

Minute Number 08 (23 - 24)

**Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 20th November 2023.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public.

Item 1. Election of Chair for the meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that Cllr. Millidge be elected Chair for the meeting. There being no other nominations Cllr. Millidge was elected unopposed to the position of Chair for this meeting.

Item 2. Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Millidge signed the Acceptance of Office declaration.

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

Item 3 Open Forum

Mr.M.Sharples and the D. gave an overview of a proposed planning application 23/03015/FUL that they have submitted to the planning authority for permission to add a canopy and extractor fan to Josies Place at the site of the Crown Inn. Mr.Sharples answered questions from The Parish Council and at the conclusion of the question time Mr.Sharples and D. left the meeting.

The Chair brought agenda items 17 &18 Forward to accommodate the principal authority member present.

Items 17 & 18.

County and District Cllr. Crump noted that the South Warwickshire Local Plan is going to the DC cabinet on Thursday of this week, and that he will insist that Town and Parish Councils are involved especially where local neighbourhood plans are involved.

Cllr. Crump noted that the on call availability for the Southam Fire and Rescue services during the day is between 12 and 33% with the nighttime availability of around 70% and this he believes is down to employers who no longer allow retained fire fighters time off work to attend emergencies.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Inspectorate for the Fire and Rescue Services do not believe that this is a good use of resources and to that end a consultation document will be out by December to look at options for the F&RS in this area. This completed Cllr.Crump's presentation and after being thanked by the Chair left the meeting.

Item 4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from:-
Parish Cllrs: Cllr. Collerson. Cllr. Rumsey

Item 5. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Emberton that the apologies for absence from be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 6. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

**Finance & Strategy
Group**

Item 7. Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2023

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

Item 8. Matters arising from the minutes of the 16th October 2023.

There were no matter arising from those minutes

Item 9. Planning Matters:**a. New Planning applications**

23/03015/FUL, 8 High Street, Josies Place: Proposed canopy and extractor fan - **No representation**

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**Item 10. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that all invoices identified on the November 2023 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

October 2023 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
C.Pullin & Son	£142.88	001667
Noralle Ltd.	£2382.00	001668
RM Frogley	£6822.00	001669
Midland Sign & Light	£210.00	001670
H.Collerson	£45.38	001671
Southam Town Council	£312.00	001672

Item 11. Correspondence

There were no items for discussion

Item 12. Southam Town Council Transport Scheme.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that Stockton Parish Council join this scheme – **This motion was unanimously agreed.** Cllr. Emberton noted that we need to understand how well it will be utilised by residents of Stockton.

Item 13. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: Cllr.Millidge noted that contract documents have now been made and will be sent out shortly. Cllr.Millidge will try to get a mow done before the harsh weather sets in.

Speed control: Cllr.Warner will contact a contractor what has happened in other areas. Cllr.Emberton proposed that we erect a sign and wait to see if anyone complains - **This motion was fully agreed.**

Item 14. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no further items for removal and addition.

Item 15. Parish Council calendar actions

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

Playing Field audit. Cllr. Millidge will get costs for an external safety audit of the playing field.

Item 16. Training and meetings

Cllr. Emberton attended an HS2 meeting (was not impressed by the HS2 representatives in attendance) and pointed out that groups within the company are still not talking to each other. At the meeting Cllr. Emberton asked that Parish Council be informed early when road closures take place
The Clerk attended the WALC conference and reported back on matters of interest.

Item 16. District Council Issues.

See following Item 3.

Item 17. County Council Issues

See following Item 3.

Other Issues for information only

Cllr. Warner gave his apologies in advance for absence from the December meeting.

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Cllr. Warner noted that the grit bins are full.

Street cleaning: The Clerk is to contact street scene regarding the cleaning of leaves from gullies

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