STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to a Meeting of Stockland Parish Council to be held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 28th March, 2023 at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); 15 minutes in length with each person to speak once only, for no longer than 3 minutes, or shorter, at the discretion of the chairperson.
2) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public**. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960]. **Item 9g Staffing.**
3) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** and whether to approve any dispensations/apologies.
4) **Declarations of Interest**: Members to declare any interests they have in agenda items that accord with any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011) or Personal/ Prejudicial Interests (Code of Conduct, 2012).
5) **Council Meeting Minutes**-to confirm and sign the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 28th **February, 2023.**
6) **Agree a Process for quotes to be established and keeping within all regulatory conditions;** Cllrs Switzer, A Thompkins and the Clerk met to agree any recommendation coming to the Council.
7) **Elections, 4th May;** resolve to note that the Purdah period, where communications and decisions are regulated, began on Monday 27th March.
8) **Civility and Respect Project;** agree to receive an update report on the project.
9) **Turbaries; resolve;**
   a) The Open Spaces Society Application to Register Turbary Land as Commons under the Commons Act 2006 Sch 2(4); to receive an update report; including any objections under Regulation 25(1) and (2) of the Regulations, received before 15th March 2023.
   b) Information Panels on Victory Hall; receive an update report on the project.
   c) Review for the Trail Hunting Policy, Cotley Hunt; receive a report that Cotley Hunt entered and went across at least two, if not more, Turbaries on Saturday 18th March, as well as neighbouring properties and has been reported to the police; this means that they have breached the policy, which is still in place, to Trail Hunt only on Horner; receive any response back from the Council's Insurance Company; also awaiting an updated Hunt Risk Assessment sent to Cotley Hunt from Cllr T Thompkins.
   d) Horner Ladder signs; to note that they are under construction and hopefully will be delivered and erected shortly.
   e) Fipl Grant for Flailing on Horner and Woodland Management work on Quantock and Short Moor; to note that the Grant of £3032.01 for both Capital items and Revenue was received by the 10th March, 2023.
   Other Grants; note that further work is required to install a boardwalk across the wettest part of the permissive path on **Quantock** up to the pond, which a new volunteer from the Committee would investigate (see Notes to Turbaries Meeting); the same person would also offer 'Lookering' for pony grazing across the Turbaries during the summer. **Shortmoor;** agreed Cllr Switzer to investigate quotes for brush-cutting of Himalayan Balsam rather than by volunteers.
   f) FWAG; work completed for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Application, pay invoice for £1,368.00.
   g) Blackdown Consulting; to decide how to deal with the amount of Turbary work now coming in; and to consider a Confidential Item to handle it.
10) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths; resolve to agree any updating reports for;**
   a) Highways, Footways and Drainage; any pot holes reported**.**
   b) Footpaths; to receive the annual report and Finance now claimed back of £845 from PROW, DCC**.**

11) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall; resolve to receive reports on;**

a) Play Equipment Project; agree to pay the Invoice of £94.20 for the Play Equipment Annual Inspection Stockland Play Area, and Risk Assessment.

b) Victory Hall; pay Invoice 931 for £16.50 for meetings.

c) Car Park; to note that the provision of a Basketball Ring at a cost of £500 from Cllr Chubb's Locality Budget has been received; and a table tennis kit to be placed in the Car Park area with funds provided from a local charity needs to be finalised by Cllr Parris.

12) **Website and email Hosting fees;** pay Invoice of £216pa due in April.

13) **Planning**- to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web);

a) **applications received: to consider and respond**

i) 22/2004/FUL; Broadhayes Farm Stockland EX14 9EL; Construction of replacement agricultural storage shed

b) **To review applications previously considered or approved**;

i) 22/1953/FUL - Court Place Farm Wilmington EX14 9LA; Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form 1no. single storey 2-bed detached dwelling and 1no. single storey 3-bed detached dwelling, including demolition of modern extension to unit 1 and milking parlour adjacent to unit 2, provision of associated parking and associated works; *Approved*

ii) 23/0064/FUL - The Bungalow Shorebottom Stockland Devon; two storey side extension; tree survey; surrounded by PC Turbary land; *Awaiting decision*

iii) 23/0040/LBC; 23/0039/FUL - Lower Lye Stockland Honiton EX14 9LJ; Conversion of adjoining stable to holiday and ancillary domestic accommodation and internal alterations to Shippon and Threshing barn; to install new rooflights to Stable and Shippon; *Approved*

iv) 22/2607/FUL - Quantock Stockland Honiton EX14 9DX; Change of use of artist studio/workshop for use as 2 no. units of holiday accommodation and associated operational development (alternative proposal to that approved under Ref: 22/2522/FUL); *approved*

v) 20/2527/TCA; Maryton Stockland Honiton EX14 9BS; T3 : To reduce in height to approximately 5 ft. above ground level; *awaiting decision.*

d) **applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond**:

i) None.

12) **Correspondence**: to consider items received (copies emailed to all Cllrs where appropriate)

a) .

13) **Finances** to review and agree items of payments and receipts

Balances at Bank (at 28/02/23):			£38,822.43
Treasurers Account			
Payments (as at 23/03/23)			
i)	Staff costs March		650.41
ii)	FWAG fees		1368.00
iii)	Play area Inspection		94.20
iv)	VH 931		16.50
v)	Website Host		216.00
		TOTAL	2345.11
Receipts (as at 23/03/23)			
i)	FiPL Grant for work on Horner, Quantock and Shortmoor		3032.01
ii)	PROW Footpath 21 and other work		845.00
		Movement of funds	1531.90
		BALANCE TOTAL	40354.33

14) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda;

15) **Confidential Items**: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of issues agreed under item 2 of the Agenda.

Ken Pearson,
Clerk to the Council, 23.3.23

Confidential Cllrs Only

16 I have re-sent out the Fees schedule and Terms of Business from Gemma Sparks, our current Managing Agent together with an invoice received from FWAG for the past year's work. As you can see there's a significant difference between the wage rates of a Consultancy and a Parish Clerk, yet I have been carrying out the vast amount of the work with overtime and my 8hr pw base. Currently I have completed 109hrs overtime on Turbary Work between April, 2022 and the end of March, 2023 and I find myself falling behind the amount of work coming my way.

I would prefer that the Finance & Staff Committee have a look at the hrs I am doing, the Spinal Column Points that the job carries, currently SCP 18 at 8 hrs pw and the complexity and range of the work, to come up with solutions that may be viable for my Health & Safety under my Contract of Employment? The next meeting of the Fin & Staff is conveniently on the 4th of April and would be a good starting point.