

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: David Crossley (Chairman) John Coldwell
Russell Dowson Rosie Dunn
Allan Piper Ken Sawyers

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk
Ward Cllrs Paul Doughty and Helen Douglas

Public Present: None

APM2015/1 Apologies:
Chris Small

APM2015/2 Confirmation of the minutes of the APM held on 29 April 2015:
These were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman
Proposed: Cllr Crossley, Seconded: Cllr Dowson

APM2015/3 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council:
See Attachment One

APM2015/4 Parishioners question and answer session:
None

Approved Chairman

Date.....

Attachment One – Chairman’s Report

This year we welcome new Parish Councillor Allan Piper and say goodbye to Councillor Pat Hearn, thanking her for her years of service. We also say goodbye to Ward Councillor Sian Wiseman and hello to Helen Douglas. Sian worked tirelessly to resolve issues regarding completion of The Hollies Development and was promised in writing that the work would be completed during last week of May due to its proximity to school and allowing for school holidays. The Parish Council applaud Sian for her efforts and will endeavour with our ward councillors to resolve this, the zigzag road safety marking outside school requires its completion.

Overall the Parish Council has had a quiet year, the largest planning application submitted by Deans Garden Centre. The issue of a proposed closure of Barr Lane remains high on our agenda, some fine work by both residents and councillors has currently put such proposals on hold but as a council we refuse to become complacent. Staying with the roads, the village sign damaged by an R.T.A. has been reinstated and a local blacksmith repaired the sign made by school children which also has been reinstated. York City Council were proposing a “speed management programme” at either end of the village with the purpose of creating a culture change with new signage but currently there has been no further progress that we are aware of.

The P.C. endeavour to look after the interests of all the village, like so many other areas we’re plagued by potholes in the road and constantly push for attention. Some of the areas in the village are being menaced by dog fouling, dangerous for children, unpleasant to look at and problematic to pushchair/wheelchair users, we would request more vigilance in this regard. The play area is a marvellous facility which is maintained on an annual basis, please appreciate this facility and respect the neighbours by avoiding damage, litter and any damage to property. As a council we monitor the litter, grass cutting and arrange to keep the bus shelters clean; if you see any fly tipping issues please report them to York City Council.

On occasion we are approached regarding small grants for worthwhile causes such as maintaining the village website, the upkeep of the church yard and this year a small donation to the SOFEY partnership to help with a mini allotment type project. To keep up to date with what we are doing please check out the notice boards and the village website.

Ken Sawyers (Chairman)

Approved Chairman

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