

**Minute Number 06 (24 - 25)**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 16th September 2024.**

**Those present: -**

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 4 members of the public.

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

**Item 1. Open Forum**

Two parishioners attended and expressed their disappointment at the exclusion of the Scout field from the new three year mowing contract and complained that they had not been informed of this decision. They further asked that the Parish Council resumed cutting the Scout field grass with immediate effect. The chair of the meeting offered a full apology for not formally informing the Scout group of the revised scope of the mowing schedule and advised them, that if it was likely that they were still occupying the field at the beginning of next year's mowing season, to submit a written request for a short-term grant to cover their costs of mowing. This request would be considered at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Another parishioner pointed out that parking outside the village hall is even more of a problem now that double decker buses are being used, which have trouble navigating the junction Napton Road/Post Office Lane, the Clerk will bring this to the attention of the highways department.

**Item 2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Warner.

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies**

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

**Item 4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**Item 5 Dispensations**

No Dispensations were required

**Item 6. Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> August 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Parish Council meeting.**

There were no matter arising from these minutes

**Item 8. Planning Matters:**

**a. New Planning applications**

24/01802/FUL, 17 Mount Pleasant: Rear and front side extension and raising of the roof to create a further storey, with dormer windows to the south east (resubmission of 22/03259/FUL) – **No objection.**

## Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

### **Item 9. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that all invoices identified on the September 2024 agendas appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

#### **August 2024 Invoices**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>
A.Ward	£740.00	001728
SSE	£178.11	001729
F.Mann Farmers	£1128.00	001730
Noralle Country Homes	£930.00	001731
R.Stephenson	£16.00	001732
S & M Fencing	£1226.00	001733
Hugo Fox Ltd.	£143.86	001734

**County and District Cllr. A. Crump having been to a prior engagement came to the meeting.**

**The Chair brought agenda items 16 &17 forward to accommodate the principal authorities' member present.**

### **Items 16.& 17**

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be some HS2 road closures in the next few weeks (Southam - Ladbroke)

Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council is encouraging people to apply for pension credits and all necessary support allowances.

Cllr.Crump noted that the Warwickshire Local Plan will replace the D.C. Core Strategy with a potentially significantly higher build rate

Cllr. Crump noted that the County Council budget is under significant pressure due to children and adult social care needs with all non-essential recruitment frozen.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be a second round of his funding available.

Cllr.Crump noted that there will be an event at Galanos House on 28<sup>th</sup> September on police matters (speed).

There were no further County or District Council issues, this completed

Cllr.Crump's presentation and after being thanked for his attendance by the Chair left the meeting

### **Item 10. Correspondence**

There were no items for discussion.

### **Item 11. Ongoing References**

Cemetery Extension: It was noted that the new pedestrian gate has now been fitted. It was noted that in the cemetery extension there is a tree that was planted by Hazel Grey, and that her husband would like to add a plaque in her name – **this was unanimously agreed.**

Cemetery: The Clerk was instructed to contact C. Sheldon to have the earth from around the Christmas tree removed

### **Item 12. Removal and addition to ongoing references**

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

### **Item 13. 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.

	<p><b><u>Item 14.Parish Council Vacancy</u></b> The vacancy will be advertised in the Parish Magazine</p> <p><b><u>Item 15. Training and Meetings</u></b> It was noted that there will be a housing meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October at Claverdon and the Chair will attend.</p> <p><b><u>Item 16. District Council Issues.</u></b> See prior to agenda item 8.</p> <p><b><u>Item 17. County Council Issues</u></b> See prior to agenda item 8.</p> <p><b>Other Issues for information only</b> It was noted that the light outside New Zealand House may need to be inspected as it may need an LED. There have been complaints about a van left at the top of the hill.. There is a branch down at the bottom of the hill by the sub-station – J.Jones will inspect it. It was noted that there is a company that provides data regarding the speed of traffic through the village, this will be looked at for further reference.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.</p>	
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