

## STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f): 15 minutes in length with each person to speak once only, for no longer than 3 minutes, or shorter, at the discretion of the chairperson.  
A member of the public requested that the road repairs required on the road from Short Moor Cross to Millhayes be put on some kind of schedule by DCC and that this schedule is published.
- 2) **Reports from:** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine and Chubb.  
No DCC/EDDC Cllrs were present. No reports.
- 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].

No exclusions required.

- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** and to consider whether to approve any dispensations:

Stockland Cllrs present: Cllrs P. Derryman, B. Drew, J. Durrant, N. Parris, A. Smith, R. Switzer (Chair), A Trott; Cllr T Bright of Stockland arrived late. Cllr Pearse sent his apologies. Cllrs Brown and Levine (EDDC) and Cllr I Chubb (DCC) were absent.  
Three 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).  
None.
- 6) **Council Meeting Minutes:** To confirm and sign the draft minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, and the Finance and Staff Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Both sets of minutes were duly signed.

#### 7) **Planning:**

No new planning applications were received.

#### 8) **Accounts and Cashbook for 2024-25 and Update to the Statement of Internal Control:**

a) The Council resolved to approve the Accounts and the Cashbook and printed copies of both documents were signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

b) The proposed changes to the Statement of Internal Control were reviewed and a minor

additional change was requested. The document was amended in situ and the new version was approved.

#### 9) Highways/Ditches and Footpaths:

- a) Footpaths update. None.
- b) Cllr Bright received a report from DCC stating they no longer fund the purchase of new grit bins. These cost £350 each. DCC will continue to replenish the bins. There are 19 grit bins in the parish.
- c) Update on Highways 'hotspots' in the Parish:
  - a) Castlewell stretch of road from Short Moor cross to Millhayes; there has been no work carried out here and there is no planned work showing on the DCC interactive map of road work.
  - b) Road to Ham from Rose Farm – no update.
  - c) Cawleys Lane / Temple Bar Lane; continuation of this lane from Horseplot Cottage up to Shorehead (on the hill below the Hillcrest property) no update .
  - d) Royal Oak Cross junction; potholes also just past the exit from the cross roads to the Stockland Road no update

**No work has commenced on the above three areas. Cllrs asked the Clerk to send an email to whoever is elected to represent our parish on DCC requesting a schedule of works be published; also the Clerk is to send a link to the DCC Interactive map to all Cllrs; Cllr Bernhardt to receive copies of the emails from the NHO responsible for Stockland road repairs.**

#### 10) Stockland Victory Hall, Carpark and Grounds: Update:

Regarding a barrier to keep cars from encroaching onto the playing field, the PC resolved to approach a local contractor for a temporary fix. **Cllr Bright to speak to the contractor.**

There was a discussion around the proposed new fan drains and the timing of the work to be undertaken, due to the proximity to the date the Stockland Fair will be found. **Cllr Bernhardt will speak to the Fair Committee as to whether the work should be postponed until after the Fair.**

There is a problem with the fence in the top corner of the field by the tennis court, and livestock can possibly get into the grounds. **Cllr Bright to repair the fence.**

#### 11) Devolution Proposals: Update; None

#### 12) Turbaries Update; Cllr Derryman.

- a) The proposed boardwalk should be eligible for a FiPL grant to pay for the works. This will be discussed at the next Turbaries Committee meeting in early May.
- b) HLS claims/payments are currently on hold. The Land Agent will have news of any update and will inform the next meeting of the Turbaries Committee.
- c) Toby Taylor of RSPB will come to the Annual Parish Meeting to give a short talk on Turbaries Management.
- d) **Cllrs Derryman and Trott to look at the RPA website with the Clerk and decide if there is a need for either of them to be registered to the Stockland PC account.**

13) **80th Anniversary of VE Day:** The PC will not be organising any events. **Cllr Bernhardt to speak to the tenant of the Kings Arms Inn to see if he has any plans.**

14) **Finances; to review and resolve to approve expenditure for the following:**

16/04/2025 Clerk – printer ink	£39.99
17/04/2025 Website Hosting and domain	£260.40
29/04/2025 PKF – External Audit	£252.00

**The above transactions were approved.**

**There is a possibility of getting some refund for the work to fix the leak at the village hall. Cllr Parris to speak to the Treasurer about this.**

15) **Village Road Signs:** Update Cllr Trott – the new signs should be ready in 2-3 weeks.

16) **Village Website – Migration of Data to the PC Website:** Update: Clerk still awaiting a meeting with the custodian of the Stockland village data.

17) **Lengthsperson Issue:** Update: The Luppitt contractor does not wish to meet with Cllrs to discuss the Stockland work. There will need to be 3 quotes obtained for actions relating to lengthsperson duties, in accordance with Financial Regulations.

Cllrs proposed the following priorities:

- a) Yarcombe Road in the area of the recent potholes.
- b) Hornshayes where recent rain has caused the drain covers to lift.~
- c) The leat behind Larks Rise property just outside of the village.
- d) Golden Square
- e) Castlewell / Whitehayes
- f) Drains near pilgrims Cottage in Stockland.
- g) Ucroft Lane

18) **Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Cllr Switzer to compile an agenda. This needs to be published a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting.**

The only statutory requirement concerns the voting rights of attendees (if any items require a vote, only the electors of the parish may participate).

19) **Update on local Charities** Cllr Drew reported that the annual meeting had taken place, and the recipients of grants had been determined but this information was not public.

20) **Items of Future Business for the next Agenda:**

None identified

21) **Confidential Items:** Matters identified under item 3 (above).

None.

## 22) Review Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	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
29/10/24	6	Clerk to contact the NHO to try to get movement on the road hotspots for repairs	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 Village Website to the PC one	Open

**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.**

Meeting Closed 9.30 PM

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