

Minute Number 08 (20 - 21)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 15th November 2021.**

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs.: H.Collerson, J.Emberton, D.Crate, H.Kittendorf.

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public:

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Chairman brought items 17 and 18 on the agenda forward to accommodate the District and County Cllrs.

Item 16. County Council Issues.

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

Cllr.Crump noted that mental health problems within the county are causing financial strain, and these problems are also affecting children.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be a meeting on 13th December with the Secretary of State to obtain approval for the merger of Stratford on Avon and Warwick District Councils. It was also noted that Mr M.Western the MP for Kenilworth and Warwick has asked for a referendum in Warwick about the proposal to merge authorities.

Cllr.Crump had a meeting with Severn Trent water (STW) and pointed out that investment is needed to avoid unnecessary failures (water pipe bursts leading to a failure of water supplies to villages). The Parish Council will write to the Chief Executive of STW complaining about the service of water to Stockton and station Cottages.

Cllr. Crump noted that with drug issues the public should inform the police where drug issues were known.

Regarding the County Council decision to not to continue with the solar farm at Stockton crossroads, the Chair noted that the CC will most likely have to reverse this decision if it wishes to meet any climate change targets.

Cllr.Crump noted that the covid rates are higher here than in the west of the district.

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

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no issues under open forum.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Millidge, Cllr.Rumsey and Cllr. Warner.

District Cllr: Adam

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr.Crate and seconded by Cllr. Kittendorf that the apologies be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2021.

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

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 18th October 2021.

CC Highway Verge Report: Cllr.Emberton noted that this report was now on the Parish Council website.

Item 7. Planning Matters:

- a. New Planning applications
- b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

Item 8. Financial Matters

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

Invoices as follows:-

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
R.Stephenson	£5.00	001526
D.Stanley	£300.00	001527
SSE	£163.08	001528
Midland Sign & Light	£144.00	001529
E.ON	£2592.00	001530

Item 9. Annual Budget 2022 - 2023

The draft annual budget presented was discussed line by line and a final determination will be made at the next meeting.

Item 10. Clerk's salary

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Crate and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that the Clerk's salary be increased in line with the NJC rate of payment backdated to 1st April 2020.

11. Correspondence

Rugby HELAA: The Chair will study the document

Item 12. Ongoing References

PPP: The Chair indicated that he needs help in walking the public footpaths and will put an advert in the parish magazine and on facebook for volunteers or even to start a Rights of Way group.

Website: Cllr.Emberton noted that some items can now be removed.

Memorial Field: It was noted that some cracks are appearing in the field and the Chair will inspect.

Cemetery: It was decided that a sign should be put outside the cemetery extension, the Chair will contact Southam Agricultural Supplies.

Cemex: The Chair attended a zoom meeting, and it was noted that Cemex have disposed of some of their assets. They have assigned £20M for fuel in the kilns and now have 100% of their electricity use from renewable sources. The Christmas shutdown will now be delayed until easter 2021. Community grants were shown, and negotiations between Cemex and Stockton TF-CC regarding the lease are ongoing.

Item 13. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

14. Climate Change

It was determined to talk to Warwickshire Highways Department to determine whether they have more mature trees or whether those that are free are just whips. The Parish Council will look for sites where trees could be planted, and also talk to Orbit regarding the George Street triangle.

	<p><u>Item 15. Parish Council calendar actions</u> Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was shown to all Parish Cllrs, present and was formally approved Cemetery and Playing Filed safety audit: This will be undertaken by the Clerk, Cllr.Millidge and Cllr.Kittendorf.</p> <p><u>Item 16. Training and Meetings</u> The Clerk gave a presentation on GDPR, and the future of parish Councils as shown in the SLCC Conference.</p> <p><u>Item 17. District Council Issues.</u> No issues were raised</p> <p><u>Item 18. County Council Issues.</u> As listed at start of meeting.</p> <p>Other Issues for information only It was noted that Sarah will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the housing needs survey. It was noted that should any group wish to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council may be able to support. It was noted that a memorial service for Cllr.P.Banham has been organised by Mary Banham at 2.30pm on the 8th December in St.Michaels's and All Angels church.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm</p>	
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