

Minute Number 12 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 17th March 2025.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: District Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: County Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public.

The Chair welcomed all to the March 2025 meeting of Stockton Parish Council

The Chair brought agenda item 16 forward to allow S, Brooke – Taylor to explain how the Stockton Housing Needs Survey will be implemented

Item 16. Housing Needs Survey.

Ms. Brooke-Taylor the Rural Housing Enabler for WRCC explained that the survey will be held in the same way as the last survey with a questionnaire being delivered to all residents of Stockton (by Mr. J. Loudon for the village and the Chair will deliver to all outlying dwellings). The questionnaire can be completed either online or by hand on the question paper. Once the results have been received and tabulated, they will be sent to the Parish Council within one month of completion. Also on the questionnaire will be details of a new meals on wheels scheme.

Ms.Brooke Taylor contact details are on the rear of the survey forms
In answer to a question Ms.Brooke Taylor noted that in planning terms a large development is anything over 10 dwellings.

The Chair thanked Ms.Brooke Taylor for her attendance and for bringing the survey questionnaire. with her.

The Chair brought agenda items 18 and 19 forward to accommodate the Principal Authorities member present

Items 18 & 19 District and County Council Issues

Cllr.Crump noted that he has sent a detailed letter regarding the Stockton crossroads junction and its dangers to the Police and Crime Commissioner which seems to have had a result with more details likely to be available after the May elections, The vehicle activated sign is now working and he has asked that the sign at the turn be replaced and vehicle debris removed.

Cllr.Crump noted that WCC came second in a national survey of highways but can still improve.

Cllr.Crump noted that the new ALDI store should now be opened shortly after December 2025.

Cllr.Crump noted that that Local Government Reorganisation will reconfigure how all local authorities are structured, which will mean that all district, borough, and county councils will finish and new unitary authorities will take their place. Warwickshire has two proposals, one for a single authority or 2 having North and South authorities. An interim plan has to be submitted by 21st March with local government consultants indicating that a single authority can save £21M per annum and the North and South arrangement saving £5-£7M

There will likely be a public consultation in 2026 with the final result being in place in April 2028, and if so the SDC elections will be cancelled and tenures extended by a year. If the new authority proposal is delayed until 2029 there will be SDC elections in 2027.

Cllr,Crump noted that WF&R service will provide householders with advice for fire safety Home fire check, and that this is a free service.

This ended Cllr.Crump's report and the Chair thanked him for his attendance

Item 1. Open Forum

There were no items raised under open forum

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr. Kittendorf.

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Warner that these apologies be accepted – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Dispensations

No Dispensations were required

Item 6. Minutes of the meeting on 17th February 2025

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr. Warner that the minutes of the 17th February 2025 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the 17th February 2025 Parish Council meeting

Dog bin outside FC-CC: The Chair and Clerk will look at the positioning

Item 8. Planning Matters

a. New Planning applications

There were no planning applications received.

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

There were no planning decisions received.

Item 9. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices identified on the March 2025 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

March 2025 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£178.11	001754
Stockton V.H.Comm	£1000.00	001755
J.Louden	£100.00	001756
Solaas Ltd	£574.80	001757
Solaas Ltd	£96.00	001758

April 1st 2025 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
Warwickshire PFA	£10.00	S/Order to bank
CM Sharples	£1.00	001759
W.J.Robinson	£2876.00	001760
HMRC	£719.00	001761

Item 10. Correspondence

Ms. K.Dunne request for grave space: After detailed discussion of the request the Parish Council unanimously determined that this request for a grave space be turned down. The Clerk will convey this to Ms.Dunne

Item 11. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: Cllr.Millidge will contact F.Mann Farmers re the mowing commencement.

Website: The Clerk is to get a PC website for Cllr.R.Rumsey

Item 12. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Item 13. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The Clerk sent the spreadsheet to all Cllrs. And it was determined that the budget was in line with expectations

Safety Audit of cemetery and Playing Field: The audit of the cemetery will be carried out as soon as practicable, and the Playing Field has been externally audited.

Item 14. Training and Meetings

There were no training or meetings to record

Item 15. Konica Minolta contract for village hall copier

After detailed discussion on a proposal from the Stockton's News team, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to take the lease for the copier from the Stockton's News team as the Parish Council is the legal entity. The cost will be £176 plus VAT (recoverable from Customs and Excise) quarterly with an additional £100 per quarter for toner

Item 16. SWLP

It was determined that a Parish Council response has been made.

Item 17. Housing Needs Survey

See at start of the meeting

Item 18. Date of April 2025 Parish Council Meeting

Given that the third Monday in April 2025 is Easter Monday, Stockton Parish Council unanimously agreed to move the meeting to Monday 14th April

Item 19. District Council Issues

See after Housing Needs Survey at start of the meeting

Item 20. County Council Issues

See after Housing Needs Survey at start of the meeting

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that the wall at the Barley Mow has collapsed and been stood up, however it is dangerous as it could collapse again. Cllr.Millidge will attempt to find the address of the agent for the building, but failing that the highways department will need to be involved.

The Chair noted that the police are reintroducing mobile surgeries with the first on in the FC-CC car park on 2nd April 2025.

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

