

Minute Number 01 (25 - 26)

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 14th April 2025.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: 2 members of the public.

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

Item 1. Open Forum

A member of the public raised the matter of housekeeping on the grave adjacent to J.Monk's, this means that access to Mrs. Monk's grave is severely limited with the flag on the adjacent grave severely limiting the flowers on Mrs, Monks grave and making access around the grave very difficult. After a lengthy discussion about what is allowed on graves within Stockton Cemetery the Chair will contact the lady in question in order to have some changes made to allow free access to Mrs.Monk's grave and moving the flag.

It was also noted that there is a sign indicating that CCTV is in operation in the cemetery, this sign will also need to be removed as the Parish Council has no cameras in the cemetery and no one else has permission to erect either CCTV cameras or indeed any signage.

The issue of the lease for the sports field was discussed at length and the sports club and the Parish Council will look at other sports facilities that Cemex owns and how they deal with any lease issues.

There being no further issues the agenda item was closed.

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

All Parish Council members were in attendance

Parish Cllrs:

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies

There was no requirement for acceptance of apologies.

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 March 2025

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

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

Wall outside the Barly Mow: It was noted that this wall is a danger to pedestrians and the Clerk will bring the matter to the attention of J.Hobday of WCC.

Police mobile surgery meeting: The Chair attended this meeting pointing out that vehicles were parking on the bus stop in the square, but to no avail, the Council will write to J.Hobday asking for yellow lines to stop parking at the bus stop

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.R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr. Warner that all invoices identified on the April 2025 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

April 2025 Invoices

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Fisher German	£700.00	001763
Edge IT Systems	£308.40	001764
J.Goode	£10.00	001765
Solaas Ltd	£574.80	Fast Response bank
Solaas Ltd	£96.00	Fast Response bank
Solaas	£48.00	Fast Response bank
WALC	£712.40	001766
W.Robinson	£427.71	001768
Midland Sign & Light	£1158.00	001769

Item 10. Year End 2024-2025 Finances

The year end calculations having been previously sent to Parish Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr,Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the Year end be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 11. AGAR Annual Governance Statement

It was proposed by Cllr,Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.W.Rumsey that the Annual Governance Statement be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 12. AGAR Annual Accounting Statement

It was proposed by Cllr. C.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Kittendorf that the Annual Accounting Statement be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 13. Public Rights of Inspection

It was proposed by Cllr. R.Rumsey and seconded by Cllr.Collerson that the dates for the Public Rights of Inspection be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 14. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

Item 15. Ongoing References

Village Mowing: Cllr.Millidge will check.

Playing Field: The Chair and Clerk met with Noralle representative and studied the Sec.106 arrangements for the area and noted that it appears that the planners do not understand that the playing field is not a virgin field but that it has been in use as a playing field for over 50 years. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.R.Rumsey that the Parish Council approve the lease and pay an initial rent for up to either 100 or 500 years.

Item 16. Removals and additions to Ongoing References

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

Item 17. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Budget Monitoring: The Clerk hasn't sent the spreadsheet for April to all Cllrs due to time and audit constraints but will be sent with the May documentation.
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 recently been externally audited.

Item 18. Training and Meetings

There were no training or meetings to record

Item 19. Villager of the Year

After counting all the votes from Cllrs., it was determined that the Villager of the Year award goes to D.Checkley, K.Rowe, M.Gaskins, J.Gaskins for upkeep of the churchyard.

Item 20. District Council Issues

There were no issues raised

Item 21. County Council Issues

There were no issues raised

Other Issues for information only

It was asked that the Parish Council formally write to B.Childs acknowledging the work that M.Childs did for Stockton.

It was asked whether the Parish Council will do anything for VE day – it was noted that the Village Hall Committee are putting on an afternoon tea.

It was noted that there is a Warwickshire fund for highways matters of up to £25,000 (matched funds) perhaps this could be used for the verge opposite the Crown using grasscrete.

The Chair noted that two young residents are interested in opening the footway to the playing field.

With regard to the playing field officers leaving, the Parish Council will lobby for anyone to take over from them.

It was noted that some time ago STW put a new holding tank in Stockton and there is an overflow into an adjacent stream, It was noted that an STW environmental team will walk the stream to look at issues.

Old street light in Elm Row that needs to be replaced (the last old type light for replacement) and put onto the pavement.

It was noted that the Village Hall Committee is putting in a bid to have solar panels on the hall roof and are asking for the Parish Council support, this support will be forthcoming.

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