

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Stockton,
at 7.15pm on 17th November 2018**

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs.: H.Collerson, H.Kittendorf, W.Rumsey, and T.Warner

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 3 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. The Chairman then brought agenda items 23 and 22 forward to facilitate County Cllr. A.Crump.

Item 23. County Council Issues

Cllr.Crump noted that Warwickshire County Council budget is broadly in line with expectations although there is pressure on adult services and the school transport service.

Cllr.Crump also noted that work has commenced in Wood Street, Southam which was originally scheduled for 2017.

Cllr.Crump indicated that he is a Parish Champion and as such he has a greater understanding of various highways issues and is pleased that the Parish Council has had a traffic consultant undertake a review of the A426 crossroads issues. This will enable him to state to the County Highways that the Parish has a much more accurate understanding for the traffic issues than the desktop exercises undertaken at the county.

Cllr.Crump also detailed the awards from his grant funding to Stockton FC-CC, the Village Hall, Knit and Natter.

Item 22. A426 crossroads consultant's report

This report although having previously been circulated to members, it was decided that discussion of it would be postponed to the next meeting.

Cllr.Crump will determine who at the County Council would be the most appropriate person that the Parish Council could meet and discuss the issues raised in the report.

There being no further County Council issues the Chairman thanked Cllr.Crump for his attendance and Cllr.Crump. left the meeting.

Item 1. Open Forum

A member of the public asked the Parish Council what is happening to the entranceway at Kings House, and in reply the Chairman indicated the both entrances will be in use (on the A426 and on the hill) and the entrance on the hill may move slightly. The building work being undertaken is in line with the plans.

There were no further issues under Open Forum

Item 2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllrs. Cllr.Emberton, and Cllr.C.Millidge

District Cllr:

County Cllr:

Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies from Parish Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr.Warner and seconded by Cllr.Rumsey that these apologies for absence be accepted - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Item 5. Minutes of the annual meeting held on the 15th October 2018

These minutes having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Rumsey that they be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 15th October 2018

Dropped kerbs: The Chairman noted that the County Highways have indicated that they cannot put the white bars in front of dropped kerbs. County Cllr. Crump will be asked to investigate

Playing Field: The Clerk will ask Darren Cooper when he is going to trim the hedges on the playing field.

Cemetery Extension: The Clerk noted that we are still awaiting further quotes for the erection of a hardstanding.

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

18/03104/FUL, Elm Row Garages: Demolition of existing garages and redevelopment of three two storey two bedroomed terraced properties – **Object until reservations are overcome.**

18/03079/VARY, Springholm, Napton Road: Variation of condition number 2 (approved plan numbers) of application 17/02286/FUL for the conversion of no.2 existing barns to form a dwelling (variation is to allow internal alterations as bat loft no longer required - **No representation**

18/03046/FUL, Top New Zealand Farm, Napton Road: Erection of gable end extension to existing agricultural building - **No representation**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

17/02633/FUL, Disused Garages St.Michael's Crescent: replacement of garages with one dwelling – **Appeal granted**

Item 8. Financial Matters

It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr.Collerson that all invoices shown in the November 2018 Agenda Appendix 1 be paid - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 9. Correspondence and Reports

Department of Transport: It was noted that the stopping up order for SM 16, St.Michael's Crescent is now on the website

Items 10 -12

No matters for consideration

Item 13. Amenity Group

Playing Field: The Clerk will ask D.Cooper when he will trim the hedges.

Item 14. Correspondence not passed to Action Groups

There were no items for discussion

Item 15. Ongoing References

Street Lighting: The chairman noted that next year the Parish Council will be looking to replace all older columns and the existing yellow sodium lights with new LED lamps. After discussion it was agreed that there should be a replacement programme for the change to LED lamps, and this should be built into the 2019-2020 budget.

Memorial bench: Given that a WW1 memorial bench is on order from Ogilvie Engineering, and that a substantial sum was raised at the beacon lighting memorial, it was agreed that another memorial bench be ordered for the village green and the Clerk and Chairman will look at other types of memorial benches are produced by the engineering company. A member of the public asked whether memorial bricks could be purchased by parishioners and the Clerk is to contact Shipston On Stour Town Council to ascertain how they arranged their brick memorials.

Cemex: The Chairman noted that at the liaison committee meeting it was noted that the conveyor belt has been successfully tested with no problem arising, but that it could be mid 2019 or even early 2020 before it will be required for use. Cemex representatives noted that the planning application requirements for the distribution of HS2 build soil waste was proving more complicated than originally thought.

Item 16. Removal and Additions to Ongoing References.

There was no addition or removals of items.

Item 17. Parish Council Calendar Actions

Monthly budget monitoring: The budget monitoring spreadsheet was previously sent to Cllrs with no outstanding issues and approved.

Audit of street lights: All light functioning

Check grit bins: This was noted and it was pointed out that the grit was for the roads and not parishioners' driveways.

Item 18. Street lighting suppliers

Change of supplier: The Chairman noted that on a training day at Droitwich he met with an energy broker who by looking at other energy suppliers may be able to provide an alternative supplier at a more competitive price than E.ON. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman contact the broker for this quote and the Clerk is to send the unmetered supply list to the Chairman for comparison by the broker

Item 19. Vasa

Financial support: After discussion it was agreed that as the support was not utilised within Stockton, the grant of £500 would not be made.

Item 20. Edge IT Systems

Internal Auditor License: After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will buy a license for one year to measure its effectiveness

Item 21. Training and Meetings

WALC AGM: The Chairman and the Clerk attended and noted that the talk by a PhD researcher from the De Montford University was very apt especially about the state of the relationships between the principal authorities which left a lot to be desired, and how this may be improved.

Item 22. District Council issues

There were no issues for consideration

Item 22. A426 consultant's report

Issues from the report were brought forward to start of the agenda

Item 23. County Council issues

Issues by County Cllr.Crump were brought forward to start of the agenda.

Other Issues for information only

Footpath to scout field: The Chairman will arrange a meeting with M&T Sharples to discuss the matter

Housing Needs Survey: WRCC have asked whether the Parish Council wish to undertake another survey given that the last one was some while ago, this would not be a good idea.

Precept for next year: It was noted that the costs of any elections will be incurred by the parish and this should be remembered when the precept is agreed

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