

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Committee Room, Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday, 25th February at 7.30pm, 2020.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); There were no questions asked.
 - 2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, C Brown and I Chubb (all emailed if received); DCC Highways budget for pot holes has changed with more patching and then surface dressing; increases in the budget for adult and children's' Social Care.
 - 3) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public.** Agreed. **Item 7d), bullet point 4, contract** [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960]
 - 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman), Bright, Drew, Durrant, Learmouth, Morgan, Pearse, Oliver, A Thompkins, and T Thompkins; the Clerk, K Pearson, Cllrs Key and Chubb were in attendance.
 - 5) **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations (Code of Conduct, 2012).
 - 6) **Council Meeting Minutes**-the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 21st January 2020 were agreed and signed.
- 7) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
- a) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths;** resolve to agree any updating reports for;
 - Pot holes on roads and those already reported; Wytch Lane needs to be reported.
 - Ditches and DCC Highways responsibility; to note the information and to be published on the Stockland Tree; Ford to Shorehead closure issue, agree Cllr Griffiths to draft email back to DCC as the Council do not support the idea of permanent closure to overcome previous budget austerity.
 - Footpaths; the cost of F/P25 work still to be confirmed; grant forms for Footpaths work have been sent in to DCC PROW.
 - Snow Warden Scheme; resolved to re-appoint Cllr Bright and needs 4.5t of grit being ordered.
 - Beckford Bridge; resolved to note repairs are due to take place this summer, where the ford will be removed and replaced with a two-span bridge, which will significantly increase capacity at this location and reduce the frequency and severity of flooding events currently exacerbated by the low capacity of the pipes within the ford. Alongside these works, the scoured riverbanks in the area will be repaired and strengthened, increasing their resilience to any future flooding events, and visually improving the area.
 - b) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall;** resolved to note there was no further update report from the Car Parking Working Group; note the notification of play area inspection in March.
 - c) **Turbaries;** resolved to;
 - receive the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of £**19002** available; with the following winter work still to be completed, Bucehayes scrub removal 2 day's; a further 2 days brushcutting work on Horner.
 - Receive an update on the BPS, HLS and extension claims for this year with the Bucehayes extension signed and returned; the Extension for Shortmoor is to be sent out in March.
 - Interpretation Boards; to receive any update report on financing, designing, and placing of the Boards onto the Victory Hall using local designers; agreed it will begin in March to be completed by August with a possible quote of £1600 and agreed that the Clerk contact the bidder to check on the details.
 - Woodland Management Plan (WMP); resolved as a **confidential item** and agreed payment of Interim Invoice 1920030 for £900 for the Application to the Forestry Commission; the application window for CS woodland improvement grant agreements (CS Higher Tier) with a 1 Jan 2021 start date has a deadline for submission for initial applications of 3rd May 2020; agreed the next meeting of the Turbary Committee on the 11th March to decide which of the *Woodland improvement* options are relevant over the

length of the agreement, whether to apply for capital items to be completed in the first 2 years of the agreement; agree the estimate of fees for submitting the application for Countryside Stewardship Woodland Improvement Grant for this year.

- Stockland Turbaries - Registration of eligible land as Common Land; resolved to invite the enquirer to explain the advantages to support an application under paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Commons Act 2006.
- Trespassing on Horner; resolved Cllr T Thompkins contact the PCSO about a quad bike; amount of water on Hillcross road as a consequence.

8) Flood Action Campaign from the Environment Agency; resolved to note the actions.

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

- a) **applications received: to consider and respond;**
 - i) 20/0166/FUL; Replacement of solar thermal panels to south west elevation; extension of existing terrace; installation of EV charging port; Crandon Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9EY; agreed to support the principle and leave to the Conservation Officer.
- c) **To review applications previously considered or approved;**
 - None
- c) **Applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond:**
 - i) None

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

- a) BHPN; newsletter.
- b) Blackdown Hills Transition Group THE NATIONAL "BIG FIX" EVENT Saturday, 15th February, Hemyock
- c) CPRE; Devon enews
- d) DALC; e-Newsletter.
- e) Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter;
- f) DCC; Highways closures, diversions;
- g) EDDC; Council & Cabinet Agenda; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge; Residents Magazine; Wild newsletter;.
- h) ICO; e-news from the Information Commissioner's Office;
- i) NALC bulletins from CEO
- j) NHS; Devon CCG newsletters; Healthy People monthly briefing; HealthWatch eNews
- k) Police & Neighbourhood Watch Alerts; crime stats Jan.
- l) Rural Services Network, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband
- m)SCPL; newsletters.
- n) Victory Hall; invoice 786 for £22.50

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

Balances at Bank (at 31/1/20):	£32641.91
Treasurers Account	
Payments (as at 21/2/20)	
i) Staff costs	459.68
ii) VH 786 invoice	22.50
TOTAL	482.18
Receipts (as at 21/2/20)	
i) None	
BALANCE TOTAL	32159.73

12) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; defibrillator course took place last Sat; agree APM issues

13) **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 3 of the Agenda. **Item 7d), bullet point 4**

Quote received for CS HIGHER TIER WOODLAND STAGE 1: INITIAL APPLICATION (to be submitted by 3 May 2020)

to include;

- Site meeting with the PC to agree options and items to be included in the application; walkover woodland survey where needed; preparation of application form, application map, annotated map and Annex 2 spreadsheet; liaison with the PC and other stakeholders as necessary to finalise draft.
- Submission to RPA/FC on the PC's behalf noting that the success of the application cannot be guaranteed (applications are competitive and will be subject to scoring by Forestry Commission); a site visit from the Forestry Commission's local Woodland Officer to view and confirm the details to be included in the agreement; meeting on-site with FC, drawing up specifications, obtaining quotes and consents, negotiating with FC; cost for this is similar to stage 1, and will provide a written estimate in due course.
- to proceed as a first step requires a marked up sketch map showing the location and extent of the management or works to be undertaken and agreed for the Turbaries Management Committee's next meeting to decide what to agree.

SignedChairman

Date 23rd March, 2020

Meeting closed at 9.30pm