

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Committee Room, Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 21st January, at 7.30pm, 2020.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); Residents raised the issue of lack of reliable Broadband speed and future speeds with suggestions of pressing the points further to the Annual Parish Meeting in March; Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) and the possibility of completing a further survey of the Parish.
- 2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, C Brown and I Chubb (all emailed if received). EDDC recycling is an award-winning service; DCC budgets being set up; highways to patch-up roads for this year and then surface-cover for the next year's budget; Highways view Ditch maintenance as landowners responsibility and to have a further discussion at the next meeting.
- 3) **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 9 Clerk's Objectives Appraisal**
- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** to consider whether to approve any dispensations. Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman), Bright, Drew, Durrant, Learmouth, Morgan, Pearse, A Thompkins, and T Thompkins; the Clerk, K Pearson, Cllrs Brown and Chubb were in attendance; apologies from Cllr Oliver.
- 5) **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations.
- 6) **Council Meeting Minutes**-the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th November, 2019, the meeting of the Turbaries Management Committee on the 20th December, 2019 and the meeting of the Finance and Staff Committee on the 14th January, 2020 were all confirmed and signed.
- 7) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - a) **Devon Air Ambulance;** Community Landing Site, Stockland; resolved to note that the site went live on the 26th November; the project was completed with receipts of £7907.73, payments of £7896.53, leaving a balance of £11.20 and allocated to Neighbourhood Plan Staffing.
 - b) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths;** resolved to agree the updating reports for;
 - Pot holes on roads and those already reported; next year's DCC roads budget is down a third from its current level meaning roads from Cokers Elm Cross to Marlpit Cross, Three Ashes, Ford Farm up to Broadhayes now won't be progressed; agree Hedges issue to be published on Stockland Tree with the owners to cut back away from road.
 - Footpaths; completed Diversion Order for F/P6, Dalwood and F/P41, Stockland; cost of F/P25 work still to be confirmed. F/P16 has lots of deep water; Millhayes digger wheel on edge of road is a hazard and requires written objections to be sent to DCC from those inconvenienced.
 - Surface Water Flooding –current sandbags location is at Park View, EX14 9BT but no sand; to note that of the 18 Grit Bins only one is not full;
 - c) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall;** resolved to receive an update report from the Working Group, to seek a quote for the drain on the far side of the Car Park that comes down from the Tennis Court and is flooding over the tarmac; Cllrs Morgan and Pearse to excavate the drain at the edge of the Car Park tarmac, to do the rest of drainage on SW side of the Car Park by a community project with volunteers during summer; arrange for a Specification to be drawn up for completing the whole Car Park tarmac, seeking three quotes and sourcing grants; seek qualified contractors from EDDC and DCC lists; Cllrs T Thompkins and Oliver to draw up the specification and if work is needed in the interim, complete using a local contractor.

