

Stockland Parish Council

There will be a Meeting of the **Stockland Parish Council Turbaries Management Committee on Wednesday, 2nd November, Victory Hall, from 4.30 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 meeting held on Wednesday **6th July** were confirmed and signed by the Council on the 26th July, 2022.
- 6) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - i. **AONB Facilitation Fund;** resolve to receive any update from the scheme.
 - ii. **FiPL and Higher Level and Basic Payment Schemes (HLS and BPS);** to note that the proposed new Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship 2022 application for Quantock/Shortmoor scheme has been rejected by RPA/Defra and the Clerk received a copy of a FiPL Application, completed by the Officer for the scheme at the AONB, from Stockland PC Chair visiting the Clerks house on Monday, 10th October with a request to sign a copy of the FiPL Application, including quotes for Capital items for Horner Hill together with replacement Revenue items for the failed scheme for Quantock/Shortmoor. The Clerk has to report that this transgressed the Financial Regulations because costs were over £7000 spread over 2 years and should have immediately been referred to a full Council meeting.

Apart from that the Clerk had not seen nor knew about any of these issues, which is a transgression of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, was *ultra vires* and breached the GDPR 2018 Act by using the Clerk's personal data without permission and was expected to sign off the Application without further ado.

This raises some serious issues and the full Council will have to properly respond to the Clerk's complaint.
 - iii. Note the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of **£14,495** available for all work, with income of £ 12403.42 for the past Financial Year and spending of £15041.16.
 - iv. Information Panels; receive a Project update from Cllr A Thompkins and the Clerk.
- 7) **Turbaries;** resolve to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; agree future work plans and finance for each site, agree processes to complete;- Bucehayes (AG00287440); Quantock (AG00287502); Horner Hill (AG00291818); Shortmoor (AG00305847); Huntshayes (BPS); Shore Bottom (BPS): Woodland Management (AG986346) Footpaths Update.
- 8) **Communications;** resolve to; receive updates on the Parish Council and the Stockland Village Websites and Tree and volunteering opportunities not already covered.
- 9) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda.

Ken Pearson
Clerk to the Council,
28th October, 2022