

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 16th September 2019**

Action

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public

**Item I. Open Forum**

A member of the public asked whether a cycle/footway running alongside the A426 from Stockton to Southam had ever been considered by the Parish Council. The Chairman in reply gave a short resume of the historic situation regarding that proposal, pointing out that it had indeed been mooted some years ago that a cycleway alongside the quarry was considered. When the practical issues about the safety issues of cycling alongside a quarry, the cost of the whole project, and the difficulty of providing a safe method of crossing the Southam bypass were considered it was determined that the project was unworkable. County Cllr.Crump noted that the cost would be prohibitive given that over 75% of County Council funds are earmarked for education, education transport, children and adult social care, and fire and rescue, thus leaving a small amount for other items and therefore funding a cycle/footway is unlikely in the current climate.

There were no further issues under open forum.

**Item 18. County Council issues**

The Chairman brought item 18 County Council forward to facilitate Cllr.Crump. Cllr.Crump's noted that he has spoken to G.Stanley of the County Council regarding the cost of signage in Stockton which may be payable under his community fund. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council feels that white lining at the crossroads limiting the number of vehicles leaving Stockton to one behind the other would be a considerable boost to crossroads safety.

Cllr.Crump noted that statistics show the actual fear of crime within the population is greater than the actual crimes committed, although instances of violent crimes are on the increase. Cllr. Crump noted that anti-social behaviour and hate crimes are down in number. Within the County the elderly are offered free health and wellbeing checks at home and free fire safety checks at home. Cllr.Crump also noted that the county youth justice schemes are rated as good.

There being no further County Council issues the Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his attendance, and Cllr.Crump left the meeting

**Item 2. Apologies for Absence**

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.Millidge

District Cllr: Cllr.Adam

County Cllr:

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that the apologies for absence 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

These minutes having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr. Warner 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Barley Mow waste bins: It was noted that the bins are still on the pavement, the Clerk

will send a letter to the residents pointing out that there is a dedicated site in the car park for these bins.

The Square: clerk to send letter to new residents re upkeep of the hedge.

**Item 7. Planning Matters:**

**a. New Planning applications**

There were no new planning applications

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

19/01627/FUL Hillcrest, Napton Road: Provision of external wall insulation, and alterations to external appearance – **Permission granted**

19/01760/FUL, Blue Lias Industrial Estate: Full application for change of use to a gymnasium – Permission granted.

It was determined that this was an appropriate time to discuss the Site Allocation Plans meeting attended by the Chairman and the Clerk at Stratford on Avon District Council.

The Chairman gave a report noting that the statement made at the SAP meeting indicated that due to Southam College being full, there will be no further major developments with the area, therefore further developments will be small. After discussion of how the Built Up Area Boundary maps will be used to control development, it was agreed that a reply to the Site Allocations Plan will be sent from the Parish Council supporting the plan as shown with a limited number of self-build houses

**Item 8. Financial Matters**

It was proposed By Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Warner that all invoices listed on the 16th September 2019 agenda appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 9. Correspondence**

PKF Littlejohn AGAR for the financial year 2018-2019; After discussion of the report it was proposed by Cllr.Emberton and seconded by Cllr.Collerson that the report from PKF Littlejohn be accepted - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 10. Finance and Strategy Group Report**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 11. Amenity Group Report**

There were no items for discussion

**Item 12. Correspondence not passed to groups**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Reforms for the reform of permitted development rights for the deployment of 5G and mobile networks. The document was put into circulation with comments to a future Parish Council meeting

**Item 13. Ongoing References**

Community Forum: It was noted that the agenda has not yet been received..

**Item 14. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References.**

There was no addition or removals of items.

**Item 15. Parish Council Calendar Actions**

Monthly budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously circulated with no major issues identified.

Asset Register: This register having been circulated was agreed, .

Review of Grass cutting: The grass cutting for which the Parish Council is responsible is looking in fine shape

Safety Audit of Cemetery and Playing field: This will be carried out in October

**Item 16. Training and meetings**

The report into the Site Allocations Plan is under the planning item 7

**Item 17. District Council issues**

There were no District Council issues reported

**Item 18. County Council issues**

See Cllr.Crump's report brought forward after item 1

**Other Issues for information only**

St. Michael's Crescent SM16: Cllr.Rumsey brought a map from the District Council web portal showing that the developer apparently has blocked off SM16, when initially it was indicated that it would be gifted to the Parish Council. The Chair will contact the developer and planners to ascertain the position of SM 16.

Tuckwell Close and the Square: Cllr.Warner noted that there were a lot of children on bikes and scooters coming downhill from Tuckwell Close to the Square at speed thus putting themselves in danger from oncoming traffic. An article pointing this danger out will be placed in the Parish Magazine.

Defibrillator; After discussion of whether a defibrillator can/will be placed somewhere in the square, the Clerk will talk to Mr. M. Scott to see what the practicalities are.

Pavement at entrance to FC-CC: It was noted that on the new development dropped kerbs have been placed except at the entrance to the FC-CC causing a problem for those disabled people who wish to access the sports club. P.Byrne to be contacted.

Vandalism at FC-CC: It was noted by Cllr.Emberton that there has been some vandalism at the FC-CC recently with seats and equipment be moved onto station road and other areas outside the club. This has been reported to the police and some hedging cut back to allow better vision of the area.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

**Appendix 1A (Note from the Clerk on Invoices and Receipts in Invoices Received  
Invoices Received**

	<p><b>Payments Received</b></p>	
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	<p><b><u>Appendix 2A (Notes from the Clerk on correspondence in Appendix 2 to the Agenda)</u></b></p>	<p><b>Action Group</b> Finance &amp; Strategy Group</p>
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	<b>Correspondence not passed to Action Group</b>	Amenity
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