

Stockland Parish Council

You are summoned to the **Stockland Parish Council Turbaries Management Committee** meeting to be held in the **Committee Room, Stockland Victory Hall on Wednesday 11th March, 2020 from 4 until 6pm.**

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.
- 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 7ii) Woodland Management Plan, contract quote.**
- 4) **To record those Present/Apologies for absence** and consider whether to approve the reasons given (Cllrs only); apologies from Alasdair Bruce.
- 5) **Declarations of Interest:** All 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).
- 6) **Turbaries Management Committee Minutes**-resolved to note that the draft Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 6th November and 16th December were confirmed and signed by the Council on the 21st January, 2020.
- 7) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - i) **AONB Facilitation Fund;** resolve to receive an update from the scheme (sent by email).
 - ii) **Higher Level and Basic Payment Schemes (HLS and BPS);** resolve to receive updates;
 - receive the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of **£19002** available; with the following winter work still to be completed, Bucehayes scrub removal 2 day's; a further 2 days brushcutting work on Horner.
 - Receive an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims for this year with Bucehayes extension signed and returned; the Extension for Shortmoor to be sent out in March; amended northern parcel on Horner changed by RPA.
 - Interpretation Boards; to receive any update report on financing, designing, and placing of the Boards onto the Victory Hall using local designers.
 - Woodland Management Plan; **confidential item** resolve to note that the Interim Invoice 1920030 for £900 for the Application to the Forestry Commission is now paid; to note that the application window for CS Woodland Improvement Grant Agreements (CS Higher Tier) with a 1 Jan 2021 start date has a deadline for submission for initial applications of 3rd May 2020 and what options and capital items to apply for need deciding; including the choice of which of the *Woodland Improvement* options are relevant over the length of the agreement, whether to apply for capital items to be completed in the first 2 years of an agreement; agree the estimate of fees for submitting the application for Countryside Stewardship Woodland Improvement Grant for this year.
 - Stockland Turbaries - Registration as Common Land; resolve to decide whether the Parish Council are willing to support an application under paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Commons Act 2006, to register eligible land as common land.
 - Trespassing; resolve how to limit transgression by powered vehicles and bikes onto the Turbaries.
- 8) **Turbaries;** resolve to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; agree future work plans and finance for each site; agree to consider a yearly time schedule to be covered;- Bucehayes(AG00287440); Quantock (AG00287502); Horner Hill (AG00291818); Shortmoor (AG00305847); Huntshayes and Shore Bottom both BPS.
- 9) **Communications;** resolve to; receive updates on the website and volunteering opportunities not already covered.
- 10) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda.

Ken Pearson Clerk to the Council, 6th March, 2020

Councillors only

Contract Quote from Roland Stonex, FWAG.

'CS HIGHER TIER WOODLAND STAGE 1: INITIAL APPLICATION (to be submitted by 3 May 2020)

For the sum of £600-800+VAT, to include;

- Site meeting with yourself to agree options and items to be included in the application
- Walkover woodland survey where needed
- Preparation of application form, application map, annotated map and Annex 2 spreadsheet
- Liaison with yourself / other stakeholders as necessary to finalise draft
- Submission to RPA/FC on your behalf

I cannot guarantee the success of the application (applications are competitive and will be subject to scoring by Forestry Commission), but I will endeavour to help you put together as competitive an application as possible.

Following the submission of the initial application there will be a site visit from the Forestry Commission's local Woodland Officer to view the site and confirm the details to be included in the agreement.

Depending upon the success of the initial application there would then be subsequent stages involving meeting on-site with FC, drawing up specifications, obtaining quotes and consents, negotiating with FC etc – my cost for this is likely to be similar to stage 1, but I will provide you with a written estimate in due course.

If you would like to proceed with my/FWAGSW help then it would be really helpful as a first step if you could mark up a sketch map showing the location and extent of the management or works to be undertaken.'