

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Monday, 28th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f): A member of the public wanted to know what was happening regarding verges. This was discussed at the full council meeting in November 2024 which she had not attended, so the Clerk read the appropriate section of the minutes of that meeting.
- 2) **Reports from:** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine and Chubb. Cllr Brown reported that EDDC had procured a new electric recycling truck at a cost of around £480,000. It should last for 12 years and is cheaper to run and service than an ICE equivalent vehicle. Cllr Chubb stated that there would be no local elections held in May this year due to uncertainty of the outcome of the devolution proposals; DCC would prefer to go for a mayoral option. He also announced that there would be an increase of £83 million to the Devon Highways budget in 2025/26 – more than double the amount for the current year.
- 3) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public:** Item 7 of the Agenda would be moved to item 19, and the press and public would be excluded from that item.
- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** and to consider whether to approve any dispensations. Present from Stockland PC were Cllrs Bright, Derryman, Drew, Parris, Pearse, Smith, Switzer (Chair), Trott; D. Clay (Clerk Stockland PC); Cllr Chubb (DCC); Cllrs Brown and Levine (EDDC); Cllr Durrant of Stockland PC was absent due to holiday; nobody from the police attended. 3 members of the public attended.
- 5) **Declarations of Interest:** 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). The Chair declared he had a personal interest in the item 24/2700/TCA as he raised the request with EDDC.
- 6) **Council Meeting Minutes:** To confirm and sign the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th November 2024. The minutes were accepted by the PC and duly signed.
- 7) **Co-opting a new member of the Parish Council.** Resolve to appoint a new Cllr from amongst the candidates for co-option. This item could not be dealt with as the candidate did not attend the meeting.
- 8) **SCPL Representative:** The Secretary of SCPL informs the PC that they are currently represented at Annual Members Meeting (AMM)s by Ken Pearson. PC to decide who will represent them in future as the next AMM is 11th February. The PC decided that the Clerk would represent them at the AMM this year, and the decision would be reviewed later in the year.
- 9) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths:**
 - a) **Footpaths - Review 2024 Footpaths Survey and resolve to address repairs:** The PC resolved to employ Acres Overland to address the issues raised in the report.
 - b) **Highways, Footways and Drainage; any pot-holes reported.**
Request from a parishioner for a grit bin to be placed by the road from Shortmoor

Cross towards Millhayes: Cllr Trott to send information via a link to Cllr Bright who will follow up on this.

- c) **Update on highways 'hotspots' in the Parish:** Many of the issues have been dealt with and the list has been reduced to:
- Castlewell stretch of road from Short Moor cross to Millhayes;
 - Road to Ham from Rose Farm where a blocked culvert has caused flooding and a large hole is blocking the road;
 - Cawleys Lane / Temple Bar Lane; continuation of this lane from Horseplot Cottage up to Shorehead (on the hill below the Hillcrest property).
 - Royal Oak Cross junction; potholes also just past the exit from the cross roads to the Stockland Road.

10) Planning

To review the following planning applications:

[24/2462/FUL | Proposed re-roofing on west elevation, 2no. new conservation roof-lights on the existing rear extension; removal of concrete pebbledash on south elevation and restoration of the roughcast stone; removal of existing render and re-rendering on the east and west elevations of the original house with lime render; addition of ironwork canopy with lead roof on west elevation | Royal Oak Farm Cotleigh EX14 9LF](#)

Stockland PC have no comment on this application.

[24/2463/LBC | Proposed re-roofing on west elevation, 6no. replacement windows, 2no. new conservation roof-lights on the existing rear extension and proposed external opening; removal of concrete pebbledash on south elevation and restoration of the roughcast stone; removal of existing render and re-rendering on the east and west elevations of the original house with lime render, and repair work to the brick chimney; addition of ironwork canopy with lead roof on west elevation, Internal layout alterations with some changes to internal openings; various minor internal repairs and installation of wood burner and flue. | Royal Oak Farm Cotleigh EX14 9LF](#)

Stockland PC have no comment on this application.

