

Stockland Parish Council

You are summoned to the **Stockland Parish Council Turbaries Management Committee Virtual meeting on Wednesday, 4th November, 2020 from 4 until 6pm.**

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Meeting ID: 818 1601 5200; Passcode: 744468; you will be held in a waiting room until let in.

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); to note the resignation of Cllr Learmouth from the Council and this Committee, hopefully to be replaced by a co-opted member in due course; to note that Charlotte Selway of Sheamus Machin, our Managing Agent, has left their employment and is replaced with Gemma Sparks.
- 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 meeting held on Wednesday 8th July were confirmed and signed by the Council on the 28th July, 2020.
- 6) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - i) **AONB Facilitation Fund**; resolve to receive an update from the scheme
 - 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 £17641.40 available.
 - **Horner Hill**; the Council meeting of the 29th September considered the issue from the Turbaries Committee of the construction of a pond just North of the first cottage, with possible help of volunteers from Cotley Hunt and it was AGREED; to request the possible costs involved, a Covid-19 secure Risk Assessment; a work specification by a professional contractor to oversee the volunteers, with tasks identified and the number of hours/days needed to complete the task and to be continuously monitored/logged; work to be compliant with the Council's Financial Regulations especially section 4 'Authority to Spend', s11 'Contracts' and s12 'Payments'; the Clerk to implement this process and further agreed the next steps be left until the Spring.
 - **Trespassing Report**; the Council meeting of the 27th October agreed to limit transgression by powered vehicles and bikes onto the Turbaries after more incursions took place since the last meeting, damaging the areas, as well as warning signs being removed and were reported to the Police; agreed for the erection of 3 gates lower down, including a step over at Penny Hill, with the gates available free from DCC ROW and to seek further information on the installation costs involved from the Contractor.
 - **Hunting Policy**; the Council meeting of the 28th August agreed to amendments discussed at the May 2019 Council meeting, and those agreed in the 19th August Report to Council and that the Chair and Clerk move forward the next step, which is to issue the final copy as agreed, to the Cotley Hunt.
 - **Defra Consultation on Environmental Land Management (ELM)** scheme to replace BPS system; agreed the draft proposed by the Clerk as completed by the closing date of 31st July.
 - **Woodland Management Plan**; agreed to the Higher Tier Work Prescriptions as a result of the meeting between Cllr Griffiths and D Allen with the Forestry Commission and FWAG; with a

requirement for removing invasive species eg Balsam; the need for an ongoing process of clearing/felling across all the Turbaries; leaving wood behind for the ecology and for taking by parish residents; agreed to investigate any local contractors with correct insurances getting involved; agreed also the Forestry Commission and FWAG suggestions on improving the outcomes from a further six parcels across the Turbaries.

- **Information Panels**; confirmed that the Council has engaged both a designer and contractor to set up and build the Panels with an approved Grant of £2000 from the BHAONB Sustainable Development Fund, the PC to pay £1630 as matched funding and work was scheduled to begin in September, agreed the next steps to be designing and layout of the board information; the Clerk to check if Planning Permission was required, the various logo's needed and agree the exact location with the Hall Committee.

- 7) **Turbaries**; resolve to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; agree future work plans and finance for each site;-
Bucehayes (AG00287440); Quantock (AG00287502); Horner Hill (AG00291818); Shortmoor (AG00305847); Huntshayes (BPS); Shore Bottom (BPS)
- 8) **Communications**; resolve to; receive updates on the Parish Council Website, Stockland Website and Tree and volunteering opportunities not already covered.
- 9) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda and dates of future meetings; March, July, November.

Ken Pearson
Clerk to the Council,
29th October, 2020