

**Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 18th April 2016**

**Those present: -**

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

*District Councillor:*

*County Councillor:*

*Public:* 4 members of the public

**Open Forum**

Cllr.Emberton gave an outline of the new proposals for the resiting of the petanque club from the Crown Inn to Stockton FC-CC, and given that the Parish Council is the first leaseholder from Cemex, the Council will be asked by the new association to contact Cemex asking for permission to add petanque to the sports facility. The Parish Council has no objections in principle to this and will ask Cemex when the request is received.

The Chairman noted that a letter of resignation from the Council has been received from James Neal, because of a potential conflict of interest as he has now been elected as Chairman for the sports club. It is with regret that the resignation was noted and the Clerk was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Neal, and to start the casual vacancy process in order to co-opt another Councillor.

There were no further issues brought forward.

**Apologies for Absence**

Parish Cllrs. Cllrs. P.Banham.

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

*Parish Cllrs;* It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the apology be accepted - This motion was unanimously carried.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st March 2016**

These minutes being previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that they be accepted as true records - This motion was unanimously agreed.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the 21st March 2016**

*Waste bins:* The Clerk was instructed to order a free standing bin for the bus stop and determine whether M.Childs can move the existing bin at that site to the village green beside the bench

**Planning Matters: -**

*a. New Planning Applications*

16/00605/FUL, The Barley Mow, Stockton: Retrospective fixed hoop ladders and guarding rail to provide emergency exit from the attic storey – No representation but with comments

*b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council*

**Other Planning Issues**

*1 High Street:* A letter from the developers indicated that a change to the original plans would be forthcoming that would change the housing mix and keep the original bungalow as part of the development. After discussion it was determined that the Council was not unhappy with the retention of the original bungalow, but is unhappy with the proposal to access that property from midway up Mount Pleasant given that the road is very narrow and that cars are parked almost permanently in the road.

The Chairman gave an outline of the latest situation regarding the scouts and the development of the field. The developers will give the scouts a lease on the land (approx. 25% of the field) for 21 years and will build a new scout hut and rent it to the scouts. As a result this will entail an increase in housing by 2 dwellings. The scouts asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to add this land to the lease for the playing field that is currently being written, after detailed discussion the Council declined to add this to the lease.

The Chairman noted that a meeting has been requested with Taylor Wimpey regarding the developments either side of Napton Road, but to date there has been no response.

**Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that all invoices shown in the March 2016 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

*PAYE payroll:* The Clerk was instructed to arrange for a quote for the payroll services.

*Financial Software:* The information about the software having been circulated by email to all Cllrs was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to arrange with Edge designs for a demonstration of the software.

*New Council Laptop:* The Clerk was instructed to get quotes for a new laptop, and also ask Edge to cost a support package.

**Correspondence and Reports**

There were no items for discussion

**Finance & Strategy Group**

*Pensions Seminar:* The Clerk will attend and a Councillor will be encouraged to attend.

*Memorial Stone:* It was noted that Noralle has offered to site the stone free of charge, and any materials used will be at cost price. The Council accepted this offer and the Clerk will write to Noralle thanking them for the offer.

**Amenity Group**

There were no items for consideration.

**Correspondence not passed to Action Groups**

There were no items for consideration.

**Ongoing References**

*Barley Mow Light:* the Clerk will contact ABB asking when the light will be put in place.

*Estate agent signs on the village green:* The Chairman will contact the estate agent in this regard

**Additions and Removals to Ongoing References**

There were no additions or removals from ongoing references

### **Parish Council Calendar Actions**

*Cemetery audit:* The Clerk and Cllr. Millidge will undertake this audit as soon as possible

*Villager of the Year:* After a discussion of all candidates the Parish Council voted that the award should go to Mrs. I. Harkins, the Clerk will inform Mrs. Harkins and ask what she wants as the award.

### **Training and Meetings**

There was no training or meetings attended.

### **District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

### **County Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration.

### **Other Issues**

*PCC;* Cllr. Emberton noted that we will be voting on who should be the new PCC and given the dearth of information available on the candidates asked whether it was worth it – probably not.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.**