[24/2700/TCA | Tree 1: Douglas Fir - fell to ground level. Tree 2: Poplar - fell to ground level. | 3 Church Way Stockland EX14 9BP](#)

The Chair left the room whilst the other Cllrs discussed the merits of felling the trees. Mindful of the recent storm damage to trees in the parish, they commented that if these trees were to be blown over they would cause considerable damage to the surrounding walls, property and public safety. Another benefit of the proposed felling is that it would open up the view to the church, they support this application.

11) Stockland Victory Hall, Carpark and Grounds:

a) Resolve how to address water leak in car park: The original leak was losing water at a rate of 7,000 litres a day (in October 2024). The Hall Committee will instigate a new fix, and the PC will pick up the bill.

b) Resolve to address issues with the French drain along the sports field: The PC agreed to ask a local contractor to carry out some exploratory digging and if necessary, divert the course of the drain in a more suitable direction. Cllr Derryman to arrange a meeting with the contractor along with the Clerk.

c) Is there a need for a barrier to prevent vehicles driving onto the field, and if so how to address this issue? The PC decided that a permanent/hard barrier was not appropriate. Instead, the Hall Committee will warn anybody hiring the hall not to drive on the field. The Clerk will contact Stockland Primary Academy with regard to the cross-country events and suggest they mark the edge of the field with tape as a warning to drivers to keep off the field and only

use the car park.

12) Devolution Proposals:

No Cllr was available for the online meeting to be held on 30th January, and the Clerk was asked to attend if possible.

13) Finances; Bank Transactions Since 26 November (to 22nd January); to review and resolve to approve expenditure for the following:

26/11/2024	A M Davies Invoice AMD 0350	£645.00
18/12/2024	John Parry Turbaries Work	£1,150.00
23/12/2024	McVeigh Parker – Fencing Components	£5,236.07
23/12/2024	P Derryman Turbaries Lookers Rewards	£78.00
23/12/2024	Stockland Victory Hall Inv. 1234	£90.00
31/12/2024	Ian Doble replace rotting gate posts and rehang gates	£394.45
7/01/2025	SLCC Subs	£150.00
15/01/2025	RSPB Fencing at Quantock	£1,860.00
21/01/2025	T Purlin Fencing work Bucehays North	£2,250.00

All of the above payments were approved by the PC.

Bank Transactions as at 22nd January 2025:

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
22/01/2025	HONITON BRANCH Nat Grid Cheque MR THOMAS PURLIN BUCEHAYES		£366.16	£49,423.90
21/01/2025	NORTH	£2,250.00		£49,057.74
16/01/2025	HONITON BRANCH Nat Grid Cheque		£9.63	£51,307.74
16/01/2025	GBS RE RPA NO2 ACC PY2394227		£4,104.74	£51,298.11
07/01/2025	SLCC SUBS	£150.00		£47,193.37
06/01/2025	HMRC - PAYE TAX	£188.60		£47,343.37
06/01/2025	CLERK SALARY NOV-DEC	£753.88		£47,531.97
23/12/2024	STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL PETER DERRYMAN TURBARIES	£90.00		£48,285.85
23/12/2024	MUGS/CHOCS MCVEIGH PARKER & CO FENCING	£78.00		£48,375.85
23/12/2024	PARTS	£5,236.07		£48,453.85
23/12/2024	CPRE Subs	£60.00		£53,689.92
18/12/2024	JOHN PARRY Turbaries work	£1,150.00		£53,749.92
18/12/2024	DALC - 2 on-line courses for Clerk	£72.00		£54,899.92
05/12/2024	GBS RE RPA NO2 ACC PY2367595		£2,067.20	£54,971.92
02/12/2024	HMRC - PAYE TAX	£361.80		£52,904.72
02/12/2024	CLERK SALARY AUG-OCT	£1,447.92		£53,266.52
26/11/2024	STOCKLAND V HALL	£63.75		£54,714.44
26/11/2024	PETER DERRYMANPONY NUTS Turbaries	£132.62		£54,778.19
26/11/2024	DALC 1 on-line course for Clerk	£36.00		£54,910.81
26/11/2024	A M DAVIES STRIM PLAY/BANK	£645.00		£54,946.81
		£12,715.64	£6,547.73	

14) Village Road Signs (Cllr Trott):

Update on final design(s) and resolve which one to choose. The PC decide on the design with white background and a curved top; the main sign (road from Royal Oak Cross) should also include the words 'Ancient Saxon Settlement'

15) Storage of Historical Parish Maps/Documents/Artefacts: Digital copies of 150 historic photographs and maps are now held by two parishioners. The original documents are held in Exeter and Dorchester.

