STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and Staff Committee Meeting, held at Stockland Village Hall on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm, 2024.

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); none.

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].]. **Items 8 and 9**

3) **To record those present;** Cllrs Switzer (chair), Durrant, Parris and Pearse and in attendance the Clerk, K Pearson.

4) **Declarations of Interest**: none.

5) **Finance & Staff Minutes**-to note that the draft minutes of the meeting of the **5th of July, 2023** were confirmed and signed at the council meeting on the 5th September, 2023.

6) **Action Review Summary**-

   i) **Review** and decide if any amendments are required in the procedures for Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessments which are generally completed during the AGAR return.

   ii) **Stockland Village Website;** to note that the Council agreed to pay a Contractor £400 to add in the information relating to the Turbaries and raise its Google profile, a year ago and now needs an updated return to judge performance, agreed that Cllr Switzer and the Clerk would meet up with the Contractor to check on progress.

   iii) **Car park;** this asset has been added to this Committee to oversee and develop and requires a Strategy and Plan of Action to be put in place in order to do it; agreed to start on filling the larger pot-holes via a contractor; undertake a tree survey to increase more light into the area; undertake an investigation for providing electric charging points into the area and check whether there are Funding opportunities to support this (DCC HS2 Funds).

7) **Recording equipment and rights for people;** the Openness of Local Government Regulations (2014), SI 2014/2095 has made it easier for members of the media and the public to record open meetings which has not been implemented in Stockland thus far and now needs to be done on the grounds of 'reasonable adjustments' for all parties attending; resolve to agree to setting up a working group of Cllrs and Clerk, together with representatives from the Village Hall Committee to investigate the possibilities, reporting back to their respective bodies.

8) **Precept calculation** resolved to; receive the current updated information, and agreed not to increase the precept for this year, although there is a slight rise due to 6 extra houses coming on stream from £14898 to £14987.

9) **Clerk's Objectives Appraisal-**resolved that Cllrs Switzer and Durrant had met to agree objectives for the 2023/24 Appraisal for the Clerk.

10) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; investigate finances.

Signed ……27th Feb, 2024

Chair **Meeting closed at 9.30pm**