

Minute Number 01 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 15th April 2024.**

Those present: -

Parish Councillors: Cllrs., H. Collerson, C.Millidge, J.Emberton.

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 0 members of the public.

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

The Chair brought agenda items 15 &16 forward to accommodate the principal authorities member present.

Items 15 & 16 County Council & District Council Issues

Cllr.Crump noted that the National Grid contractor's performance has been so lamentable that it nearly had its work permit revoked, through traffic light problems, problems with signs and visibility spays, and rubble left on verges. Cllr.Crump noted that there are new signs into the village, signage has been moved at the crossroads and there will be replacements on the A426..

Cllr.Crump also noted that there are still complaints about parking in George Street / Elm Row, with some vehicles having no tax or MOT's (the police will have to deal with these), and that a second phase of grasscrete in George Street should assist in parking. A further discussion regarding parking on the George Street green took place.

Cllr.Crump noted that although the District Council will fuel their vehicles with waste vegetable oil on a three-year trial basis with a potential saving of £250K per annum, there have been concerns raised about the sustainability of the project due to the fact that palm oil could/will be used.

Cllr.Crump noted that both the County and District Councils have serious domestic violence concerns and are asking that all those at risk to take these concerns to the proper authorities.

Llr.Crump noted that the CIL allocation process is being revised, and that a Shared Prosperity Fund is now in operation with up to £200,000 available.

Cllr.Crump noted that the canal bridge on Napton Road has been damaged and the canal and river trust will deal with it. Further potholes have been reported to the highways authority along with large cracks in the road.

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 1 Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

Item 2. Apologies for absence

The Clerk received Apologies for absence from Cllr.Warner.

Item 3 Acceptance of Apologies

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that this apology for absence be accepted - **This motion was unanimously agreed**

Item 4 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

Item 5. Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2024

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Emberton and seconded by Cllr. Millidge that the minutes be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th February 2024.

There were no matters arising for consideration.

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

24/00136/FUL, Springholm, Napton Road: Reconfiguration of the garden layouts to serve existing 2 no. of dwellings, including change of use of land to residential garden and associated landscape works - **No objection.**

b. Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

24/00119/FUL, Stockton Primary School: Refurbishment of existing porch. Remove the existing UPVC porch frames and glass roof and replace with new UPVC frames and a solid timber/slate effect roof on the same footprint as the existing – **Permission Granted .**

Item 8. Financial matters

It was proposed by Cllr.Millidge and seconded by Cllr.Emberton that all invoices identified on the April 2024 agenda appendix 1 be paid – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

April 2024 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
It's A Goalpost LTD	£2126.42	001694
Office Needs Direct	£9029.71	001695
Cemex UK Ops.	£350.00	001696
SSE	£166.18	001697
J.Goode	£10.00	001698
Midland Sign&Lighting	£324.00	001699
WALC	£619.00	001700
Signs Express Coventry	£120.00	001701

Item 9. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for consideration.

Item 10. Ongoing References

Playing Field: The Chair noted that there will be a committee meeting on Wednesday 8th May..

Cemetery: The Clerk, Chair, and Cllr.Millidge met at the cemetery and extension and detailed where more graves could be fitted into the cemetery prior to the extension being used. It was also noticed that the cemetery extension gates may need to be replaced with a less cumbersome set of gates for ease of use.

Crossroads: Cllr.Emberton noted that a number of parishioners approved of the temporary 4 way traffic lights installed by the contractor as it made them feel safer accessing the crossroads junction..

Cemex: A meeting will be held with Cemex and the FC-CC and the Parish Council on either the 23rd or 25th of this month.

Severn Trent Water: The contractor when contacted assumed the permission by the County Council to install equipment on street light columns covered all columns in the County. When told that this is not so, they apologised to the Parish Council and sent a wayleave document to the Council together with an agreement fore an annual payment to the Parish Council.

Item 11. Removal and addition to ongoing references

There were no items for addition or removal.

Item 12. Parish Council calendar actions

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

Cemetery and Playing Field safety audit. The Clerk and Cllr.Millidge will undertake when weather permits. Cllr.Millidge has started the process of having an external playing field audit undertaken.

Item 13.Asset Disposal

The Clerk will send a copy of the proposed asset disposal procedure to all Cllrs.

Item 14. Training and meetings

Cllr.Emberton attended a meeting with representatives of four Parish Council's and HS2 contractor staff (and indicated that none of the council representatives were impressed at all by the contractors) . The contractors gave a presentation about the closure of the A425 but it became clear that the contractors could not answer questions from the council representatives because they either didn't know the answers or indeed they didn't care to answer. Cllr.Emberton noted that signs on the fosse way indicate a 4 day closure of the road with no clear alternative route for traffic..

Cllr.Emberton indicated that the feelings of the parishes in attendance was gthatg HS2 can do as it wishes with no comeback from anyone.

The Chair will attend the next Cemex liaison committee meeting.

Item 15. District Council Issues.

See prior to agenda item 1.

Item 16. County Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 2.

Other Issues for information only

Cllr.Emberton gave his apologies for absence from the May and July meetings. The Chair has received complaints about the hedge in Grange Farm Drive, and noted that the County Council has accepted responsibility for this hedge but due to the nesting season ban on hedge trimming this will not be done until end September. The Chair will monitor this.

It was noted that dome villages are putting on some D Day anniversary celebrations.

The Clerk is tso contact the gravedigger to get the cemetery spoil removed. The Chair noted that his 2023-2024 action plan should be rolled over into 2024-2025. This was seen as an acceptable position to take.

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