

**Minute Number 05 (24 - 25)**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council  
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 19th August 2024.**

**Those present: -**

Parish Councillors: Cllrs., H. Collerson, C.Millidge, H.Kittendorf, J.Emberton , and T.Warner

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 4 members of the public.

**The Chair welcomed all to the monthly meeting of Stockton Parish Council**

**Item 1. Open Forum**

A member of the public raised the matter of the state of the hedge and verge at the top of Mount Pleasant, which was encroaching severely on the roadway and scratching cars as they passed. In reply County Cllr.Crump noted that the highways department are aware of this and that it has been placed upon the list of actions to be carried out by that department.

A member of the public as a representative of the Sports Club gave an overview of the discussions so far with Cemex, and its agent Fisher German LLP, regarding a transfer of the lease of the sports fields from the Parish Council to the sports club. It was noted that a pricing structure has been agreed but that the legal costs will be in the region of £8,000, but this lease will also give the sports club the ability to obtain other grants from funding bodies, in order to improve club facilities. The Chair noted that changes to the lease will be discussed in closed session at agenda item 21 provided that the exclusion of public and press at agenda item 20 is approved.

**Item 2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Rumsey.

**Item 3. Acceptance of Apologies**

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

**Item 4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Emberton declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 12 (3) and 21.

**Item 5 Dispensations**

It was noted that as the interest was non-pecuniary no dispensation was required and Cllr. Emberton could take part in the discussions and vote on the matter

**Item 6. Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Parish Council meeting.**

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Warner and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

**Item 7. Matters arising from the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Parish Council meeting.**

There were no matter arising from these minutes

**Item 8. Planning Matters:**

**a. New Planning applications**

24/01802/FUL, 17 Mount Pleasant: Rear and front side extension and raising of the roof to create a further storey, with dormer windows to the south east (resubmission of 22/03259/FUL) – **No objection**

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

24/00941/FUL, Westfield House, Mount Pleasant: Proposed new 6 bed dwellinghouse and associated development, including new vehicular access – **Permission granted.**

**The Chair brought agenda items 17 &18 forward to accommodate the principal authorities member present.**

#### **Items 17.& 18**

Cllr.Crump noted that the County Council is under inflationary pressure on its budget especially from:- children and adult social care, home to school transport, and highways works. The highways department are doing better than other counties.

Cllr.Crump noted that the grass cutting throughout the Stratford district area is still causing problems largely due to the “no mow May” stance.

Cllr.Crump noted that some anti social behaviour regarding scooters on main roads is being reported

Cllr.Crump noted that the further grasscrete for George Street will take place.

Cllr.Crump noted that the WFRS has issued warnings regarding water safety and outdoor barbeques in hot weather.

Cllr.Crump noted that the National Grid barriers are still on the verge and haven't been removed yet despite calls to the NG contractor.

There were no further County or District Council issues, this completed Cllr.Crump's presentation and after being thanked for his attendance by the Chair left the meeting

#### **Item 8. Financial matters**

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr,Kittendorf that all invoices identified on the August 2024 agendas appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

#### **August 2024 Invoices**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>
SSE	£172.35	001721
The Play Inspection Co.	£186.00	001722
F.Mann Farmers	£564.00	001723
R.M.FRogley.	£2982.00	001724
Midland Sign & Light	£210.00	001725
Stratford DC	£46.00	001726
Shire Forestry	£1650.00	001727

#### **Item 9. Hedge Trimming**

The hedge trimming quote was discussed and it was **unanimously approved.**

#### **Item 10. Correspondence**

There were no items for discussion.

#### **Item 11. Ongoing References**

Playing Field: The annual inspection by an outside contractor was carried out with nothing serious found to be wrong

Sports Field: The petanque terrain expansion will require planning permission, and the Parish Council as landlord will submit the application.

#### **Item 12. Removal and addition to ongoing references**

There were no additions to or removals from ongoing references

**Item 13. Parish Council calendar actions**

*Budget monitoring:* The budget monitoring spreadsheet was sent previously to all and agreed.

*Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit.* An external safety audit has now been carried out by an external company and a cemetery safety inspection will be made as circumstances permit.

**Item 14. Parish Council Vacancy** The vacancy will be advertised in the Parish Magazine

**Item 15. Stratford DC Communications Strategy**

After discussion it was agreed that this looks like a reinstatement of the Community Forum by another name, and the Parish Council will attend as circumstances permit.

**Item 16. Training and Meetings**

It was noted that there will be a Rural Homes Seminar at Ettington Village Hall looking at affordable homes for village people.

**Item 17. District Council Issues.**

See prior to agenda item 8.

**Item 18. County Council Issues**

See prior to agenda item 8.

**Item 19. Exclusion of public and Press**

As the last member of the public in attendance left the meeting prior to this item, there was no requirement for a vote on the matter.

**Item 20. Lease for Sports Field**

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council unanimously agreed to facilitate with the Sports Club the change of lease and costs.

**Other Issues for information only**

Cllr. Emberton noted that the meeting with the PCSO's to look at whole community interests, and asked the public to report issues of concern to the Warwickshire Connected website.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.