

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council Review Working Group held in Victory Hall on Monday 8th Aug, 2022 at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); Three members of the Public attended and the chair allowed them their 3 minutes allotted time to speak, two members from a pro-hunt view and one an anti-view.
- 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]. **Item 5 Turbaries Horner Trail Hunting Policy (Schedule 12A, 100B-100K; Exempt Information,** Information relating to an individual; and the Authority holding that information; Information relating to any action taken or proposed to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime).
- 3) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Morgan (chair), Drew, Derryman and Thompkins.
- 4) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Derryman declared an interest as farmers use the Hunts facility for collecting dead animals at a much lower charge than they would normally pay which includes Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011) or Personal/ Prejudicial Interests (Code of Conduct, 2012).
- 5) : **Turbaries Horner;** resolved to reconvene the Working Group of Cllrs to receive any updates on the Trail Hunting Policy on Horner as a **Confidential Item, (see below)**; with Cllrs Morgan (chair), Derryman, Drew and T Thompkins, meeting without Delegated Authority, and with the Clerk, to agree recommendations to come back to a future meeting for approval; to consider the latest communication received from AAF info@actionagainstfoxhunting.org and any other updates that maybe received.
- 6) The Clerk had received an email from the Council's Insurers saying;
'08 August 2022 12:48 Further to your emails and our telephone conversation today I am writing to confirm that whilst the Trail Hunting Group may possess their own Public Liability policy, I cannot guarantee that the policy we arrange with Hiscox will provide public liability insurance should a claim for injury or damage be directed against the Parish Council unless specific written confirmation is obtained from the RPA stating that they have no objection to the land being used for this activity. The wording you have provided suggests that to knowingly allow this activity to take place without first obtaining specific agreement from the RPA may lead to the Parish Council being in breach of the terms and conditions. This may result in Hiscox declining to provide cover on the basis their ability to defend the claim has been prejudiced by the actions of the Parish Council. I trust this clarifies the insurance position but please contact me again if I can be of any further assistance. *Kind regards,* **Andrew Bedding CII, Senior Client Adviser', Gallagher.**
- 7) The Clerk has also sent an email to the Monitoring Officer for EDDC, who is on leave and not back until 24th Aug.
- 8) It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the NFU to see if it is possible to get a quote from them to investigate other alternatives to cover the risks, if at all.
- 9) It was agreed to run through what a Policy would look like from the Council's view, item by item, using the documents received so far. Cllr Thompkins agreed to complete this and send to the Clerk.

SignedChairman
Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date 30.08.2022