STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 6pm.

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. None

2) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public**. There were no 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].

3) **Present;** Cllrs P Maitland (chairperson), D Allen, B Drew, B Durrant, D Clay and. K Pearson, Clerk to the Parish Council**.**

4) **Apologies for absence** and to consider whether to approve the reasons given. Cllrs Bass, Bright, Griffiths, Parris and Patch.

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). None

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

a). Neighbourhood Plan update; resolved to accept the Clerk's report on how and what publicity is able to be published by the council to support the community to vote in the Referendum on Thur, Nov 24th from 7am to 10pm, Victory Hall.

The Referendum is run under the Localism Act 2011, Representation of the People Act 1983 and Local Government Act 1986 (Local Authority Publicity) and its associated Code.

Section125 of that Code places a restriction on publication of promotional material by central and local government (including Parish Councils) which—

'(d) is designed to encourage voting at such a referendum.' and 'is within 28 days ending with the date of the poll'.

This would preclude any publicity being published at this time by the council and this was circulated to certain cllrs by Tim Spurway on the 1st Nov, within the 28 day period.

Any expenditure has to be separately accounted for and added to the limit recorded by the Returning Officer of EDDC (£2393.68). No support can be given to a political party or campaign seen to be one-sided.

As far as the NP Steering Group are concerned, this body were engaged to fulfil a particular job on behalf of the PC and as soon as the PC were asked to adopt the final plan on 26th April 2016 and passed it over to EDDC, the Steering Group no longer formally existed, even though reports have come back from Cllr Clay that they have discussed issues but have not met formally. This is outside the remit of the Steering Group of itself to continue beyond their final date. Cllr Clay was asked by the PC to continue with dealing with amendments as it went through the Examiners on behalf of the PC, not the Steering Group. Therefore, this group cannot be given money by the council to publicise the vote.

b) applications received: to consider and respond;

i 16/2341/LBC - Construction of single storey extension, insertion of roof light, repairs to roof and repointing of stonework, insertion of new window and doorway, alteration of existing window height, The Old Vicarage, Stockland. Main changes internally for LBC; agreed to support

7) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; broadband in Victory Hall meanwhile have informal discussion with two cllrs to bring forward.

8) **Confidential Items**: None.

Signed …… 29th November 2016
Chairman Meeting closed at 7pm