

## Stockland Parish Council

You are summoned to the **Stockland Parish Council Turbaries Management Committee Virtual meeting on Wednesday, 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.
- 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].
- 3) **To record those Present/Apologies for absence** and consider whether to approve the reasons given (Cllrs only).
- 4) **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).
- 5) **Turbaries Management Committee Minutes**-resolved to note that the draft Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed and signed by the Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020.
- 6) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
  - i) **AONB Facilitation Fund;** resolve to receive an update from the scheme and the Clerk's attendance at the Zoom meeting by the BHAONB about the Government's Agricultural Bill and Environmental Land Management Consultation new system ([ELM Policy discussion document](#), closes 31 July, slides 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 £ **17737.47** available; with the following work still to be completed, Horner Topping.
    - Receive an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims; all the BPS/HLS claim forms have been sent and logged as received by the RPA on 3rd June. Formal acknowledgments of these are due to be sent in due course. They have also advised that as the Shortmoor Appeal Form was sent by post to Exeter (as directed) it has not yet been scanned onto their system because all staff are working from home, but as they now have the Clerk's electronic copy it has been passed on for a staff member to pick up linked to their York Office (not yet received).
    - 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; resolve to note that the Invoice 2021022 for £930 for the Application to the Forestry Commission is now paid and the WMP has been approved; to agree the following conditions applying to the Felling Licence–
      - Condition C: Restock by Natural Regeneration or Coppice;
      - licenced felling in two parcels of Natural Woodland on Shortmoor (1288, 4326):-
        1. The land on which the felling took place is to be managed in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry so as to secure restocking with 40% MB, 40% HAZ & 20% open space to achieve not less than 1100 stools per hectare evenly distributed over the site by coppice regrowth.
        2. All licenced trees felled are to be removed quickly and carefully so as to avoid damage to the remaining trees or seedlings or coppice shoots.

3. The land is to be adequately prepared and the young trees are to be protected against damage and weeded during the period of restocking.

4. If before 30th June 2032 the restocking described in 1. above is not achieved then the land is to be planted or sown before 30th June 2033 in order to secure a stocking of not less than 1100 stools per hectare of 40% MB, 40% HAZ & 20% OS evenly distributed over the site.

5. For a period of 10 years from the restocking:

a. The plants must be protected against damage and be adequately weeded.

b. Any failure or losses should be replaced as necessary to provide a stocking of not less than 1100 stools per hectare evenly distributed over the site.

c. Any coppice regrowth/replanting must be properly maintained in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry.

If these conditions are agreed the Forestry Commission will deem them as granted after 14 days.

- Trespassing; resolve how to limit transgression by powered vehicles and bikes onto the Turbaries after more incursions have taken place since the last meeting, damaging the areas.

7) **Turbaries**; resolve to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; agree future work plans and finance for each site;-

Bucehayes( AG00287440); Ponies, fence-line, lookering. Wildlife.

Quantock (AG00287502); Ponies, fence-line, electrified tape Wildlife, carp? Bracken control?

Horner Hill (AG00291818); Wood-pasture topping, Fire-breaks, Wildlife. New pond?

Shortmoor (AG00305847); Ponies?

Huntshayes (BPS)?

Shore Bottom.(BPS) Balsam. Other?

8) **Communications**; resolve to; receive updates on the website, Stockland Tree and volunteering opportunities not already covered.

9) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda.

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Clerk to the Council,  
2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020