### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 15th January 2018

# Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 X Members of the public

**Open Forum**

There were no issues raised under open forum.

# Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs: P.Banham, J.Emberton

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded that Cllr.Warner that these apologies for absence be accepted - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

# Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.

**Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th December 2017**

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

**Matters arising from the minutes of the 18th December 2017**

Grit Bins: It was noted that some grit bins had not been refilled, the Clerk will inform P.Byrne of the Highways department.

Village Clean-up day: the Chairman has asked street scene (District Council) if they will pick up the bagged rubbish from the Clean-up day, and they will get back with an answer.

**Planning Matters:**

17/03396/FUL, Disused garages St.Michael’s crescent: Replacement of 10 disused/dilapidated garages with a single storey dwelling accessed from existing dropped kerb access off St.Michael’s Crescent**. - No Representation except that the construction of a retaining wall and fence between the new drive and public footpath will accommodate the change in levels.**

17/03541/VARY, 1 High Street: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/00925/FUL.

To revise design of plots 1, 2, 3. **- No Representation**

# Financial Matters It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that all invoices shown in the January 2018 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

**Precept for the Financial Year 2018 – 2019**

After detailed discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Collerson that the precept level for the financial year 2018-2019 should be raised by £2,000 to £22,903. - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

# Correspondence and Reports There were no items for discussion

## Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for discussion.

## Amenity Group

There were no items for discussion

**Correspondence not passed to Action Group**There were no outstanding items.

**Ongoing References**

*Parish Paths*: After discussion it was agreed to purchase 20 way marker post caps in order that the public footpaths can be easily identified.

*Public lighting:* It was agreed that the Chairman will continue a dialogue with the alternative supplier.

*Cemetery Extension*: J.Frogley is to be contacted to erect a fence and gate in the extension.

**Additions and Removals to Ongoing References**

There were no additions or removals to ongoing references.

**Parish Council Calendar Actions**

*Monthly budget monitoring:* This was shown and found to be in line with the budget.

*Review precept*: This was agreed in item 9. (see previous)

*Litter picking:* The date has been set

**Training and Meetings**

It was agreed that the Clerk will attend the practitioners conference in Kenilworth

**District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

**County Council issues**

County Cllr.Crump noted that there will be a community forum meeting on 14th March at Southam Academy.

It was noted that the County Council precept will rise next year by 5%.

It was further noted that the DCLG funding has been cut by 40% since 2010

**Other Issues**

*Accident register for A426 crossroads:* It was agreed that the Clerk will start a spreadsheet detailing crossroads accidents, and that all Cllrs. will send notices of accidents to the Clerk.

*Stagecoach:* Cllr.Warner noted that he could get nothing from the stagecoach offices when the timetable was suddenly changed, and it was noted that it might be better to directly contact the County Council with these complaints.

*Tomlow Road.* Cllr.Millidge pointed out that a resident of Station Road complained about the level of heavy lorry traffic from a residence asking could something be done. Given that the company has been granted permission for this usage, it seems that nothing can be done.

*Dog Mess spray*: The Clerk will order six cans of coloured spray.

**Village Mowing**

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that the public and press be excluded from this item **– This motion was unanimously agreed.**

After detailed discussion of the quotes it was decided unanimously that the decision to award the contract is deferred until further information has been received from the applicants. Cllr.Millidge will contact the applicants for further detail on the quotes

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.**