

## STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time:**  
No members of the public were present.
- 2) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public:**  
No exclusions were required.
- 3) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence:**  
Present were Cllrs Bright, Derryman, Drew (part), Durrant, Parris, Pearse, Smith, Switzer (Chair), Trott; D. Clay (Clerk Stockland PC).
- 4) **Declarations of Interest:**  
None.
- 5) **Decide on the Budget and Precept for 2025-26:**
  - a) **Resolve to agree the budget and precept for 2025-26:** The council unanimously agreed to raise the Precept by 20% to budget for a new £3000 capital project, and agreed to use £5,000 from the reserves towards employing a Lengthsperson to repair/maintain ditches and drains throughout the parish.
  - b) **Resolve to agree the area of main capital expenditure item within the budget of £3,000 (based on the list of priorities identified in item 11 of the minutes from the October 2024 meeting of the council):** Cllr Drew had to leave the meeting before the vote was taken. The remaining cllrs voted to prioritise enhancing the border of the Village Hall grounds facing the road through Stockland; it was envisaged that the playground would then be prioritised in the 2026-27 financial year for a similar capital expenditure project.
- 6) **Items of Future Business for the next Agenda:**
  - Update on new village signs and resolve to agree their design (Cllr Trott)
  - Village Hall Car Park maintenance
  - Agree a way forward for item 5(b) above.
  - How to respond to the Rural Payments email forwarded by Gemma Sparks
  - Co-option of new Cllr.
- 7) **Confidential Items:**  
None identified

**Meeting closed @ 2030 hrs**

R Switzer; Chair, Stockland Parish Council, / /