

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th August 2020 at 7.30pm in Stockland Victory Hall.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); a member of the Public wished to speak 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) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public.** There were no confidential items [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960].
- 4) **To record those Present and Apologies for absence;** Cllrs Griffiths (Chairman), Bright (from 7.50pm), Drew, Durrant, Learthmouth, Morgan, Pearce, A Thompkins, T Thompkins; the Clerk, K Pearson, was in attendance; No information received from Cllr Oliver.
- 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 Virtual meeting of the Council held on the 28th July, 2020 were confirmed and signed.
- 7) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - a) **Turbaries;** resolved ;
 - i. Woodland Management Plan; agreed to the Higher Tier Work Prescriptions as a result of the meeting between Cllr Griffiths and D Allen with the Forestry Commission and FWAG; requirement for removing invasive species eg Balsam; needs an ongoing process of clearing/felling across all the Turbaries; leaving wood behind for the ecology and for taking by parish; agree to investigate any local contractors with correct insurances getting involved.
 - ii. Information Panels; confirmed that the Council has engaged both a designer and contractor to set up and build the Panels with an approved Grant of £2000 from the BHAONB Sustainable Development Fund, the PC to pay £1630 as matched funding and work to begin in Sept.
 - iii. Horner Hill; considered construction of a pond from the Turbary Committee, just North of the first cottage, with possible help of volunteers from Cotley Hunt; agreed the chair to make contact with the Secretary of the Hunt in the autumn and the Clerk has agreed the insurance details when using volunteers, request possible costs involved, a Covid-19 secure Risk Assessment, a work specification by a professional contractor with tasks identified and the number of hours/days needed to complete and to be logged; work to be compliant with the Council's Financial Regulations especially section 4 'Authority to Spend', s11 'Contracts' and s12 'Payments'; the Clerk to implement the process.
 - iv. Trespassing Report, agreed to limit transgression by powered vehicles and bikes onto the Turbaries after more incursions took place since the last meeting damaging the areas; agreed the Finance required, approx £950 for erection of 3 gates lower down, including a step over at Penny Hill, with gates free from DCC ROW.
 - v. Hunting Policy; agreed to amendments discussed at the May 2019 Council meeting, together with those agreed on 19th August between Cllrs Griffiths and T Thompkins and the Clerk to issue the final copy as agreed.
 - vi. Defra Consultation on Environmental Land Management (ELM) scheme to replace BPS system; agreed the draft proposed by the Clerk completed by the closing date of 31st July.
 - b) **Highways/Ditches and Footpaths;** resolved to agree any updating reports for;
 - Highways, Footways and Drainage; report of road closure meeting with BT Openreach contractor for work to be completed on 1st/2nd September was agreed meaning minimum disruption would be caused; potholes reported on DCC Interactive map by the Clerk;

- Footpaths; cost of F/P9 work still to be confirmed; an agreed permitted path on F/P25 is in place as an alternative to the sunken route, which is overgrown and often sodden.
- c) **Play Area, Car Park and Victory Hall**; resolved to note the updated Guidance from DALC on re-opening of Village Halls, Play Areas and possibly re-starting face-to-face meetings and to discuss this at the end of the meeting; noted that tree-logging by Hi-Line on behalf of Western Power Distribution to keep them away from Conductors, date to be confirmed.
- 8) **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**; resolved to note that the Council's report has been sent off within the deadline after it was agreed and signed; the Council's period for the exercise of public rights is Monday 3rd Aug – Mon 14th Sep; the statutory deadline by which the AGAR Part 3 & signed external auditor report must be published by the Council is Fri 13th Nov; External Audit fee is £240 (inc VAT), Internal Audit fee was agreed at £75.
- 9) **Rural Broadband**; resolved, after a member of the public spoke on the issue of the lack of a system in the area, for Cllr Griffiths to make contact with BT who are putting fibre connections in the village at the moment and see what strategy, if any, is in place to upgrade the fibre systems across the parish.
- 10) **AONB Blackdown Hills Challenge Fund** (Covid-19 green recovery); to note that there was little time to develop this Funding Application but that there is access to a Government Scheme later on covering the same ground and agreed to apply when open.
- 11) **Planning-** to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web);
- a) EDDC consultation on Neighbourhood Plan; Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to East Devon District Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and no comments were made.
- b) Consultation on Changes to Planning Law, DALC have issued three documents from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government(MHCLG) to the current planning system including; i) covering changes to the standard method for assessing local housing need; securing of First Homes through developer contributions; temporarily lifting the small sites threshold; extending the current Permission in Principle to major documents ([NALC's briefing is here](#)); ii) 'Planning for the future' with changes to streamline and modernise the planning process; improve outcomes on design and sustainability; reform developer contributions; ensure more land is available for development where it is needed([NALC's briefing is here](#)); and iii) on 'Transparency and competition (land control)', seeking views on proposals to require additional data from the beneficiaries of certain types of interests in land - rights of pre-emption, options and estates contracts. It also seeks views on the design of the policy and additional evidence on the impacts of the policy([NALC's briefing is here](#)). Agreed with the Neighbourhood Plan of Social Need Housing for about 4-6 houses in the area; development of a CLT involvement in right site with good design; look at it over the year & invite speaker to next allowed Annual Parish Meeting; note the requirement to update the Housing Needs Assessment in the Current Neighbourhood Plan during 2021.
- c) applications received: to consider and respond;
- i) 20/1557/TCA - Mannings Farmhouse Stockland Honiton EX14 9DS; Tree pruning and felling; agreed
- ii) 20/1574/AGR; Agricultural storage building Royal Oak Farm Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9LF see letter from Bob Capon requesting more information is needed;
- iii) 20/1419/FUL; cover existing slurry pit; Heathstock Farm Heathstock Stockland Honiton EX14 9EU; to note that a new slurry pit also dug without permission with confusion on new & old pits;

- iv) 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; agreed to keep any development tied to the current property;
- v) 20/1139/FUL; 20/1140/FUL; 20/1121/FUL Roofing over the existing slurry store; Aller Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9EQ, agreed.
- vi) 20/1390/FUL; Construction of replacement garage with store/workshop; Bucehayes Cottage Post Lane Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9HZ; Agreed.
- 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) Clerk to attend SLCC virtual **National Conference (12th-16th October)** at a cost of £30 was agreed.

13) Finances to review and agree items of payments and receipts	£
Treasurers Account Balances at Bank (at 31/7/20):	32048.75
Payments (as at 19/8/20)	
i) Staff costs, August	519.69
ii) SLCC Virtual National Conference (12 th -16 th Oct)	30.00
iii) Pony Nuts, 23 rd July, 12 th Aug	37.50
TOTAL	<u>587.19</u>
Receipts (as at 19/8/20)	
i) None	
BALANCE TOTAL	<u>31461.56</u>

- 14) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda on **Tue 29th September**; agreed that the Council would revert back to a virtual Zoom for the next meeting.

SignedChairman
Meeting closed at 9pm

Date 29th September, 2020