

Stockland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 8pm

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); None.
- 2) **Reports from;** Police report (emailed with thanks from the Clerk); EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key (verbal) and P Diviani (emailed with apologies).
- 3) **Resolved to exclude members of the press and public.** For Item 10 of the Agenda, Quotes for work; Item 14, Clerk's Annual Appraisal (LGA 72, Sch 12, Exempt information); [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960].
- 4) **Present;** Cllrs R Griffiths (chairperson), G Bass, T Bright, B Drew, B Durrant, D Clay, K Parris and. K Pearson, Clerk to the Parish Council was on leave and notes were taken by Cllr Griffiths.
- 5) **Apologies for absence** and to consider whether to approve the reasons given. Cllrs D Allen, P Maitland, and T Patch.
- 6) **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of Interest (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011; Code of Conduct, 2012).
- 7) **Council Meeting Minutes-** the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September were received, confirmed and signed subject to an amendment under item 7c) that the potholes were reported on Cummings Farm road; and the chair apologised for any items not recorded properly as the tasks of chairing and simultaneously writing the minutes, as at the last meeting, were difficult.
- 8) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
 - a) Whitehayes; resolved to receive the Clerk's update on work to ditches on the road and Turbary with work to be carried out in the next few weeks. The work on the DCC under-road drain had been completed.
 - b) Play Area; resolved to receive MNR's repairs invoice for £504.00; noting the table picnic bench needs removing.
 - c) Highways and Roads; resolved to receive a progress report on current issues; Shortmoor Cross to Lower Hornshayes; Husseys Lane junction to Venns Cottages; A30; stock proof gates were required on two footpaths; footpath no9, first gate in from the church; and no19, Walsham's to Wytch lane, both of which had been agreed with DCC ROW Officer to be completed with one being paid by DCC ROW, the other by the Council, which was agreed with the Clerk.
 - d) Parishes Together funds; resolved to consider schemes to apply for in the current year including a projector for paperless planning; a broadband scheme in the Victory Hall via a Dongle; marked off spaces for Emergency vehicles and disability access and required quotes to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 9) **Broadband;** resolved to receive the CDS and Gigaclear updates on the project for the community.
- 10) **2017-18 Local Government Finance Settlement:** Technical Consultation; resolved to respond to the proposed capping of Councils precepts and referendum principles on Council Tax increases to be introduced for town and parish councils during the budget process.
- 11) **Brindley Fold, Shorebottom;** resolved to agree quotes, work and costs to be carried out to an Oak, as a confidential item.
- 12) **Annual Audit and Return for year ended 31st March 2016;** resolved to receive and publish the Return, Conclusion of Audit and agree the fee of £240 payable to Grant Thornton; the chair reported that the requirement for an internal auditor may have been resolved.
- 13) **Boundary Commission consultation** electoral review of EDDC Warding Arrangements until 5th December 2016; EDDC meets the Commission's criteria for electoral inequality with 28% of wards having a variance of greater than +/-10%, with one ward, Broadclyst having a

variance of greater than +/-30% with a variance of 36%. The Commission are now recommending 59 cllrs across the EDDC Area.

