

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: John Coldwell (JC) David Crossley (DC)
Russell Dowson (RDM) Rosie Dunn (RDF)
Ken Sawyers (KS) Chris Small (CS)

In Attendance: Fiona Hill (FH) - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

16/66 To accept apologies for absence:

Ward Cllrs Helen Douglas (HD) and Paul Doughty (PD)
Parish Councillor Allan Piper (AP)

16/67 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

6.6 DC

16/68 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26 August 2015:

Minutes were unanimously agreed and signed. Proposed: RDM, Seconded: JC

16/69 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

a. Appearance of the parish e.g. grass cutting/litter

FH was asked to contact CYC about cutting the hedges/trees at the junction at HLS, which was a traffic hazard.

b. Light between church and public house

FH was asked to chase this with the Chief Executive and write to the school governing body and Julian Sturday

c. Yorkshire Marathon/Tour De Yorkshire

FH was asked to write to the organisers inviting them to a parish council meeting

d. City of York Local Plan

NTR

f. Barr Lane Proposed Closure

RDF advised that the police were aware of the abandoned vehicle near the A64 junction

16/70 To receive any matters raised by members of public:

None

16/71 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:

None

16/72 To report planning decisions by City of York Council:

None

- 16/73 To receive reports from representatives of following outside bodies:**
a. Footpaths
FH would request some finger posts for Beanlands Lane
b. Foss (2008) Internal Drainage Board
NTR
- 16/74 To discuss the Stockton-on-the-Forest Play Area:**
DC had done the checks last month and RDFC would do the checks next month.
The Parish Council would put the "springer" equipment on hold for now
- 16/75 To report any new correspondence received by the council:**
10.1 Speed Management Programme 2015/16
The Parish Council discussed this at length and it was felt that more could be done with speed signs and speeding at the other end of the village/parish boundaries. In particular Stockton Lane, Hopgrove Lane South and Holtby Lane. Having a meeting to discuss all the speed road traffic signs in the village would be constructive and a representative from the Speed Traffic Management dept would be invited to a Parish Council meeting.
- 16/76 To receive matters raised by members:**
FH was asked to write to CYC asking them to look at the disintegrating surface of Main Street.
DC would review the bus shelter cleaning contract.
- 16/77 To discuss matters raised by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:**
1. Bookkeeping records for the year ending 31Mar16 to date
FH circulated copies around Cllrs
2. Internal Control Checks
The monthly were conducted and everything found to be in order.
3. External Audit
There was just a comment about the income analysis, but there was no charge for this audit.
4. Work Place Pensions
At the February 2015 meeting FH reported that YLCA were looking into an affinity scheme to which all Parish Councils could join.
On 31 July 2015 YLCA disappointingly announced that due to the high risks and not been members of the Financial Services Authority, they decided the risks were too high.
No other Local Council Association or NALC have researched any scheme, YLCA stood alone in trying.
NYCC were approached, but they quoted a charge £1000.00 per council to research the setting up of the scheme.
Independent Financial Advisers were approached for quotes to set up a scheme and the cheapest received was £295.00 from Ardent UK of York, with Now Pensions
Then Now Pensions announced that any new schemes set up after 30Sep15 would be subject to a monthly charge of £40.00.

There is a free government scheme - NEST. At this stage FH is unsure what expertise is required to run this scheme or if the payroll system used is compatible.

The Parish Council discussed this matter at length via email and unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Ardent, so the scheme could be set up before 30Sep15

5. Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)

No one was able to attend the York Branch meeting on 01Oct15

6. To approve the following invoices for payments

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| 6.1 | Fiona Hill | Clerks Salary | 101075 | £275.44 |
| 6.2 | HMRC | PAYE | 101076 | £196.20 |
| 6.3 | Fiona Hill | Expenses | 101077 | £67.06 |
| 6.4 | Aspects Horticulture | Play Area Grass Cutting | 101079 | £139.09 |
| 6.5 | Jet Screen | Play Area Signs | 101080 | £67.20 |
| 6.6 | David Crossley | Bus Shelter Cleaning | 101074 | £50.00 |

Cheque 101078 was cancelled

16/78 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall as:

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| 28 October 2015 | 25 November 2015 | 16 December 2015 |
| 27 January 2016 | 24 February 2016 | 30 March 2016 |
| 27 April 2016 | 25 May 2016 | 29 June 2016 |
| 27 July 2016 | 31 August 2016 | 28 September 2016 |
| 26 October 2016 | 30 November 2016 | 21 December 2016 |