properties, the Clerk will bring this to the attention of P.Byrne.

Hedge outside barley Mow: It was noted that this hedge is protruding into the road.

Road outside the Cherries: It was noted that there is now a significant dip in the roadway outside the Cherries in School Street. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of P.Byrne.

Hedge on Mount Pleasant: It was noted that the owners are responsible for this hedge.

Power for People: After discussion it was determined not to pass the resolution.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

