

Minutes of the Stockton Parish Council monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Stockton, at 7.15pm on 21st November 2016

Those present: -

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

Public: Mr.B.Legg, Mr.R.Flegg, and Mrs.H.Kittendorf,

Open Forum

Mr.Flegg indicated that there had been produced a road safety audit regarding the Napton Road development sites, but that he has been unable to obtain a copy of this from the planning website, and asked if the parish Council could obtain a copy. The Chairman replied that there was an original copy and it was either in the filing cabinet in the village hall, or stored at home, and that he will find this copy.

Mr.Legg pointed out that there should be a stop or halt sign at the junction of High Street and the Napton Road for safety reasons (to show definitively who has the right of way at the junction).

There were no further issues brought forward under Open Forum.

Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs.

District Cllr.:

County Cllr.:

Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

All Cllrs. are present therefore no apologies for absence tendered.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 17th October 2016

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the 17th October 2016

Defibrillator: The Clerk noted that there has been no reply as yet to the Parish Council query regarding ambulance response times where a defibrillator is present.

Risk Assessment document: The Chairman has studied the document, and will send it to members of the strategy group for examination prior to the full council having it to review.

Casual Vacancy

The Clerk noted that there were only two persons formally indicating their wish for cop-option to the vacancy for Stockton Parish Councillor (Mr. David Brough, and Mrs. Helen Kittendorf). It was determined that a ballot be cast with Cllrs. indicating their preference on paper. The papers were collected by the Clerk, and it was announced that Mrs. Helen Kittendorf was duly co-opted as Parish Cllr.

Mrs.Kittendorf signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the proper officer, and took her place with the other Cllrs.

Planning Matters: -

- a. *New Planning Applications*
16/03065/S106A, Pound House, Post Office Lane: Application to discharge a S.106 agreement (planning permission 05/03550/FUL) – No Representation
- b. **Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**

Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that all invoices shown in the November 2016 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - This motion was unanimously agreed.

Budget for the financial year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

The draft budget proposals having been previously circulated were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this would be the basis for the 2017-2018 precept.

Correspondence and Reports

There were no items for consideration

Finance & Strategy Group

There were no items for consideration

Amenity Group

There were no items for consideration

Correspondence not passed to Action Group

There were no items for consideration

Ongoing References

Community Forum: It was noted that the Chair and Cllr.Banham will attend the next meeting on 30th November.

Website: Cllr Emberton gave an overview of the website hosting by Stratford District Council, and also the possible replacement by Hugo Fox who are offering free of charge hosting. Cllr.Emberton noted that he has already moved the petanque club website to this new host and that he will build another Parish Council website prior to any move from the DC website.

Additional Street Lighting: the Chairman noted that the light on the hill is covered by the adjacent tree thus cutting the light significantly. The Chairman noted that the Council may find it better to have a replacement programme to change all the lighting to LED's where possible. Cllr.Warner noted that the crossroads junction is too dark to be easily seen. The Clerk is to contact Sandra Townson of E.ON regarding this potential programme, and also whether a new taller column could replace the light on the hill.

Housing development: The Chairman has met with the site manager for the Napton Road developments who indicated that they are looking to start occupancy by April 2017 on the South side, and with the North site occupancy about 6 months later. The Grange farm site ditch will have to be moved, and a footpath laid to Grange Farm Drive, and perhaps extends the footpath to the FC-CC.

Cemex Quarry: Mr.Legg asked whether the Parish Council could lobby Cemex asking for wild flowers to be seeded on the banks adjacent to the road.

Cemetery extension: It was noted that we will have to move quickly to fence off an area of the extension that will not be in use for a number of years, the Clerk will contact Rick Frogley regarding getting a quote for the work together with a gate for access. The Chairman noted that that Farnborough Garden centre has some rowan trees for sale, and it was unanimously agreed that these could be purchased before Christmas. Cllr.Millidge noted that Hazel Grey would like to donate a pot grown horse chestnut tree, and this offer was gratefully accepted.

Memorial Field: The Chairman noted that the service of dedication will be on Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 10.30am. The Clerk will contact R.Mingins regarding turf.

Additions and Removals to Ongoing References

There were no additions or removals from ongoing references

Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: This was shown and found to be in line with the budget.

Street Lighting: As ongoing references.

Grit bins: The Cllrs. will check all bins.

Training and Meetings

There were no meetings or training undertaken.

District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

County Council issues

There were no issues for consideration.

Other Issues

Dog Fouling: Cllr.Warner noted that this fouling is getting bad again, especially around School Street and asked what can be done. The Clerk noted that Shipston on Stour have now started spray painting the offending mess, and this seems to be having some effect, the Clerk will contact the Shipston Clerk for details.

Stockton crossroads: Cllr.Warner noted that there has been another accident at the crossroads tonight and asked why is there no extension to the double yellow lines to past the junction in an attempt to mitigate these accidents. The Clerk will write to the County Highways safety team with this suggestion.

Leaves on roads: Cllr.Millidge noted that it is time for the road sweeper to take up the leaves before they clog the drains, the Clerk will contact Street Scene at the District Council.

No waiting signs: The Chairman noted that the purchase of these signs is now complete.

Edge designs financial system: It was noted that the proposed visit to Shipston on Stour Town Council to view live system will take place on Tuesday 29th November.

Cllr.Emberton gave his apologies for absence for the next two meeting as he will be in Australia.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.