

## **Stockton on Teme Parish Meeting**

**7.00 p.m. St Andrew's Church, 21 September 2016**

### **Apologies:**

Jo Bates  
Graham Smith  
Ursula and Colin Bancroft  
Sally and Bill Webb  
Mary Holloway  
Susan Dufton  
Jo and Jamie Probert  
Hazel and Paul Marsh  
Kate Fitzpatrick  
Coral Gaunt  
Steve Norris

### **Attendees:**

Margaret Danby (Chair)  
Sioux Breeze-Derrigan (Clerk)  
Paul Danby  
Brian Marsh  
Joe Gaunt  
Sheila Craig  
Sandra and Derek Jabbett  
Katherine Edwards  
Terry May  
Councillor Chris Dell

Margaret Danby welcomed those attending and read apologies from those who were unable to attend the meeting.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were circulated and those gathered were given time to read and raise questions. No questions were posed and the minutes were endorsed as an accurate record by a unanimous show of hands.

### **Matters Arising**

There has been no decision on the original or second planning application for the proposed Solar Farm Installation.

The widening of Black Pear Barn driveway access is underway as per the planning application.

New House has received planning approval for the extension to the property but the application for part of the land to be used as a garden was refused.

### **Agenda**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Chris Dell.

The Chair reported that she had investigated a recent communication relating to an improved Broadband service for Stockton on Teme, but this had proved to be a mistake on the part of the sender. Therefore there was no improvement in the

service and no current plans for it to be updated. It was noted that every surrounding area appeared to be getting their Broadband updated but this was not the case for Stockton on Teme.

The Clerk stated that the Annual Audit return had been signed off by the independent auditors, Grant Thornton. There were no actions to take.

It was agreed that the Parish Precept should remain the same (£450.00) as it was increased the previous year.

The Chair announced that it was her intention to resign from her post at the AGM in April 2017, by which time she will have held the post for six years. Anyone interested in taking on the role should contact the Chair or the Parish Clerk.

### **A.O.B**

Marquee Fund. There had been 2 bookings from August 2011/15, which had generated an income of £65. This means there is now a fund of £625.70. It was confirmed that it was not the intention to replace one of the marquees. The Chair encouraged people to consider how this money could be effectively utilised within the Parish.

Malvern Hills Five Year Plan. As part of the plan Malvern Hills have developed six trails in the Teme Valley in conjunction with Worcester University. There are also undertaking a survey with Worcestershire residents to try to identify the areas that residents want them to focus on. This is available from the Malvern Hills website or hard copy.

Parish Notice Board. The Chair confirmed that the original proposal to re site the Notice Board to the front of the Church (on the land going up to the Church entrance).

It was noted that the reading exchange service has now been removed from the Church.

### **Chris Dell**

Further information relating to the Teme Valley Trails could be downloaded from the Malvern Hills website.

The recently completed walk by Malvern Hills Chairman over the Malvern Hills had generated £2000 for charity.

Plans are currently being considered to relocate the District Council offices.

South West Development Plan - Housing development proposal by Yarringtons had been refused.

Raised a vote of thanks to Margaret Danby for the hard work and professionalism in undertaking the role of Chair. Thanked Margaret for giving so much notice to the Parish of her retirement and encouraged people to apply for the position.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.