

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Stockland Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Zoom, Tuesday, 29th September, 2020.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); members of the Public wished to speak on item 12b)i) and the chair allowed this to be as appropriate during the meeting..
- 2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, C Brown and I Chubb (all emailed if received).
- 3) **Resolved 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 9 Annual Salary Award and Pension-Staffing
- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman), Drew, Durrant, Learmouth, Morgan, Pearce, A Thompkins, T Thompkins; Cllrs D Key, C Brown and the Clerk, K Pearson, were in attendance; No information received from Cllrs Bright nor Oliver and with no dispensations approved, Cllr Oliver had now not attended any meetings for 6 months and is automatically no longer a Cllr (Local Government Act 1972 s85).
- 5) **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of Financial (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011) nor Personal/ Prejudicial Interests (Code of Conduct, 2012).
- 6) **Council Meeting Minutes-** the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 25th August, 2020 were confirmed and signed.
- 7) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - a) **Turbaries;** resolved ;
 - i. Woodland Management Plan; agreed the Higher Tier Work Prescriptions as a result of the Forestry Commission and FWAG suggestions on improving the outcomes from six further parcels.
 - ii. Information Panels; received a Project update on the issues and agreed the next steps to be designing and layout of the board information; the Clerk to check if Planning Permission was required; various logo's needed and agree the exact location with the Hall Committee.
 - iii. Horner Hill; agreed the next steps for the Project to construct a pond just North of the first cottage, to be left until the Spring.
 - iv. Trespassing Report, agreed the gates required to limit transgression by powered vehicles and bikes onto the Turbaries and to seek further information on the costs involved from the Contractor.
 - v. Hunting Policy; agreed the Chair and Clerk move forward the next steps in the Project after amendments were agreed at the last Council meeting.
 - vi. RSPB Ponies; it was noted that there are now 19 ponies on the Turbaries from September.
 - b) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths;** resolved to agree any updating reports for;
 - Highways, Footways and Drainage;
 - Footpaths; agreed to pay repairs identified on Invoice Q108 from contractor DS and in the Annual Plan for the following paths; F/p1 (July/Sep), F/p 10 (July), F/p 29 (July); F/p 13 (July), F/p 17 (July), F/p 6 (Aug), F/p 9 (Sept) for a total cost of £2256.
 - c) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall;** resolved to agree the staging of an outside performance on the Sunday 25th October, meeting all the current Covid-19 compliance rules.
- 8) **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR);** resolved to note that the Clerk has not yet received any information on this item, with the terminal date for completion being the end of November.
- 9) **Annual Salary Award and Re-declaration of Automatic Pension;** agreed this issue to be taken as a confidential item at the end of the meeting.

- 10) **Rural Broadband**; resolved that no further information was yet available from the supplier.
- 11) **AONB Blackdown Hills Challenge Fund** (Covid-19 green recovery); agreed to apply to a Government Scheme later on, covering the same ground.
- 12) **Planning**- to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web);
- a) EDDC; noted that **Angela King**, Neighbourhood Planning Officer, East Devon District Council was intending to issue a Neighbourhood Planning newsletter this autumn and looking for any suggestions for content are very welcome.
 - b) applications received: to consider and respond;
 - i) 20/1882/OUT; The Vicarage Stockland, Honiton EX14 9EF; Outline application for 3no dwellings including 2 affordable (all matters reserved): members of the public wishing to speak were urged to send their documents to the Local Planning Authority, EDDC, as it was for them to decide the outcome. The Council objected to the Application on the grounds that it could not be an outline application in a Conservation Area; it transgressed the Policies of building on an exception site in the countryside agreed by EDDC, The Blackdown Hills AONB Management Plan and Stockland's Neighbourhood Plan; a more detailed application is required in order to make judgements on possible over-development, the possible harmful effects of keeping the new Vicarage building as well as the new build in close proximity to the Grade 1 Church and Grade 2 Old Vicarage; effects on close neighbours and that the affordable housing offer did not meet the criteria in the Neighbourhood plan nor EDDC's policy.
 - ii) 20/1809/LBC; Crandon Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9EY; Replace roof slates on rear single storey extension on rear (south west) elevation and retain 2no rooflights; the Council supported this Application.
 - iii) 20/1797/FUL; Kimberley Stockland Honiton EX14 9BX Construction of single storey side extension; the Council supported this Application.
 - iv) 20/1406/FUL and 20/1407/LBC; Ridge Cottage Stockland Honiton EX14 9EN; Construction of single storey side extension and external steps; Demolition of utility extension and external masonry wall and construction of replacement single storey side extension, replacing windows with French doors on the East elevation, replacement doors on South elevation and windows on North and East elevation; Installation of PV and solar panels, external steps and internal alterations; the Council supported this Application.
 - d) To review applications previously considered or approved;
 - i) 20/1574/AGR; Agricultural storage building Royal Oak Farm Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9LF; *awaiting decision*
 - ii) 20/1419/FUL; cover existing slurry pit; Heathstock Farm Heathstock Stockland Honiton EX14 9EU; *approved*
 - iii) 20/1557/TCA - Mannings Farmhouse Stockland Honiton EX14 9DS; Tree felling and pruning; *approved*
 - iv) 20/1055/FUL; Alterations to front of property including replacement balcony and extension forward of garage door; Isca, Dalwood Axminster EX13 7HJ; *approved*.
 - v) 20/1334/FUL and 20/1335/LBC Proposed conversion of curtilage-listed former office building to form residential dwelling and associated works; Churchstyle Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9BR *conditional approval*.
 - vi) 20/1139/FUL; 20/1140/FUL; 20/1121/FUL Roofing over the existing slurry store; Aller Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9EQ; *approved*.
 - vii) 20/1390/FUL; Construction of replacement garage with store/workshop; Bucehayes Cottage Post Lane Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9HZ; *approved*.
 - d) applications withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond;
 - i) None.

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

i) Police; agree to receive the D&C Axminster Newsletter.

13) Finances to review and agree items of payments and receipts	£
Treasurers Account Balances at Bank (at 31/8/20):	36479.31
Payments (as at 23/9/20)	
i) Staff costs, September	626.57
ii) Footpaths repairs Q108	2256.00
iii) Pony Nuts, 8 th Sep	18.75
iv) Victory Hall meeting Inv 800	16.50
	TOTAL
	<u>2917.82</u>
Receipts (as at 23/9/20)	
i) EDDC Precept	5539.00
	Movement of Funds
	2621.18
	BALANCE TOTAL
	<u>39100.49</u>

14) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda on 27th October; agree the outside performance to go ahead.

15) **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 9 Annual Salary Award; The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2020-21 to be implemented from 1 April 2020. The Clerk is currently on SCP18 at the top of the Scale, and receives the backdated increase of the recommended percentage, together with an increase of 1 extra day Statutory Holiday.

Item 9 Re-declaration of Automatic Enrolment into Pension Scheme 3rd Oct 2020. Every three years the Parish Council have to re-declare who is eligible to join a pension scheme provided by the employer to the Pensions Regulator and this does not affect this Council, at the moment.

SignedChairman
Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date 27th October, 2020