

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stockton Parish held on Thursday 15th May 2025 in Stockton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Those Present:

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

General Public: 24 members of the public

Apologies:-

Parish Councillors:

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

General Public:

Introduction

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr.H.Collerson, welcomed all attendees to the Annual Parish Meeting and outlined the format that the meeting would take.

The Chairman brought the Open Forum forward

The Chairman brought the Road Safety Group spokesperson to the forum to discuss road safety in the village. The main concerns are the crossroads on the A426, speed on Napton Road, and car parking on the roads. It was noted that there will be a meeting on 14th June at 7.00pm for the safety group and all are welcome to attend.

County Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council is looking at all options for the crossroads. The Chair opened the meeting for comments, and from residents there was a comment for speed cameras and speed restrictions, the Chair pointed out that the County Council has refused a Parish Council offer to install speed cameras, and the County Council also took the view that any 20mph restrictions needed to be self-enforcing.

Potential planning application:-

The Chairman noted that the application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting immediately following this meeting but brought the matter to this meeting for comment. It was noted that the application (outline) is for 80 houses on land adjacent to Sycamore Close, and the comments from the floor commented on the danger of mud on the road (A426), the potential danger at the proposed lorry access on the A426 close to the crossroads junction. It was further stated that there is a pinch point for traffic at Becks Lane, as indeed is Post Office Lane and High Street.

It was commented that current water runoff from the existing houses is diversely affecting a local farm by flooding his land.

It was asked whether a highways consultant would help to make the case for refusal.

It was further noted that a noise impact assessment for the quarry gave a space that is being encroached by this proposal, and that the development itself is overbearing and overlooking the village and can be seen from all points.

Villager of the Year

The Chairman noted that there have been a record number of nominations this year for the award and pointed out that the winners this year Dave Checkley, Karen Rowe, Mandy Gaskins and Jim Gaskins have done sterling work in the churchyard, and that they are very worthy winner of the award. The Chairman then presented the award to Karen Rowe.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last annual parish meeting having been previously distributed, it was agreed that they were a true record of events.

Financial Report

The Clerk of the Parish Council then delivered the annual financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2025, and outlined the differences in the accounts from last year and reasons for the variations. There were no questions to be addressed and it was agreed that the financial report was approved.

Parish Council Chairman's report

The Chairman then gave his report to the Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman noted that there have been some disappointments over the year, with the record of collisions at the A426 crossroads with the County Council seeming unwilling to look at any other safety measures.

The ongoing saga of the lease between the Parish Council, Cemex, Fisher German and Stockton FC-CC is still ongoing with the main issue the potential sub-lease between the Parish Council and the FC-CC.

The Parish Council continues to support village organisations with financial support to the Village Hall and Stockton's News.

The Parish Council is preparing to use the cemetery extension in the very near future with a new pedestrian gate to make access easier.

The defibrillator box has been accessed at least twice but not needed for resuscitation.

As above the Villager of the Year was again well supported.

The Parish Council decided this year that the precept would be held at last year's level.

It was noted that the development of 13 self build houses off Jubilee Fields has received approval from the District Council.

There has been a proposal from Richborough Estates to build 80 houses off Sycamore Close With a deadline for consultations of 3rd June.

The Chair then thanked Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support and congratulated Andy Crump on his re-election.

This concluded the Chairman's report which will be placed in the magazine.

Open Forum

See start of meeting

There being no further business under the Open Forum the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, and closed the Annual Parish meeting at 8.20pm.

Stockton Parish Council
Income & Expenditure
Year ending 31st March 2024

Income	
Precept	30000.00
Burial fees	75.00
Sports field	1400.00
Fair	
Grants	
Refunds	1.00

Total 31476.00

Expenditure	
Annual Subs	674.00
P.Field	17778.00
Sports Field	1400.00
Street L maint.	
Street L Repair	870.00
Street lighting	1829.00
Insurance	1405.00
Admin	3605.00
Office Exp.	2803.00
Village hall	1648.00
Cemetery	3792.00
V.Mowing	4550.00
Audit	515.00
Gen.Admin	
Training	
PCC	225.00
Seating/Bins	
Gen repairs	2065.00
Grant	800.00
VoY	100.00
Mem.Field	
VAT	5063.00

Total Exp 49122.00

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Income & Expenditure
Year ending 31st March 2025

Income	
Precept	31000.00
Burial fees	500.00
Sports field	1400.00
Fair	40.00
Grants	11781.00
Refunds	1.00
CIL	4069.00

Total 48791.00

Expenditure	
Annual Subs	622.00
P.Field	13011.00
Sports Field	1950.00
Street L maint.	
Street L Repair	1090.00
Street lighting	2161.00
Insurance	1439.00
Admin	3605.00
Office Exp.	1890.00
Village hall	2662.00
Cemetery	2013.00
V.Mowing	6580.00
Audit	515.00
Bank S/C	6.00
Training	
PCC	248.00
Defib	135.00
Gen repairs	2378.00
Grant	
VoY	172.00
Mem.Field	
VAT	5272.00

Total Exp 45749.00