

Minute Number 07 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 21st October 2024.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the monthly meeting of Stockton Parish Council

The Chair brought agenda item 15 forward to facilitate the Council vacancy to be filled.

Item 15. Parish Council Vacancy.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that Mr.R.Rumsey be co-opted to the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Stockton – **This motion was unanimously agreed.** Mr. Rumsey then signed the Acceptance of Office Declaration and took his seat with the Parish Council.

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no items for consideration.

Item 2. Apologies for absence

All members were present no apologies for absence were required.

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

No Acceptance of Apologies were required.

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5 Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 6. Minutes of the 16th September 2024 Parish Council meeting.

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Kittendorf that the minutes of the 16th September 2024 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th September 2024 Parish Council meeting.

It was noted that the plaque in the cemetery extension has been fitted, and another oak tree planted.

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 October 2024 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

October 2024 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£178.11	001735
Midland Sign & Lighting	£282.00	001736
F.Mann Farmers	£564.00	001737

Item 10. AGAR 2023-2024

The completed page 6 of the AGAR was received from Moore with no outstanding requirements, the Parish Council unanimously approved the Completion of Audit form to be placed in the noticeboard and on the website.

Item 11. Correspondence

L.Sarson: The Parish Council noted the email regarding the removal of a dead tree from her land and the other diseased trees that may belong to the Parish Council. After discussion it was noted that the Parish Council did not remove the tree from her land neither did it authorise the removal of said tree. With regard to other trees on the memorial field it was noted that these trees are healthy. In addition the Parish Council is unaware of ownership of any trees outside the memorial field fence.

The Parish Clerk will convey this to L.Sarson

Brindley Twist Taft & James: After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and Chair would sign the document regarding the surrender of the lease on the sports field

Item 12. Ongoing References

Cemetery Extension: It was noted that Cllr.Millidge will review the Parish Council rules relating to the use of the cemetery extension.

Cemex: It was noted that I.Southcott is attempting to organise a liaison group meeting for November, the Chair will attend.

Playing Field. The Chair noted that he has repaired the soft play surface, and will remove the moss from that surface.

Item 13. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Item 14. Parish Council calendar actions

Budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was sent previously to all and agreed.

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit. An external safety audit has now been carried out by an external company, and a cemetery safety inspection will be made as circumstances permit.

Item 15.Parish Council Vacancy

See commencement of meeting.

Item 16. Training and Meetings

It was noted that there was a housing meeting on 8th October at Claverdon and Broome that the Chair attended that looked at what could be achieved with affordable housing if a land owner was willing to sell land at an affordable price.

It was noted that the SWLP will be identified by the year end.

Cllr.Emberton attended the Police matters meeting and found that one group from Southam dominated the meeting with its own particular issues leaving no time for discussion of other issues thus making the meeting irrelevant for most attendees..

	<p>There will be another meeting arranged.</p> <p><u>Item 17. District Council Issues.</u> There were no District Council issues for consideration</p> <p><u>Item 178. County Council Issues</u> There were no County Council issues for consideration.</p> <p>Other Issues for information only It was noted that the light in Rectory Close is being covered by a tree growing around it making the area dark at night. It was noted that the light outside New Zealand House may need to be inspected as it may need an LED. It was noted that visibility at the Post Office Lane/ Napton Road junction is being impeded by a hedge at the corner highways department to be informed. It was noted that parking in the village needs to be improved especially now as double decker buses are now in use – highways department to be informed.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.</p>	
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