

## STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 8.00pm.

- 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 wanted an update on the reported Japanese Knotweed in Churchstyle Lane. SPC has contacted Southwest Knotweed regarding treatment. They can only start treatment with permission of the landowner. **Action – the Clerk to speak to the owners.** The same member of the public reported that yesterday there were 2 balaclava clad men breaking into sheds. Do we have Neighbourhood watch? Not currently, parishioners rely on each other to keep a look out for suspicious activity. Police have given 2 crime references relating to the break-ins. Cllr Bright entered the meeting at this point.

- 2) **Reports from:** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine and Connor. Cllr Brown said there was nothing much to report. £3.4 Million has been spent revamping toilets in East Devon. So far 40,000 people paid £16,000 to use them. EDDC are hoping to take £200,000 a year from use of these toilets. Winter car parking is set to be 50% of summer rate, and tickets are not transferable between different car parks as they used to be.

Cllr Connor introduced herself. She is a new Cllr on a district council as well as on the County Council with 23 parish councils in her remit, as well as being in full time employment! Money for roads is not enough even to maintain them. DCC are promoting a road warden scheme. They are also trialling a scheme whereby when a pothole that meets the criteria for fixing is being attended to, the road team will also address any other nearby potholes that may not meet the selection criteria. to fix of potholes that are near the one you are fixing that meets criteria. Overall, the roads in the county are in a dismal state. The Locality budget maybe available for small projects such as supply of lights in the car park. There is a Smart Phone motion, to ban these in schools for year 11 and below. This is a voluntary scheme, and most schools are in favour. 20 is plenty is being looked at. Previously to introduce a 20 MPH limit required having to have had 3 fatalities in car accidents. DCC has budget for signage (speed limits). There is a shortage of foster parents, some retiring, younger ones not coming through – **Action Clerk to Google fostering Devon for information to publish on the Stockland Tree.** On a personal note, Cllr Connor has 3 children and a dog. She is also a K-pop show presenter on Sid Valley Radio!

- 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]. Not required.
- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** and to consider whether to approve any dispensations. Absent are Jim, Rich Pearse, Anna, Cllr Levine, (4 members of public present)  
Stockland Cllrs present were Cllrs Bernhardt, Bright, Derryman, Drew, Parris, Smith, Switzer (Chair); also attending were Cllr Brown (EDDC) and Cllr Connor DCC  
Apologies were received from Cllr Trott and Cllr Pearse; Cllr Levine (EDDC) is stuck in a Committee meeting and cannot attend.

- 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 Finance and Staff Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 and the Turbaries Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025; and the meetings and extraordinary meetings of the Full Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025. All of these minutes were approved; all of these minutes were signed except for the Finance and Staff Committee one due to the absence of Cllr Durrant (Chair of that Committee).
- 7) **Planning:**

[25/1753/LBC | Replace existing thatch roof to main house and reinstate natural slate roof; fit eaves vents, trays and battens and timber rolls on hips and install lead over timber rolls; cement ridge tiles in position; works to 2no. chimneys rake out and repoint, re-flaunch, and install new lead soakers and lead flashing on north west and south east elevation; replacement guttering and downpipes on front south west elevations; repair works to lower roofs such as replacing broken slates. | Church Cottage Stockland Devon EX14 9BR](#)

(LBC with no equivalent planning application yet). SPC has no objections

[25/1892/FUL | Extension of existing terrace and construction of veranda including alterations to adjacent stone wall | Goren Farm Stockland Devon EX14 9EN](#)

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- 8) **Highways, Ditches and Footpaths**
- a) Footpaths update. None
  - b) Highways, Footways and Drainage; any potholes reported. Yarcombe Road below Lower Lye.
  - c) Update on highways 'hotspots' in the Parish:
    - a) Castlewell stretch of road from Short Moor cross to Millhayes; a large patch has repaired part of the road below the crossroads. What further work is required here? (Cllrs Bernhardt and Durrant to report their findings). No update
    - ii) Cawleys Lane / Temple Bar Lane; continuation of this lane from Horseplot Cottage up to Shorehead (on the hill below the Hillcrest property) – remains outstanding; No changes.  
**Action - Cllr Bernhardt to include this item in an email to Cllr Connor.**
- 9) **Stockland Victory Hall, Carpark and Grounds:**
- a) Air Ambulance lights, update (Cllr Switzer). An electrician looked at the lights, but it was raining so he couldn't do much. **Action - Cllr Switzer will arrange to meet again, as this electrician is used to replacing flood lights, and will report back to the PC.**
  - b) Tree clearance by roadside edge of grounds. The approved contractor says clear

undergrowth first. He would charge £200 a day and carry out work on our side of the ditch with a tractor and winch. This expense was approved by the PC. **Action - Cllr Derryman to contact and arrange for contractor to commence work.** This is weekday work and will need to take heed of the play group. The ditch below Blue Ball Lodge needs clearing out.

- 10) **Lengthsperson:** Update on ditch clearing at Whitehayes. The approved contractor said to get someone to clear the ditch so he can dig it out. Cllrs Derryman and Trott met the with the contractor on site. **Action - Cllr Pearse to clear vegetation near ditch.** The Luppitt contractor is being put on hold while we contact a drainage specialist to get them to try and put cameras down and attempt to clear the drains leading into Stockland village centre, and if we have any budget remaining we will ask the Luppitt Contractor to do some ditch cleaning and/or verge ploughing where appropriate thereafter.
- 11) **Turbaries Update:** (Cllr Derryman) FiPL quote approved. SPC will be invited into HLS scheme later this year. Shortmoor fence mended. Regarding Pony insurance, Barbara Dunkley volunteered to be number 2 after Cllr Tott. John Parry has done a lot of work in Shoor Bottom and there is plenty of wood available for parishioners. **Action - Clerk to put something on the Tree to say where the wood can be collected from.**

12) **Finances:**

a) **To review and approve the following expenditure items:**

New drainage at Victory Hall grounds invoice 7735 8/09/2025	£988.80
Tree surgery work Shore Bottom Turbary invoice 0301 19/09/2025	£1,150.00
Devon Communities Together Trust Annual Fee (DD) 26/08/2025	£50.00

The above items were all approved.

b) **To decide the priorities of activities ahead of budgeting for 2026-27.**

Playground  
£3K to spend.

13) **Correspondence:**

- a) CPRE update and magazine received.
- b) Clerk resignation received.
- c) Resolve whether to make a donation to Hospiscare (as per letter sent to Cllrs). SPC resolved not to make a donation.
- d) Email from Internal Auditor offering her services for next year – PC to resolve whether to engage her for the next Internal Audit. SPC resolved to engage her again.

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

Connors Locality Budget??  
Follow up on overhanging hedges  
Website update  
Neighbourhood Watch  
Other items for budget

**Continued.....**

**15) Review Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
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. Item completed	Remove
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	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 9.45 PM

R Switzer; Chair, Stockland Parish Council,

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