STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 – 7.30pm; meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall.

Present: Cllrs R. Switzer (Chair), J. Durrant, A.Trott, N. Parris and A. Smith (quorate).
Also present: Cllr Levine
In Attendance: Danielle Gilpin (Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present

7.33pm	**The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.**
	Public Forum i) No Police report received. ii) No P3 (footpath) report received. iii) Cllr Brown sends his apologies. Cllr Levine advised that he did not have an update as no action can be taken until the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has been agreed. At this time, no-one really knows the direction and only the planning department are able to function normally. Cllr Connor was not in attendance but sent a report, which was read verbatim to the Council (copy attached for reference). iv) There was 1 member of the public present. **The Chair closed the Public Forum session at 7.40pm.**
7.40pm	**Cllr Levine left.**
7.41pm	**Meeting commences**
26/015 i)	**To note members of the Parish Council in attendance:** As listed above.
26/015 ii)	**To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1))** Apologies received from Cllr's Pearse, Bernhardt and Drew.
26/015 iii)	**To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence:** No communication from Cllr Bright.

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26/016	**Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct:** There were no declarations of interest at this time. Noted that this did not preclude declarations of interest being made at any point in the meeting that they became apparent.
26/017	**To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:** None.
26/018	**To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held on 26th May 2026:** Resolved to approve.
26/019	**Planning matters to be considered:** **a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication:** None received. **a) ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as per supplementary agenda circulated to all members:** 26/0809/FUL | Partial demolition of barn; conversion of agricultural barns to two holiday accommodation units with associated works. | Barn Park Farm Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9JA Resolved to support this application. **b) Determinations/Decisions advised by LPA:** None advised. **c) Tree Matters:** None advised. **d) Appeals lodged / in progress:** None advised. **e) Planning correspondence received:** None advised. **f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC:** None advised.

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26/020	**Financial Matters to be considered:** **a) To note approval by the Chair of the Council's Payments for May 2026:** Resolved that Council payments for May 2026 (£2,041.41) to be approved. **b) To receive and note RFO report for May 2026:** Clerk reported May 2026. AGAR documentation approved. **c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports:** None. **d) To note items of expenditure authorised under Chair/Clerk delegated authority: (Financial Regulations May 20215.4.1 and Delegation Appendix).** None.
	Stockland Parish Council Business to be considered:
26/021	**"Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair"** **a) To consider parish maintenance, highways and footpath (P3) matters** The ditch between Shorms and Bay Cottage has been cleared but does require more work. There are holes clearly visible which Cllr Smith has reported. She has been advised that 1 hole cannot be found and that 1 hole does not meet the required defect size. Advised to report these to Cllr Connor. Section 56 of the Highways Act 1980 references highways out of repair and how an order can be sought from a magistrate to compel the council to act. Request Cllrs to read on this in conjunction with the documents provided previously by Cllr Connor. Cllr Parris to supply what3words for the broken gate. Clerk to contact the Footpath Warden and request a status on the annual survey. i) Cawleys Lane / Temple Bar Lane; continuation of this lane from Horseplot Cottage up to Shorehead (on the hill below the Hillcrest property) Nothing to report. ii) Ditch and drain between Church Cottage and Churchstyle; also stream drainage by churchyard gate Nothing to report. iii) Venns Cottage to Short Moor (referred to as Blue Ball Street on old maps) Nothing to report.

	b) Update on the coordination with South West Water and Devon County Council regarding diversion routes Kier have fixed the burst water main from Chase Hayes and the road was closed. This caused issues with the school run, both morning and afternoon, due to the lack of notice provided. South West Water sent a representative to review and the road is now just about passable. c) To consider Stockland Victory Hall, car park and grounds; tree and shrub clearance by roadside edge of grounds, the proposed bird cherry tree, utilities building app and fencing options The bird cherry tree is settling in. However, the apple tree next to it needs a reshape/prune in the winter. Need to be mindful as there are branches hanging down over the wires. Cllr Switzer to address these branches. A contractor has been spoken to regarding the potential use of their equipment to allow the water pipe and tarmacking of the car park to be dealt with as two separate projects. Cllr Smith to investigate into the tarmacking included the areas required and whether any grants would be available to support this work. Advised to contact Cllr Connor regarding this. Cllr Drew to provide contact details for potential tarmac contractors. Cllr Trott to contact Yarcombe Hall to enquire about the grant funding that they received. Cllr Pearse to provide an update at the next meeting on the fencing options.
	1 member of the public left at 8.40pm
26/021 contd...	d) To update on Japanese Knotweed Clerk confirmed that a visit has been booked. Clerk advised that David Ashford has been emailed regarding the parishioner's report of another location of this. e) To update on the Charities Commission registration situation No update this month. f) To update on the grit bins No update this month. g) To consider Honiton RFC Youth section training at the Stockland Hall field No update and resolved to remove this agenda item. h) To consider the parishes Emergency Plan No update this month. i) To discuss Stockland playpark Cllr Switzer to arrange for the gate to be fixed.

26/022	**Turbaries update** Confirmed that the ponies are now in place and the perimeter has been checked. Received confirmation that the FIPL grant is available for a further three years. Gemma Sparks has sent an email to confirm this and proposed options for this funding. Clerk requested to set up an account with Mole Avon to enable the purchase of pony nuts and other sundry items as required.
26/023	**Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for noting only:** None.
26/024	**Items of future business for the next agenda** None.
26/025	**Date of next meeting:** The Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting of Stockland Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7.30pm. The next full Committee Meeting of Stockland Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 28th June 2026 at 7.30pm.
26/026	**"It is proposed by the Chair that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Members to agree upon matters to be discussed in confidential session, as per agenda item 26/017 above.".** RESOLVED to exclude the public (and press) due to the confidential nature of the next agenda items.
26/027	**Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business:** None advised.
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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Signed: R Arnold Smith Date: 25th August 2026 (Chair)

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