STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Committee Room, Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 25th June at 7.30pm, 2019.

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); No questions were asked.
2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, C Brown and I Chubb (all emailed if received); agreed that Cllr Thompkins to cover police liaison.
3) **Co-options and Casual Vacancies;** resolved to; co-opt Matthew Learmouth to fill the remaining vacancy after the normal election with one application received and signed his Declaration of Office and Register of Interests forms; note the casual vacancy arising from the death of Cllr P Maitland is still subject to a Notice of Election until 8th July.
4) **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]. **Item 12** Offer of site via a bidding process, Legal Professional Privilege.
5) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman), Bright, Drew, Durrant, Learmouth, Morgan, Pearse, A Thompkins, T Thompkins; the Clerk, K Pearson, was in attendance.
6) **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).Cllr Durrant declared a DPI as she and her partner had bought the land in question for item 12
7) **Council Meeting Minutes**- the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 21st May were confirmed and signed.

8) **Councillor Responsibilities**; resolved to; agree the following further responsibilities; Cllr Learmouth, Tree Warden; Cllr Morgan Road Warden; Cllr Bright, Snow Warden.
9) **Appointments to Committees;** resolved;
   i. Cllr Durrant to fill the vacancy on the Victory Hall Cttee
   ii. Cllr Morgan the remaining vacancy on the Finance & Staff Cttee
   iii. Turbaries Management Committee (Cllrs Drew, Griffiths (temporary), and A Thompkins, already agreed), three residents of Stockland Parish (already agreed for the clerk to write to confirm current members; Messrs Boyland, Bruce and Allen) and if required to ask another interested resident, Paul Spencer; Geoff Pearce from Devon Bird Watching & Preservation Society (DBWPS); Toby Taylor, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB); Justin Gillett, Natural England (NE), Tim Youngs, the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (BHAONB); Clerk to invite for next meeting 10th July at 4pm, when the chair is elected, agree the clerk to update & receive RPA documents taking off Peter Maitland and previous clerk using the EDDC generic email for the clerk

10) **Appointments to Outside Bodies;**
   i. **Community Charities;** resolved to contact and appoint members to any others in the area.

11) **Action Review Summary**: to receive and review the following items:
   a) **Devon Air Ambulance;** Community Landing Site, Stockland; resolved to seek a quote for tree work to the NW of the landing site and a specification of the work required to be drawn up; names of local contractors to be given to the Clerk, who would contact DAAT.
   b) **Website;** resolved to receive an update on the Transparency Fund budget; 1st June opening balance £ 732.16 of which £651.42 now spent leaving £ 80.74(total for staffing is currently spent).
   c) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths**; resolved to agree any updating reports for;

- Pot holes on roads already reported. Cllrs Drew and Morgan were concerned about North Hill and reported that Beckford Bridge will be closed in July for repairs to the drains under the road.
- Litter on the Stockland 7 mile straight. The Clerk to contact Highways for a structured litter pick with volunteers, taking account of the speed of traffic on the route.
- Quote for improvements to zig zags path in Ham from Dalwood PC. £380.90 and agreed to pay over half of quote to £200; the route (a byway for all traffic), has some new fencing for animals which hinders people using the path, Cllr Griffiths to contact ROW to see if it needs plan consent;

d) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall**; resolve to receive updates on:

- . further repairs are now required for the Play equipment and with a further quote requested to repair the 'springer'; agree re-mend the basket swing & see if can do springer too or go to another supplier
- Vire £755.60 from General Fund to Car Park etc fund.

e) **Turbaries**; resolved to;

- receive the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of £12,535.06 available; with the following work to complete, Grazing the N enclosure on Bucehayes; Grazing (Brimpit enclosure) using ponies, invoice not due until September; agree tree removal on Horner with an extra day outstanding by MS Treecare, for £250; agree to pay D Allen £10.10 for pony nuts, agree to pay £200 for Topping at Horner Hill.
- Received an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims for this year; the Clerk to deal with access to documents as agreed in item 9)iii above.

12) **Offer of site for purchase** to be discussed as a **confidential** item**;** Three agreed Cllrs met on the 30th May with delegated authority and proposed a limit for the offer. In speaking with the agent, the clerk was asked to increase the offer to cover their legal costs and agree to the overage charge. The Agent phoned back on the afternoon of the 25th June to say that an offer had been accepted from a member of the family and this was confirmed by Cllr Durrant as being herself and partner. Cllr Durrant left the room and did not take part in the discussion nor vote.

