

**Minute Number 04 (25 - 26)**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 8.25pm on 21st July 2025.**

**Those present: -**

Parish Councillors: Cllrs. H.Collerson, C.Millidge, R.Rumsey, and T.Warner.

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 2 members of the public.

**The Chair welcomed all to the July 2025 Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council**

**Item 1. Open Forum**

A member of the public gave an update on the state of the village hall floor and noted that some rot had been found, some remedial work has been carried out but further work is now necessary. The village hall committee has applied for a grant from the heritage lottery community fund for a total of £20,000 and hope to hear from the fund fairly soon, however if this bid for funding fails then some significant fund raising will be required. A contractor has repaired the part of the floor that was rotten and the floor is now safe to use by members of the public, the contractor will review the whole of the floor to ascertain what further remedial work is necessary.

There were no other issues under open forum

**The Chair brought agenda items 17 and 18 forward to accommodate the Principal authorities member present**

**Items 19 and 20. CC and DC Issues**

Cllr.Crump noted that Stratford on Avon District Council's land supply figure is under threat by developers at a public enquiry and if upheld could pose significant problems for the district in terms of house building, but to date no decision has been made by the inspector on the matter. It is noted that under the revised method Stratford DC now has a 5.6 years worth of land supply.

A joint submission by Warwick DC and Stratford DC has been made to central government regarding the shape of the proposed unitary authority/s for this county. This submission argues that there should be two authorities for the county with a size of 250,000 each, but the County Council's submission is for only one overall authority. With two authorities there could be problems with cross border jurisdictions for the F&RS and that two authorities would be relatively small. Rugby BC does not want to part of either of the two proposed authorities rather it favours one overall authority.

Cllr, Crump is waiting to hear the results of be a feasibility study into Stockton crossroads by WCC. Cllr,Crump is willing to ask on the Parish Council's behalf for funding to have an independent road safety audit for the area.

The cycle lane from Southam to Long Itchington is ongoing with possible options for Southam to Stockton to be tied in,.

Southam Fire Station is now manned full time during the day with a new appliance.

Cllr,Crump noted that a major application for Napton Brickworks of 100 dwellings may impact upon Stockton

This ended Cllr. Crump's report and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

**Item 2. Apologies for Absence**

The following apologies were received:-

Parish Cllrs: Cllr.Emberton, Cllr.W.Rumsey, Cllr.Kittendorf

District Cllrs:

County Cllrs:

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Warner that the apologies for absence be accepted – **This motion was unanimously agreed**

**Item 4. Declaration of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**Item 5. Dispensations**

No Dispensations were required

**Item 6. Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting on 16th June 2025**

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that the minutes of the meeting on 16th June 2025 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 7. Matters arising for the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting 16th June 2025**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**Item 8. Planning Matters**

**a. New Planning applications**

25/01640/TPO, Stockton House, Rugby Road: To fell 3 trees and reduce 1 and remove deadwood and overhanging branch on others – **It was unanimously agreed to Support this application.**

25/01371/FUL, St. Michaels Church: Proposed repairs and modification to 8 metre section of churchyard wall - – **It was unanimously agreed to Support this application.**

**Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council**

25/00992/FUL, Stockton FC-CC: Construction of Pétanque piste – **Permission granted**

**Item 9. Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.R.Rumsey that all invoices identified on the 21st July 2025 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**July 2025 Invoices**

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Cheque No</u></b>
Cemex UK Operations	£350.00	001785
Lloyds Bank	£8.75	Direct from bank a/c
R.Stephenson	£16.00	001786
W.Robinson	£48.00	001787
F.Mann Farmers	£1168.80	001788
Pear Technology	£114.00	001789
Shire Forestry	£180.00	001790
Community H'beat Trust	£162.00	001791

**Item 10. Correspondence**

Moore & Tibbits: Correspondence noted

**Item 11. Ongoing References**

Village Mowing: Cllr.Millidge will contact F.Mann regarding some concerns  
Playing Field: Although one tree branch has been removed, it was noted that two others will need to be lopped in September.

**Item 12. Removals and additions to Ongoing References**

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

**Item 13. Neighbourhood Plans**

After discussion it was determined that no further action will be taken.

**Item 14. Parish Council Calendar Actions**

Budget Monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet having been circulated to Cllrs, was discussed and approved.

Audit of cemetery and Playing field: These will be carried out as time permits.

**Item 15. Free Trees**

After discussion it was determined not to take up the offer from the District Council

**Item 16. Training and Meetings**

There were no training or meetings to record

**Item 17. District Council Issues**

See after item 1

**Item 18. County Council Issues**

See after item 1

**Other Issues for information only**

It was noted that there are No Parking signs outside schools in Long Itchington and Southam, and why not in Stockton?, the Clerk will investigate.

It was asked who replaces dog bins? the Clerk will investigate.

It was noted that Mrs. Bennett has given permission for her husband's bench to be moved to the fence, the Clerk will facilitate.

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