### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council

**held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 18th September 2017**

# Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 Member of the public

**Open Forum**

There were no issues raised under open forum.

# The Chairman brought agenda item 19 forward

**County Council issues**

Community Forum: County Cllr. Crump noted that in response to comments the Highways department have added some stone to the ruts at the side of Napton Road. Cllr.Warner noted that when the A426 was closed some articulated lorries were using Napton Road thus making these ruts deeper. The Chairman noted that some pavements within the village have S/S painted on them and asked Cllr.Crump if this meant they were due to be slurry sealed, and asked Cllr.Crump to ensure that they are completed in this year, Cllr.Crump will ask P.Byrne of the highways department when this is likely to happen.

Cllr.Warner noted that the County Highways are closing roads completely (e.g. Napton Road, and the A426) with no notification being sent to residents and businesses affected and asked Cllr.Crump to investigate There was also no public announcements of any alternative transport arrangements to Southam.

Cllr.Crump also noted that the consultation and future of the children’s centre in Southam has been put back.

# The Chairman brought agenda item 7 forward

**Planning Matters: -**

17/00043/ADJCON, Adj.Station Cottages: Erection of 4 dwellings **– No representation.**

17/02633/FUL, Disused garages, St.Michael’s Crescent: Replacement of 19 disused / dilapidated garages with a single storey dwelling accessed off existing dropped kerb access at St.Michael’s Crescent. After full discussion of the application it was decided that initially the Council could not comment until the complete plans for the for the whole red line area were available. If this were not possible within the comments time frame then **the Parish Council will object on the grounds that the allocation laid down in the Core Strategy has been met, it is unclear how public footpath SM16 has been left as free access, and how the garage roofs will be dealt with.**

# Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.C.Millidge

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

**Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors**

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that this apology be accepted - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

# Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st August 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 21st August 2017**

Annual maintenance of the clock: The Clerk noted that this has been arranged with Smiths of Derby, and the Parish Council will be invoiced directly.

The Pound; It was noted that the Pound has now been cleared and the Chmn. noted that in the spring of 2018 further grass could be sown.

There were no further issues arising from the minutes.

# Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Banham and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices shown in the September 2017 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **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**

Community Forum: The Chmn. Gave a report on the meeting and noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was in attendance. The PCC noted that he was against a full merger of Warwickshire Police with any other force although some back office facilities were merged with West Mercia Police. In answer to a question from the Chmn. whether in the light of the increased number of new dwellings in the area the level of policing will increase to reflect this, the PCC stated that this is not something within his remit it is a matter for the police. The Chairman also noted that the police carried out a speed check locally and found that all offenders were local drivers.

A new police sergeant has been appointed for the area, and one of the priorities will be speed on Napton Road, Stockton. The Chairman also spoke to the police about the level of vandalism seen on the playing field, and the police noted that sadly this was occurring everywhere, but they will try to get extra patrols to visit the field and to talk to local youngsters.

Website: Cllr.Emberton noted that the website is much easier to use and that ideally another Cllr. should be able to make additions to the site, the Chmn. Concurred.

Street Lighting: The clerk will contact E.ON to obtain a complete list of all street lights within the village.

**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.

Consider auditor’s (Grant Thornton) report: The Council noted that Grant Thornton has given an unqualified report on the Parish Council annual finances.

**Southam Town Council Transport Scheme**

This item was left on file

**Training and Meetings**

No training has be undertaken, nor meetings attended

**District Council issues**

There were no issues for consideration

**Other Issues**

Absence: Cllr.Emberton gave his apologies for absence at the next meeting.

Village de-fibrillator: The Chmn noted that because of the site of the existing defibrillator (sports club) another may be needed nearer the centre of the village, to that end he will arrange for a presentation to be made.

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