

Minute Number 11 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 17th February 2025.**

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, C.Millidge, W.Rumsey, R.Rumsey, and T.Warner.

District Councillor: District Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: County Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 13 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the February 2025 meeting of Stockton Parish Council

Item 1. Open Forum

With regard to the potential planning application at Sycamore Close, the Chair gave an outline of where the application is at this time pointing out that the Parish Council has not received any formal notification of any application for this or indeed any other site.

District Cllr.Crump also gave a further explanation that notices from the planning authority were sent to residents in error

There being no further issues brought under open forum and the Chair carried on with the formal meeting agenda.

The Chair brought agenda items 16 and 17 forward to accommodate the Principal Authorities member present

Items 16.& 17 District and County Council Issues

Cllr.Crump noted that the sign on the A426 crossroads having been knocked over and a job raised with the highways department for it to be reinstated.

Cllr.Crump noted that a job repair has been raised to repair the pothole at the junction High Street/Napton Road.

Cllr Crump will have the water pooling in Elm Row inspected.

Cllr.Crump will look into the pothole in George Street

Cllr,Crump noted that the grass verge opposite the Crown Inn is highways land, and the offer of planters by the Crown Inn owners free of charge to avoid vehicles intruding on the grass verges has been made. The conditions laid down for these planters by the highways department would render the planters ineffective.

Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council elections will now take place in May 2025.

Cllr.Crump also asked residents to come to the SWLP event at Southam Library on the 18th February from 10.00am until 4.00pm to look at the potential development areas around Stockton, Southam, and Napton that may be developed to meet government requirements.

SDC prefers a 2 unitary model for Warwickshire (North and South) but this is not supported by WDC or RBC. The unitary is likely to happen in April 2028, but there has been little or no consultation by government whose preferred size of unitary authority is 500K plus.

This ended Cllr.Crump's report and the Chair thanked him for his attendance,

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.Emberton.

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

It was proposed by Cllr.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that these apologies be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 6. Minutes of the meeting on 20th January 2025

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr. Warner that the minutes of the 20th January 2025 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the 20th January 2025 Parish Council meeting

There were no matters arising

Item 8. Planning Matters**a. New Planning applications**

There were no planning applications received.

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**Item 9. Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices identified on the January 2025 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

January 2025 Invoices

| Payee | Amount | Cheque Number |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| SSE | £178.11 | 001750 |
| Edge IT Systems | £878.02 | 001751 |
| R.Stephenson | £16.00 | 001752 |
| J.Shelton | £856.00 | 001753 |

Item 10. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 11. Ongoing References

There were no items for discussion.

Item 12. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Item 13. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The Clerk sent the spreadsheet to all Cllrs. And it was determined that the budget was in line with expectations

Item 14. Safety Audit of cemetery and Playing Field:

The audit of the cemetery will be carried out as soon as practicable, and the Playing Field has been externally audited.

Item 15. Training and Meetings

It were no training or meetings to record

Item 15. SWLP

It was determined that a Parish Council response will be made when the document has been studied.

Item 16.District Council Issues

See after Open Forum

Item 17. County Council Issues

See after Open Forum

Other Issues for information only

Dog bin at FC-CC it was noted that the approach to the dog bin could be hazardous and that the bin itself is dangerous

Potholes at the bottom of the hill and the crossroads – Cllr,Crump to be informed.

Street Scene, to give a schedule of street cleaning and gully clearing

Great British street clean – no events planned

Garden Party – no nominations made

Yellow line outside V.Hall – J.Hobday to be contacted

Road safety group may join with Napton to use speedwatch gun through the village

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.