16) Village Website – Migration of Data to the PC Website: The Clerk has been in contact with the parishioner who has digital backups of the information on the old village website. They will meet to decide the best way forward with the data, and the Clerk will then discuss this with the IT company who operate the Stockland PC Website.

17) Update on Lengthsperson Issue: Cllr Parris reported that the Luppitt Cllr who maintains their roads and verges is prepared to carry out the same tasks in Stockland. He has access to all the equipment required, and the PC has already budgeted £5,000 for this purpose in the 2025/26 financial year.

18) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda:

- There is an issue with the water running down the road from Shortmoor Cross to Mill Hayes flowing down the concrete entrance to the property called Whitehayes.
- Review Stockland PC Trail Hunt Policy.
- Update on Lengthsperson.
- Update on Village Hall grounds

19) Confidential Items: Matters identified under item 3 (above). Not required as the applicant did not attend the meeting.

20) Review Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings:

Date	Item	Action	Status
27/8/24	10	Ragwort - This should be added as a calendar item for June 2025, and messages put out on both the Stockland tree and the PC's Website asking for volunteers	Open
27/8/24	11(a)	Marquees insurance - The Village Hall Committee needs to provide a written document to the PC stating that the PC has no responsibility for any insurance, damage injuries or any other claims	Open
27/8/24	11(b)	Repair to play train in playground - Cllr Switzer will contact local contractors for quotes	Open
27/8/24	12(b)	Bank acct insurance - Clerk to action this issue once he has received access to the bank account	Open
27/8/24	13	The clerk will speak to Parish Council Websites regarding migrating information from the village website onto the PC website and allowing access to the village data to a volunteer from the public	Open

24/9/24	10(a)	The clerk will fill in and submit the first claim form for Japanese Knotweed control under BH175	Open
29/10/24	6	Clerk to contact the NHO to try to get movement on the road hotspots for repairs detailed in 13(d)	Complete
29/10/24	13(b)	Cllr Chubb to follow up the congestion/parking issue with the NHO if cannot be resolved within the parish	Open
29/10/24	17	Clerk to contact PC website hosts for quotes to resolve the Google Drive files that remain and migrating data from the Stockland Vilage Website to the PC one	Open
26/11/24	7(d)	Cllr Parris has a contact who might be interested in the lengthsperson role, and will speak to him	Complete
26/11/24	7(d)	Cllr Smith to forward links to information on the DCC website covering how the management of verges, ditches and minor road repairs can be undertaken at a parish level	Complete
26/11/24	7(d)	The Clerk is to seek advice from DALC regarding how other parishes are tackling the issues of maintenance of verges and minor road repairs.	NLR
26/11/24	8	Application for grant for tools for use by Turbaries Volunteers - The clerk will finish and submit the application form once we have a list of the tools needed	Open
26/11/24	8	The Council resolved to pay for two days' work for two men and a chipper @ £575 per day (total of £1,150) to tidy up various parts of the turbaries Cllr Derryman to inform the tree surgeon he can commence work ASAP	Complete
26/11/24	8	Is there a possibility of using volunteers from Bicton College on the Turbaries. Two teachers live in the parish and the Clerk will speak to them to see if they are willing to be involved	Complete
26/11/24	9	Village Website - Cllr Switzer to give the Clerk the contact details of the person who originated the request to migrate data from the village website onto the Stockland PC website.	Complete

Note that items marked as 'Complete' will remain on the above table until after the next meeting of the council and will then be dropped.

There was no time to review the above items, and the meeting closed at 2210 hrs.

R Switzer; Chair, Stockland Parish Council, ____/_____/2025