

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stockton Parish held on Monday 15th May 2017 in Stockton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Those Present:

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

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

General Public: 6 members of the public

Apologies:-

Parish Councillors:

District Councillor:

County Councillor:

General Public:

Introduction

The Chairman, Cllr.H.Collerson welcomed all attendees to the Annual Parish Meeting and outlined the format that the meeting would take. Cllr.Collerson introduced the new County Councillor Mr.A. Crump and invited him to give a short address to the meeting.

Cllr.Crump noted that he was elected on May 4th 2017,m and gave a short introduction to himself indicating that he will be available to all who feel that they have a problem that he can help.

The Chairman noted that at a Parish Council meeting in the future the Council will talk to him regarding the responses from the Highways Department of the County Council to Parish Council comments on the Stockton crossroads on the A426 and the potential dangers that developments in the village will pose at that point. Cllr. Crump pointed out that this is a common problem that he has been made aware of by other bodies on a regular basis, and it appears that the highways department utilises a desk top approach towards these issues rather than site visits.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Chairman noted that he will not read out the minutes as they are available either electronically or in hard copy, and that he will deal with most issues in his annual report.

Financial Report

The Clerk of the Parish Council then delivered the annual financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2017, and outlined the differences in the accounts from last year and reasons for the variations. There being no questions the financial report was closed.

Chairman's report

The Chairman noted that there were five action points in this last year

To look at the developments off Napton Road and press the County Council for action regarding traffic calming on Napton Road. To date we have had no response from the County Council regarding this.

To complete work on the memorial Garden – this has now been successfully completed

To finalise new lease for the playing field – this was thwarted by the Dc planning committee refusing a development on the old football field, hopefully this can be carried forward this year

To apply for Local Council foundation award level and above – this is ongoing

To co-opt a new councillor – Helen Kittendorf has been recruited

The Chairman noted that Stratford DC's Core Strategy local development has been adopted, and it should mean that there will be no more large scale developments in the village in the foreseeable future.

The Chairman noted that the Wigley Group wishes to convert Stockton Hose into their new office headquarters and this hopefully should preserve an important village landmark

Cemex have completed a lot of work on the Griffins Farm site with the next stage being the construction of a tunnel under the A426 to facilitate the movement of clay to the Rugby Works.

The Parish Council action plan for the forthcoming 2017-2018 year is:-

- a. To continue to press Taylor Wimpey to install kerbs on Napton Road, and the County Council to provide traffic calming on Napton Road
- b. To work with the landlord to obtain a new lease for the playing field, and to develop an action plan to improve and extend the facility
- c. To apply for a higher level of the Local Council Award scheme
- d. To programme for the upgrade of the street lighting and improve some dark spots.

The Chairman then thanked all members of the Council and welcomed Helen Kittendorf as a new councillor.

Mr.Kittendorf from the public noted that care will have to be taken regarding any extra lighting, and in reply the Chairman noted that the Council is conscious that it is not appropriate to light the village as it would be in a town, and that the Council will consult with neighbours.

This concluded the Chairman's report.

Open Forum

There were no issues raised for discussion.

There being no further business under the Open Forum the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, and closed the Annual Parish meeting at 7.25pm.