- 14) **EDDC Budget setting 2017/18** date of Monday 23rd January 2017; resolved to delegate this activity to the Finance and Staffing Committee, bringing it to the next meeting at the end of November.
- 15) **Clerk's Annual Appraisal**; resolved to delegate this activity to Cllrs Griffiths, Maitland and the Clerk as previously, bringing it back to the meeting in November.
- 16) **Stockland Primary Academy Trust**; resolved to receive feedback from Cllr Durrant and the Clerk; who went to the public meeting on Wednesday 19th October discussing the plan for the redevelopment of the school; no time scale was envisaged for a large six phase building contract, depending on whether loans to fund it are found, to replace all the temporary buildings; to bring the question of representatives from the PC (cllrs Durrant and Patch) on an Ecclesiastical Charity linked to the School, to another meeting; to make sense of the proposals the expected future profile of children must also be known.
- 17) **Planning-** to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web)
 - a). Neighbourhood Plan update; resolved to; receive the Notice of the Referendum on Thur, Nov 24th from 7am to 10pm, Victory Hall; agree further copies of the completed Plan to be printed for a cost of up to £100.
 - b) Gypsy and Traveller Site Design and Layout Supplementary Planning Guidance was received.
 - c) Broadhayes Stone consideration of EDDC letter re lawfulness; resolved to receive the letter from EDDC Planning, dated September, placing the right to determine Lawfulness of Operations directly on DCC Planning and to deal with it as a matter of urgency.
 - d) applications received: to consider and respond;
 - i 16/2316/FUL, Side and rear two storey extension at ORCHARDS, road past Battens Farm, EX14 9DS; whilst a sizeable extension there were no objections.
 - ii 16/2381/FUL - Construction of agricultural covered yard, Lower Rodway Farm Stockland Honiton EX14 9DN; there were no objections and it was covering the space over the slurry.
 - iii 16/2450/TCA - T1, Horse Chestnut: 3m reduction, T2, Horse Chestnut: Remove over extending limbs by 2-3m. (Remove deadwood). T3, Tulip tree: Reduce by approx 3m, T4, Prunus: Reduce by approx 2m, T5, Ash: 3m reduction; Townsend Farmhouse Stockland Honiton EX14 9DS; there were no objections.
 - e) applications approved: to review;
 - i. 16/1929/FUL; Application of render at Rakehill, Wilmington Honiton EX14 9JZ
 - ii. 16/2162/FUL; Two storey rear extension and first floor side elevation at Millhayes Mill Stockland Honiton EX14 9DB
 - f) applications refused/withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond:
 - i. 16/1561/FUL; 16/1534/FUL; 16/1532/FUL; 16/1560/OUT, at Kings Arms Inn Stockland Honiton EX14 9BS all refused; it was noted that the applicants have announced that they will appeal.
- 18) **Correspondence:** to consider items received (copies emailed to all Cllrs where appropriate)
 - a. BH Parish Network; General Meeting Thur, Nov 24th 7.15, Smeatharpe Village Hall; any items to consider at the Steering Group meeting with MP's on 10th Nov; yearly subscription due, recommended contribution from each parish is 20-25p per electoral roll member (currently paying £160), was agreed.
 - b. DALC; monthly updates; newsletter; training
 - c. Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter; Healthwatch newsletter; resilience training;
 - d. DCC; Smokefree Devon Alliance news; Parish Paths Partnership Walks, Nov;
 - e. EDDC; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge;
 - f. Fields in Trust; Best Park awards

- g. NHS; NEW newsletters; consultation on E Devon Community Services until 6th Jan; Seaton Town Council email to support Seaton hospital to remain open;
- h. Mark Upcott, of Upcott's Garden & Grounds Maintenance, Exmouth, and request to be placed on tendering list for Grass Cutting services was agreed.
- i. Rural Vulnerability Service, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband
- j. Village Hall Committee; invoice 474 received.

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

Balances at Bank (at 30/9/16):

Treasurers Account	34,375.84
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Payments (as at 25/10/16)

i) Staffing costs Oct	447.83
ii) Victory Hall No. 474	14.00
iii) MNR projects Ltd, Play Area repairs	504.00
iv) Grant Thornton, Audit	240.00
v) Bailhache Tree Services	456.00
vi) BHPN subs	160.00

TOTAL	1821.83
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Receipts (as at 25/10/16)

- i) None

BALANCE TOTAL	32554.01
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Agree to vire funds from the General Account to the Play Area for the value of £257.99.

- 20) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; Precept and Budget Draft report; car park Emergency and Disability marking; Council representatives on School, or related, Charities; roads and footpaths; Clerk's Appraisal

- 21) **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.

Agenda Item 10, Quotes for work to an Oak tree, Brimley Fold; two quotes were received and it was agreed as a matter of urgency under the Financial Regulations to go ahead with the work for the cost of £380(ex VAT), £456.00(inc VAT).

Item 14, Clerk's Annual Appraisal; resolved that the Chair, Vice-chair and Clerk complete this task bringing it back to the Council as a confidential item.

Signed
Chairman

29th November 2016

Meeting closed at 10pm