13) **PKF Littlejohn LLP- Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/19 Part 3;** resolved to; agree the completion, approval and publishing of the unaudited AGAR at the meeting on the 25th June; and publish by the 1st July 2019. The certified AGAR must be published by 30th September;

i) Risk Assessment and Internal Controls Review was accepted and agreed.
ii) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement; was agreed and signed.
iii) Section 2 Accounting statements; was agreed and signed.

14) **General Power of Competence;** resolved to agree the continuation of the General Power as more than 2/3rds of Cllrs faced an election and the Clerk is qualified. This Power allows the Council to do anything that an Individual can do as long as it is within the law.

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

a) DCC Waste Re-use Policy Review; consultation results to be sent to the October meeting next meeting

b) applications received: to consider and respond;

i) 19/1138/FUL; Cuckford Farm, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9EY; Erection of agricultural store; this was supported although it was a basic design.

ii) 19/0988/TCA; 1 Church Way, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9BP, Ginkgo - application to fell - tree has been allowed to grow with 3 trunks and one of these is in danger of falling

due to a split. Added risk of damage to neighbouring properties. It is also in close proximity to electrical wires supplying Stockland village; was supported.

iii) 19/1167/PRETDD; Townsend Farmhouse, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9DS; fell one Tulip tree and one Cherry Tree, which is an exception to the usual requirements of the Conservation Area; a duty under the Act to plant replacement trees; was supported.

iv) 19/1342/TCA; Springtime, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9BT; Fell one Birch and replace with standard Crab Apple; was supported.

c) To review applications previously considered or approved;

i) 19/0907/LBC - Cawleys Farm Shorebottom Stockland Honiton; Various works to outbuilding: Re-roof; replace 3no. doors and repair/replace 2no. windows on west elevation; repair/replace 3no. windows on east elevation *awaiting decision*

ii) 19/0244/FUL - Broadview Court Place Farm Wilmington Honiton; Demolition of existing and construction of replacement dwelling; amendments to design *awaiting decision*

iii) 19/0786/CPE - Corry View, Dalwood;
Use of the property known as Corry View as a dwelling without compliance with an agricultural occupancy condition.
a*waiting decision*

iv) 19/0236/FUL - Higher Seavington Millhayes Stockland Honiton; erection of a rural business unit (B1& B8) and adjoining private recreational stable; *awaiting decision*.

v) 18/2287/FUL, Broadhayes Farm, Stockland, Honiton, EX14 9EL, Construction of agricultural livestock building (weaner unit); *awaiting decision*.

d) applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond:

i) None.

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

a) BHPN; nominations from Cllrs to go to the Annual Meeting of the Network on June 26th Clayhidon VH, currently Cllr Griffiths.

b) DALC; Training '**Being a Good Councillor'**; Wed 17 July 2019, Honiton, 9.45am to 4.00pm, £55 + VAT pp. Agreed Cllr Morgan to attend.

c) Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter;

d) DCC; Highways closures, diversions; verge wildlife project;

e) EDDC; Council & Cabinet Agenda; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge; Residents Magazine;

f) ICO; e-news from the Information Commissioner's Office;

g) NHS; Devon CCG newsletters; Healthy People monthly briefing; HealthWatch eNews

h) Police & Neighbourhood Watch Alerts.

i) Rural Services Network, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband

j) Victory Hall; invoice 740 for £18.00; agreed.

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

Balances at Bank (at 31/5/19):		£18959.42
Treasurers Account		
Payments (as at 20/6/19)		
i) Staff costs June		469.13
ii)R Gundry		200.00
ii)EDDC Dog bin emptying		105.00
iii)VH740		18.00
iv)Post Office Recorded Deliv & stamps D/C		18.28
	TOTAL	810.41
Receipts (as at 20/6/19)		
i) HLS Quantock		3064.72
ii)		
	Movement of Funds	2254.31

BALANCE TOTAL 21213.73

18) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda;

19) **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 4 of the Agenda.

Signed ……Chairman Date 30th July 2019

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