

## STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 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.

No members of the public were present.

- 2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs Brown, Levine (EDDC) and Connor (DCC). Cllr Levine was present and reported that there was the likelihood of East Devon being included in a new Unitary Council with an elected mayor. There is some confusion as to whether Devon and Cornwall would both be included in the new entity. An elected mayor is required to secure funding from central government for the new entity.

Cllr Connor (DCC) sent a written report which was circulated to SPC Cllrs prior to this meeting.

- 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 were required.

- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** to consider whether to approve any dispensations:  
Stockland Cllrs present were Cllrs Bernhardt, Bright, Drew, Derryman, Durrant, Pearse, Smith, Switzer (Chair), Trott.  
Apologies were received from Cllr Parris (SPC), Cllr Brown (EDDC) and Cllr Connor (DCC).

- 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).

Cllr Pearse has a direct interest in the property Lower Seavington Farm which is subject to a planning application included on the Agenda for this meeting.

- 6) **Council Meeting Minutes** to confirm and sign the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24<sup>h</sup> June 2025.  
The minutes were duly confirmed but were not signed as there was no written copy available.

- 7) **Planning:**

[25/1520/FUL | Construction of two storey side extension | 1 Thrashill Cottages Shorebottom Stockland Devon EX14 9DQ](#)

The PC has no objections to the above application.

[25/1478/FUL | Proposed conversion of existing attached outbuilding to form part of main dwelling and creation of link extension to connect the two parts of the building. | Popehayne Farm Stockland Devon EX14 9ET](#)

The PC has no objections to the above application.

[25/1510/AGR | Covered Silage Clamp | Lower Seavington Farm Stockland Devon EX14 9DE](#)

Cllr Pearse answered questions on this planning application and then left the room while this was discussed. The PC wants screening (native trees/shrubs) around both the sides which overlook properties in the Millhayes area; also Yorkshire cladding on the sides.

[25/1541/AGR | Erection of roofing over existing yards | Trimshayes Farm Stockland Devon EX14 9LL](#)

The PC has no objections to the above planning application.

8) **Zoom Account:**

The Clerk reported that this account had been suspended. The PC resolved to take no further action as the account was no longer required as there were alternative free applications which could be used if remote meetings were required in the future.

9) **Information From National Grid:**

NG phoned the Clerk to say they would need to replace a pole on the turbarry land close to the cottage owned by Mr Pearce by the Millhayes to Short moor Cross road. They will send written information regarding the work in due course.

10) **New Terms of Reference for the Finance and Staff and the Turbaries Committees:**

a) Resolve to adopt the following 2025 TOR documents:

i) TOR for Finance and Staff Committee; this document was adopted.

ii) TOR for the Turbaries Committee; this document was not adopted because the Chair wants it to be reviewed by the Turbaries Committee.

11) **Highways, ditches and footpaths:**

a) **Footpaths update.** None.

b) **Highways, Footways and Drainage; any potholes reported:** The PC has asked the Clerk to draft something for the Stockland Tree about property owners being responsible for arranging for the cutting of their hedges. Draft to be circulated to Cllrs for review.

The PC resolved to write a letter in support of the parishioner who has already written to the Parochial Church Council regarding the state of the trees/hedges in the Vicarage property. Clerk to draft a letter and circulate it to Cllrs for review.

Email from a resident of Churchstyle Lane regarding the Japanese Knotweed that was reported as growing there. What is happening? Cllr Trott will investigate.

c) **Update on highways 'hotspots' in the Parish:**

a) Castlewell stretch of road from Short Moor cross to Millhayes; a large patch has been applied to the road, but this does not address the full problem. Running water is scouring out the edges of the road by this patch, and other potholes remain in the lower stretch.

b) Road to Ham from Rose Farm. The culvert has been replaced and the road repaired. This item will be removed from the next Agenda.

c) Cawleys Lane / Temple Bar Lane; continuation of this lane from Horseplot Cottage up to Shorehead (on the hill below the Hillcrest property); no work has been carried out except for a small inadequate patch on the corner by Horse Plot cottage.

d) Royal Oak Cross junction; this has been repaired, and road markings repainted, so will

be dropped from the next Agenda.

d) The PC decided to form a Roads Committee at the last full council meeting. Is this still required? To be decided at a future meeting.

12) **Stockland Village Hall, Carpark, Play Area and Grounds:** The PC resolved to meet a contractor at the Village Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the work involved to clear trees/shrubs against the road boundary.

13) **Devolution Proposals:** No Update.

14) **Turbaries Update:** No Update.

15) **Finances:**

**a) To review and resolve to approve expenditure for the following:**

Stockland Victory Hall 11/07/2025 <b>approved</b>	£75.00
Zoom Communications Inc. <b>not approved</b>	£155.88

**b) Bank reconciliation:** The Clerk has sent a full Bank reconciliation for the first quarter of the current financial year to all Cllrs. A paper copy of this data has been signed by the Chair of the Finance and Staff Committee for the record.

16) **Village Website – Migration of Data to the PC website:**

No update.

17) **Lengthsperson Issue:**

No update as Cllr Parris is away.

18) **Ragwort in Parish:** No update (see first item in Action List below).

19) **Items of Future Business for the Next Agenda:**

- TOR Turbaries
- Japanese Knotweed in Churchstyle Lane

20) **Confidential items:**

None.

21) **Review of Outstanding items from Previous Meetings:**

Date	Item	Action	Status
27/8/24	10	Ragwort – Cllr Trott wrote an article in the Tree regarding this, and the action is fulfilled and will be dropped from the next agenda	Closed
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	Closed
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

**Meeting Closed 9.45 pm**

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