

Minute Number 02 (24 - 25)

**Minutes of the May Annual Meeting of Stockton Parish Council
Held in Stockton Village Hall at 7.40pm on 13th May 2024.**

Those present: -

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

District Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

County Councillor: Cllr.A.Crump

Public: 0 members of the public.

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

Item 1 Election of Chair for the year 2024-2025

It was proposed by Cllr.Kittendorf and seconded by Cllr.Millidge that Cllr.Collerson be elected as Chair for Stockton Parish Council for the year 2024-2025, - **there being no other nominations Cllr.Collerson was elected unopposed**

Item 2. To sign Acceptance of Office of Chair for the year 2024-2025

Cllr.Collerson signed the Acceptance of Office declaration.

Item 3. Election of Vice Chair for the year 2024-2025

After discussion it was determined that a formal Vice Chairman was not necessary, and if required a Chairman will be elected as necessary

Item 4. To sign Acceptance of Office of Vice Chair for the year 2024- 2025

This was not necessary.

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

Item 5. Open Forum

It was noted that a resident in St.Michaels Crescent is parking cars across the pavements, it was noted that this is a matter for Orbit housing association, and or Stratford DC planning department.

The Parish Council will write to Orbit re anti social parking.

Item 6. Apologies for absence

The Clerk received Apologies for absence from Cllr.Emberton.

Item 7 Acceptance of Apologies

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

Item 8 Declarations of Interest

Cllr.Collerson declared an interest in cheque number 001703.

The Chair brought agenda items 22 and 23 forward to accommodate the County and District Cllr. present.

Items 22 & 23 County Council & District Council Issues

Cllr.Crump noted that Orbit Housing Assoc. still refuse to admit that they own the grass areas in George Street and Manor Road, so it is unclear legally who is responsible for mowing those areas, however the areas in the village that were missed will be done at week commencing 27th and also looking at mowing the crossroads to extend visibility.

Round 1 of Councillors Grant Fund 2024-25 will launch on Monday 20th May with a deadline of Sunday 30th June.

Cllr.Crump and the authority are holding contractors to account especially where they cause disruption to communities.
 Cllr,Crump noted that the Highways are looking at double yellow lines to make ingress and egress to the village easier.
 Cllr.Crump is looking to extend the grasscrete area in George street from his delegated budget.
 Cllr.Crump noted that other safety measures for the roads are being looked at.

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 9. Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 2024

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

Item 10. Matters arising from the minutes of the 15th April 2024.

Village mowing: A complaint has been received from a resident regarding bindweed on the Pound creeping into her garden and it is difficult to remove – the Chair will investigate..

Item 11. Planning Matters:

- a. New Planning applications**
 No new planning matters

Planning Decisions by District Council or County Council

24/00514/VARY, 55 Elm Row. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 23/01989/FUL so that the side elevation falls in line with the main dwelling - **notification only**

24/00072/FUL, Land adjacent to Stockton Hall Farm, change of use to commercial storage land (Class B8) and use of light industrial purposes (Class E(g)(ii),engineering works to alter ground levels across the site, including the creation of bunds, retention of storage container and static caravan for commercial purposes associated with the storage and industrial uses on the site - **notification only.**

Item 12. Financial matters

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

May 2024 Invoices

Payee	Amount	Cheque Number
SSE	£183.82	001702
H.Collerson	£72.39	001703
W.Robinson	£467.39	001704
R.Stephenson	£15.00	001705
SLCC	£80.00	001706
F.Mann Farmers	£1338.00	001707

Item 13. Year End Reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr Millidge that the year end reconciliation be approved – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 14. AGAR Annual Governance Statement

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr Millidge that the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 15. AGAR Annual Accounting Statement

It was proposed by Cllr.Collerson and seconded by Cllr Millidge that the Annual Accounting Statement be approved and signed – **This motion was unanimously agreed.**

Item 16. Correspondence

Stockton PCC: Letter from the PCC asking for help from the Parish Council to pay the church mowing invoices . The Parish Council discussed the matter and in principle agreed to make a contribution to these costs, but the Clerk is to ask to see the mowing specification first.

Item 17. Ongoing References

Cemex: The Chair attended a liaison committee meeting and noted that the Cemex Trust appears to be winding down, and that Crown House is now completely empty and may be being earmarked for a supermarket business.

Item 18. Removal and addition to ongoing references

Severn Trent Water: This can now be removed from Ongoing References

Item 19. 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.

Item 20.Asset Disposal

A copy of the proposed asset disposal procedure was sent to all Cllrs. And was approved for adoption.

Item 21. Training and meetings

The Chair attended a Zoom meeting on SWLP looking at 5 options for future development:-

1. Based on Rail corridor
2. Based bus and rail corridor
3. Dispersal option (least favoured)
4. Complete new settlement
5. Variation of train and bus corridor

Item 22. District Council Issues.

See prior to agenda item 9.

Item 23. County Council Issues

See prior to agenda item 9.

Other Issues for information only

It was noted that car parking is horrendous around the village hall, this to be raised with the highways authority

Online banking it was noted that this is becoming common with Parish Councils and the Clerk will obtain all relevant information.

Co-option: It was noted that an advert will be placed in the parish magazine asking for volunteers to apply for the position, the Clerk to check with Stratford DC regarding the official position regarding co-option.

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