- d) **Turbaries**; resolved to;
- receive the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of £**19978** available; with the following winter work still to be completed, Bucehayes scrub removal 2 day's; a further 2 days brushcutting work on Horner; agreed to pay Invoice 35755 for ponies hire to the value of £1950.
 - Receive an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims for this year with the claim for Bucehayes extension signed and returned.
 - Woods for Water project, FWAG; receive the report from FWAG that an in-principal decision has been taken that funding schemes to decrease water run-off and attenuation, fencing, and farming interventions are only available for farmers, unless Turbary sites with water run off near roads or rivers are identified.
 - Interpretation Boards; to receive any update report from Cllr Learmouth on financing, designing, and placing of the Boards onto the Victory Hall using local designers, bringing it to the next meeting.
 - Draft Woodland Management Plan; note that the documents for the Plan, agreed at the Turbary meeting of 20th December, were sent off before the New Year, back to the Forestry Commission for Agreement.
- 8) **Budget and Precept 2020/21**; resolved to agree the recommendation from the Finance & Staff Committee of a 15% increase for the Precept to meet the Budget for 2020/21 and sign and return the completed forms, increased from £29.37 to £33.78 per Band D household per annum (an increase of £4.41pa) and a precept of £11078 pa.
- 9) **Clerk's Objectives Appraisal**; resolved to discuss this as a Confidential item; receive the updated report from the Finance and Staffing Committee of current progress against the objectives set out for the year and agree the objectives for the 2020/1 Appraisal.
- 10) **Request to support the Local Electricity Bill**; resolved to agree to support the Local Electricity Bill which aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so; would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities.
- 11) **Planning**- to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web)
- a) **East Devon Affordable Housing supplementary planning document (SPD) consultation**; EDDC have now published a revised version of the Draft Affordable Housing SPD for public consultation; to agree affordable housing discussion brought to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 25th March. Note email from EDDC (Nick Wright) on changes for Applications to be dealt with from January (paperless, quicker digital processes to download, increasing digitalising to decrease carbon footprint).
 - b) **applications received: to consider and respond**;
 - i) 19/2572/FUL Parkhayes, Stockland Honiton EX14 9BS; Conversion of barn to provide ancillary accommodation; agreed issue of new conversion in countryside with no reasons given to justify it other than ancillary so cuts across both the Local and Neighbourhood Plans; loss of garages may lead to parking issues.
 - c) **To review applications previously considered or approved**;
 - i) 19/1660/FUL, Lower Seavington Farm Millhayes Stockland Honiton EX14 9DE; Agricultural steel framed building for housing of livestock to replace adjacent building in need of repair/rebuilding; **conditional approval**.
 - ii) 19/1989/CPE - Corry View Dalwood Axminster Devon; Use of the property known as Corry View as a dwelling without compliance with an agricultural occupancy condition; **approved**.

- iii) 19/0236/FUL; Higher Seavington Millhayes Stockland Honiton EX14 9DE; erection of a rural business unit (B1& B8) and adjoining private recreational stable. *refused*
- 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) BHPN; newsletter.
 - b) Blackdown Hills Transition Group THE NATIONAL "BIG FIX" EVENT Saturday, 15th February, Hemyock
 - c) CPRE; Devon enews
 - d) DALC; e-Newsletter.
 - e) Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter;
 - f) DCC; Highways closures, diversions;
 - g) EDDC; Council & Cabinet Agenda; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge; Residents Magazine; Wild newsletter;.
 - h) ICO; e-news from the Information Commissioner's Office;
 - i) NALC bulletins from CEO
 - j) NHS; Devon CCG newsletters; Healthy People monthly briefing; HealthWatch eNews
 - k) Police & Neighbourhood Watch Alerts; crime stats Dec.
 - l) Rural Services Network, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband
 - m) SCPL; newsletters; Open Days 20/21 Jan, full opening on Wed 22nd Jan.
 - n) Victory Hall; invoice 775 for £31.50

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

Balances at Bank (at 31/12/19): £30057.45

Treasurers Account

Payments (as at 16/1/20)

i) Staff costs Dec	472.73
ii) Staff costs Jan	459.68
iii) ICO subs, Direct Debit	35.00
iv) RSPB, invoice for ponies grazing	1950.00
v) VH 775 invoice	31.50
vi) Vire from General to Defib	100.00
vii) MAT Electrics DAAT	6988.93

TOTAL 10037.84

Receipts (as at 16/1/20)

i) RPA Horner, Shortmoor, BPS	4407.93
ii) RPA Quantock, Bucehayes	4823.64
iii) DCC Locality fund (Cllr Chubb)	3250.00
iv) Devon Air Ambulance grant	3657.73
v) WPD Wayleaves (Turbaries)	374.64

Movement of Funds 6476.10

BALANCE TOTAL 36533.55

- 14) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; Affordable housing to Annual meeting; Noticeboards for Turbaries; Ditch Maintenance

- 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 3 of the Agenda.

Item 9 Clerk's Objectives Appraisal; The updated Report was agreed with four objectives.

SignedChairman
Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date 25th February, 2020