

Sproston Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 14th May 2018

Present : Cllr.J. McKechnie, Cllr. J Norbury, Cllr.C Sherwin Cllr. J.E. Sheldon
Stephen Walker, Also present by request, Cllr.M. Stocks

Apologies : Cllr A. Ramshall

Cllr. J. McKechnie opened the meeting by welcoming County Councillor Mark Stocks to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting held on the 12th February 2018 were agreed and signed.

Questions to Mark Stocks. The following questions were raised.

1/ Planning application for 200+ houses on land adjacent to Salt Cellar Roundabout, is this application likely to be passed.?

Cllr.Stocks replied that CWAC has already fulfilled its housing obligations and that in his opinion this application will be turned down.

2/ What is the current position with regard to the planning application Cheshire Fresh.?

Cllr Stocks replied, as far as he knows this application in its present form will not go ahead.

Cclr Stocks stated he would to get back to us and inform us of any further details.

3/ How long before the Middlewich Eastern By Pass is started ?

Cllr Stocks stated it is all in the air at the moment.

4/ On going cement works at Byley,?

Cllr Stocks stated there are many big issues still to face before a final decision is reached on this.

5/ A question was raised on who should insure the Village Sign, should it be the Parish Council or as The Highways Department installed the sign should ownership and thus insurance be passed to CWAC. Cllr Stocks stated he would look into this and seek clarification.

Cllr McKechnie stated we should carry on and insure the sign until we receive this clarification.

Presentation of Accounts : A.H. Then presented the financial records for the year 2017 /18 an appraisal of these was given to all councillors. The figures had been verified by Nicola Clarke as the Internal Auditor as required and were agreed as a true account and formally signed by Chairman Cllr McKechnie and Alan Hartopp as R.F.O. These figures to be published on our website. Action A.H.

Ccllr Stocks stated, in his opinion we should re visit the possibility of taking on the maintenance of the land known as the Wren as this could be to our advantage and residents.

Cllr.McKechnie stated there were health and safety issues to overcome with regard to the swings on the area. Cllr.Stocks to look into and report back.

A.H. With regard to our new website had all councillor sent in their brief bio with some personal details, how long had they resided in Sproston etc, all agreed this was on the "to do" list.

Also should we approach any businesses in Sproston to advertise on the new web page.

S.W. Asked how many different hits (not repeats) the website was receiving. A.H to talk with web designer

Cllr. McKechnie then informed the meeting it was with a sad heart he had received and accepted a letter of resignation from Alan Hartopp (Clerk) after some 17years in this position.

The meeting thanked Alan for all the work undertaken in those years.

Cllr.McKechnie then asked Stephen Walker if he would consider taking on the position of Clerk. Stephen had originally come to the meeting with a view of co option onto the parish council, he stated he would give the matter due consideration.

Cllr.McKechnie stated if Stephen was not interested we would have to advertise this vacancy possibly on the website. Action A.H.

Planning : A.H. Stated only two planning applications had been received, The Limes and Brooklyn Cottage. We do seem to have a problem with the new electronic media as neither Cllr.McKechnie or Cllr.C. Sherwin had received this information. Action A.H.

Councillors Reports ; Cllr.J. Norbury stated the sign at the corner of Jones Lane was leaning at an angle. Action A.H. To contact Highways Dept.

Meeting closed 21.00hrs.

Signed _____

Seconded_____

Date _____

Next meeting 9th July