STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 28th November, 2023 at 7.30pm.

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); three members of the Public present together with two members for the vacancy.
2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine and Chubb; Cllr Brown circulated an email report via the Clerk.
3) **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]. **Issues under item 8 below**.
4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Switzer (chair), Bright, Derryman, Drew, Durrant, Parris, Pearse Thompkins, and Trott;

5) **Declarations of Interest**: no interests declared for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011) or Personal/ Prejudicial Interests (Code of Conduct, 2012).
6) **Council Meeting Minutes**-to confirm and sign the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on **Tuesday**, **26th Sep**; **31st Oct,** and those of the extraordinary meeting held on **Tuesday, 17th October, 2023; none of these Minutes were signed due to further amendments being requested which have been completed.**

7) **Action Review Summary**: to receive and review the following items:
   a) **Casual vacancy;** agreed to adopt the process for each candidate to speak to the PC about their Application; to respond to any questions from Cllrs and have an opportunity to ask questions; then to request candidates to leave the room so that Cllrs can vote; returning back into the room afterwards. The Casual Vacancy was duly filled by Anette Link (Smith) after completing the Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct.
   b) **Turbaries Meetings with the Managing Agent**; resolved to agree Wednesday at 7.30pm to be the best time and day to meet; agree to add in an extra meeting and suggest September; agree an extra community representative to be appointed after agreeing the Managing Agent and RSPB have non-voting membership as preferred contractors; a Fiple claim has been progressed by the Managing Agent in line with the process; agreed a Featherlake Turbary tree has to be cleared as it fell on a vehicle; Japanese knotweed has been seen on Huntshayes Lane and await a report back from Cllr Drew; agreed to the quote from RSPB for Winter Management work on Shortmoor and Shore Bottom for £1900
   c) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths**; resolved to agree any updating reports for;
      i. Highways, Footways and Drainage; any pot holes reported; Cllr Drew had drawn up a list of the Grit and Salt boxes within the Parish, identifying the levels within and repairs required (one at Rodway Cross is broken and a replacement is needed).
      ii. Footpath Wardens; after advertising on the Stockland Tree the PC now have a number of people to work with PROW to maintain the Footpaths/Bridleways.
   e) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall**; resolved to receive a cheque paid in from the Stockland Fair for £1347 towards Play Equipment. An invoice for the dog bin emptying has been received for £132.00 pa.
   f) **Stockland Charities**; received no reports back from meetings held.

8) **Gallagher (Hiscock's Insurance);** agree to deal with this as a **Confidential Item.** Update on any information received in handling a complaint previously sent in.
9) **NALC 2023/24 Local Government Services Pay Agreement E01-23;** agree to deal with this as a **Confidential Item;** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The

new pay rates have been agreed with SLCC and ALCC and Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

10) **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.

11) **Blackdown Hills Parish Network AGM;** resolve to agree any report back from Cllr Switzer who agreed to attend on Thursday November 9th but was unable to make it.

12) **Planning-** to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web)

a) .**applications received: to consider and respond**;

i. None

b) **To review applications previously considered or approved**;

i) 23/1524/CPE; Red Cottage Heathstock Stockland EX14 9EU; Lawful development for an existing change of use from agricultural land to vehicle access and garden*; awaiting decision*

ii) 23/1683/PVJ - Bright Farming The Grain Store Ridge Honiton; Installation of 210 solar photovoltaic (PV) on the north-west and south-east roof; *Prior Approval not required.*

iii) 23/1530/Ful and LBC; Cummins Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9EZ; Undertake repairs to the interior and exterior of building, including windows, walls, ceilings and floorboards*;* construction of detached plant building, and air source heat pump to be installed; *awaiting decision*

iv) 23/1495/CPE - Wadsbury Cottage Stockland EX14 9EX; Certificate for lawful development existing use of Wadsbury Farm Cottage as a holiday let; *awaiting decision*

c) **applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond**:

i) 23/0064/FUL - The Bungalow Shorebottom Stockland Devon; Two storey side extension; Non-determination appeal lodged by the applicant.

11) **Correspondence**: to consider items received (copies emailed to all Cllrs where appropriate).

12) **Finances** to review and agree items of payments and receipts

Balances at Bank (at 31/10/23):		£44875.85
Treasurers Account		
Payments (as at 25/10/23)		
i) Staff costs Nov inc B/P		783.02
ii) Community Heartbeat, Village Phone system		120.00
iii) SLCC subs		112.00
	TOTAL	1015.02
Receipts (as at 20/7/23)		
i) None		
	Movement of funds	
	BALANCE TOTAL	43860.83

13) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; IT Equipment for the Clerk

14) **Confidential Items**: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of issues agreed under item 3 of the Agenda (see above).

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The NALC document on the Pay increase gives a sum of £1p/h as a General Increase and is to be backdated to April 1st (part-time staff are pro-rata).

The Clerk to agree; a Holding letter to be sent to the Hunt; find the date of the alleged Breach; when was the SAR email sent to the applicants.

Cllr T Thompkins to ask for an amended Risk Assessment.

Signed…….Chair Date 16/01/2024 Meeting closed at 9.30pm.