

Minute Number 04 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the May Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.15pm on 15th July 2024.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 1 member of the public.

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

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

Cllr.Crump noted that he has received some requests from residents asking for a one way traffic system around the village, in reply the Chairman noted that this idea has been mooted before and it noted that if a one way traffic system were in place then the average speed through the village will increase, to the detriment of other road users including pedestrians. It was further noted that when this idea was brought forward some time ago the police were not in favour for the reasons spelt out above.

Cllr. Crump noted that the WFRS indicate that the Southam station will be permanently manned from 7.00am to 7.00pm and noted that currently the response times have improved.

Cllr.Crump noted that the "No mow May" policy has meant that all mowings have been made more difficult, and with the effectively taller grass due to the policy it has meant that some contractors equipment will not function properly. There is also a problem with more grass cutting getting into the drains thus entailing more drain clearances. Cllr. Crump has also called for more co-ordination of various services especially with drain clearances.

Cllr, Crump noted that he supports the churches family lunches throughout the summer holidays.

Cllr.Crump noted that the hedge at Mount Pleasant will be trimmed back, but the Parish Council noted that the other hedge belongs to the highways department.

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

No issues raised

Item 2. Apologies for absence

The Clerk received Apologies for absence from Cllr.Emberton.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

Item 5. Minutes of the 13th May 2024 and 15th June 2024.

These minutes having been previously circulated, It was proposed by Cllr. Millidge and seconded by Cllr. Collerson that the minutes of the 13th May 2024 be accepted as a true record - **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

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Item 6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 13th May 2024 and 15th June 2024.

There were no matter arising from these minutes

Item 7. Planning Matters:

a. New Planning applications

24/01588/TREE, Dowdeswell Engineering, Blue Lias Works: G1-conifer poplars-Fell. Replace with native hedgerow. Information received from the planning department indicate that comment is not necessary. As the hedgerow will be replaced.

b. 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.**

Item 8. Financial matters

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

June 2024 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£172.35	001708
G.Beaumont	£200.00	001709
Gallagher	£1439.40	001710
Stockton V.H.Comm.	£162.00	001711
Stockton V.H.Comm	£1500.00	001712
F.Mann Farmers	£1482.00	001713

July 2024 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£172.35	001714
Smith of Derby	£297.60	001715
Community Heartbeat	£162.00	001716
F.Mann Farmers	£1128.00	001717
Pear Technology	£108.00	001718
Fisher German	£350.00	001719
R.Stephenson	£16.00	001720

Item 9. Internal Audit Report 2023-2024

The internal audit document having previously been circulated, after discussion it was determined that:-

- Internet banking facilities would be pursued
- A financial procedures policy for dealing with reserves would be pursued
- Play inspection reports will now be held by the Clerk in addition to copies held by Cllr.Millidge

There were no further items for discussion.

Item 10. Correspondence

Parish Council Vacancy: A letter has been received from a member of the public Requesting co-option as a Parish Cllr. The Chair will draft an advertisement for the Parish magazine and this letter will kept until a decision is to be made.

Item 11. Ongoing References

Village mowing: The contractor has indicated that with the current weather patterns the grass only needs to be mowed every three weeks (depending upon grass growth).

Crossroads: Clerk to contact G.Hobday of the highways department asking for the Hedges and grass at the crossroads to be trimmed back)

Playing Field: Awaiting inspection by an outside contractor.

Cemetery extension: Three contractors have been asked for quotes for new Entrance gates with only one reply received – **it was unanimously agreed that the one quote received would be accepted.**

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 ordered, and a cemetery safety inspection will be made as circumstances permit.

Item 14.Asset Disposal

The Asset Disposal Policy document was circulated and after discussion **it was unanimously approved,**

Item 15. Southam Volunteer Drivers

Although there is still some before the Parish Council subscriptions to the scheme is due **the Parish Council unanimously approved continuing with the subscription**

Item 16. Training and Meetings

There were no meeting or training events attended.

Item 17. District Council Issues.

See prior to agenda item 1.

Item 18. County Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 1.

Other Issues for information only

Village handyman: This position needs to be on an hourly rate.

Villager of the Year board: Contractors need to be contacted for another board

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.