

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 21st September 2015

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. P.Banham, C.Millidge, and J.Neal.

District Councillor: Cllr.D.Riches

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg, Mr.A.Stanley and Mr.I.Benbow

Chairman Stockton Parish Council

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr.H.Collerson, the Vice Chairman, Cllr.P.Banham took the office of Chairman for the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

The chairman brought forward item 18 on the agenda, District Council issues

District Council Issues

District Cllr. Riches outlined the progress of the District Council Core Strategy which is now out for consultation (this period will finish in two weeks' time) and will then be sent to the planning inspectorate who will have an Examination In Public (EIP) in December which if all goes well will be formally adopted in Spring 2016.

Regarding the potential for a West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the District Council indicates that there is no clear idea of any benefits that may accrue from this authority, and the district council therefore was non-committal about joining such a venture, but will not rule it out completely, rather it will look at the issues in a calm and clear way before making any decisions. All alternatives will be explored – including doing nothing. It was noted by Cllr.Riches that Gloucestershire and Cotswolds have put individual proposals together. It was also noted that Warwickshire County Council has indicated that it will not be involved in the WMCA.

That concluded District Cllr.Riches report, and he then left the meeting.

The Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to allow the Open Forum to take place.

Open Forum

Mr.Benbow then gave an explanation of his contacts with the planning officer, and his decision to withdraw the planning application for a dwelling on the hill. He also noted that he will be resubmitting an altered application that he hopes will meet with the planning officer's comments, and that the Parish Council will support this application.

Mr. Legg asked whether the Parish Council will look formally at the ownership of the concrete area in front of the Barley Mow, and the Clerk will contact the land registry to ascertain what the position is.

Mr.Legg also asked the Parish Council's view of the sign board at the crossroads for a house for sale in Becks Lane, as this land belongs to the County Council the Clerk will check with that authority.

This concluded the Open Forum, and the Chairman restored Standing Orders, and the Parish Council meeting began formally.

Villager of the Year

This item was held over until the next meeting

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from:-

Parish Council: Cllr.H.Collerson, Cllr.J.Emberton, and Cllr.T.Warner

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

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

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2015

These minutes being previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Banham that they be accepted as a true record - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes of the 17th August 2015 meeting

Barley Mow: The Chairman indicated that the matter of the bin store has now been resolved.

Planning Matters: -

a. New Planning Applications

15/02637/OUT: Depot Site, Marton Road, L.Itchington: outline planning permission for change of use from workshop to residential 45 units and 140 sq. m of Class B1(a) office space. – No comment to be made

15/02301/FUL erection of new dwelling and garage – Application withdrawn

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

15/01918/FUL, Sards Village Stores: Change of use from general store (A1 shop) to 1 bedroom flat (C3 dwellinghouse) – Permission granted

15/02074/FUL, Unit 1A, Blue Lias Marina: Construction of a single storey portal frame building– Permission granted

It was noted that extensions to date for comments by the Parish Council on planning applications are now very difficult to obtain and after discussion it was confirmed that the current system whereby power is delegated to the Clerk (in consultation with four Cllrs) to make the decision, will be continued.

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Neal that all invoices shown in the September 2015 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence and Reports

SLCC Roadshow: The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should attend.

WALC AGM: It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman should attend

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no issues for consideration

Amenity Group

Playing Field Committee: Cllr.Millidge noted that the playing field account has £90 credit, and the bank wants to close the account as there has been no activity for some while. Cllrs.Millidge and Collerson will close the account and transfer the balance to the Parish Council account - This was unanimously agreed

Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There was no other correspondence

Ongoing References

Community Forum: Cllrs.Collerson and Banham attended the last forum meeting in Southam, and Cllr.Banham noted that the police gave a list of their priorities and also indicated that the police have visited schools as part of those priorities. Cllr.Banham also noted that he has sent a report on the meeting to the website and magazine for inclusion.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: It was agreed that the finances were in line with the budget figures.

Progress on parish plan action: It was noted that there were no actions, but that the Clerk will contact adjacent parishes regarding their neighbourhood plans. The Clerk will also ask the Neighbourhood Plan officer at the District Council to attend a meeting of the parish council to explain the plan process.

Training and Meetings

There were no events for comment.

District Council issues

These issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Napton Road: Cllr. Neal noted that there are potholes and dips in the road that could be dangerous, the Clerk will contact P.Byrne to report this.

Scout Field: Cllr.Banham showed the minutes of the latest meeting between the scouts, M&T Sharples and representatives of the Parish Council

Abandoned van in Napton Road: It was noted that a van (taxed to the end of the month) has been left on the verge opposite the football club (Mr.Benbow indicated that he will contact the owner and ask for its removal)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.