Stockland Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and Staff Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room, Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 10th January, 2017

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) **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]. **Agenda item 10 (relating to financial affairs of the Authority)**

3) **Present**; Cllrs Griffiths (chairperson), Drew, Maitland; in attendance K Pearson, Clerk and Cllrs Allen and Clay

4) **Apologies** for absence and consider whether to approve the reasons given; B Durrant and T 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) **Parishes Together Fund Project**–resolved to; agree that equipment required for the 'Paperless Planning IT provision' be bought from reserves as soon as possible; that the Flood risk to the Victory Hall, which has been going on for some time and came to light again in late November, be the main project as it does not require combining with other parishes but would need matched funding either from reserves or the Precept; agree that cllrs Drew, Griffiths, Maitland and the Clerk meet with the Victory Hall Committee on site to determine needs and to apply by the closing date of 8th February.

7) **Broadband provision in Victory Hall**; resolved to accept the decision of the Victory Hall Committee that only they be responsible for this work.

8) **Defibrillator;** resolved to repair the internal light to the kiosk at a maximum cost of £20.

9) **Petrol Pump repair;** resolved to add this item to repair the pump in the centre of the village using project funding from the AONB Sustainability Development Fund (SDF) and the possible use of volunteers on to the council meeting Agenda**.**

10) **Turbary issues;** resolved to agree; the work done by the RSPB over the year, pay the invoices received only this week for £4296.00 and £57.50; bring the third Invoice for £1188 to the next council meeting; agree that of further Winter work required on the Turbaries identified in RSPB quotes received for £10,000 on Quantock and Horner Hill, that up to £5,000 is agreed for Quantock, the other £5,000 to go to the next council meeting; agreed that the RSPB quote for Fencing on Quantock North & Main (31 Man days required); Bucehayes Front & Back (11 Man days required); Stockland (2 Man days required) a total of 44 Man days at an estimated cost of £6,500 also to go to the next council meeting and that the Turbaries Committee decide priorities at their next meeting on the 15th March 2017; that VAT payments for Turbary work done go back into the Turbary account from April 2017.

11) **Budget and Precept 2017/18;** resolved to agree; amendments to the draft report from the Clerk including expected Turbary payments and receipts as above, grounds maintenance to be increased to £200, Hall Hire increase of 10%; to recommend that there should be an increase in the Budget and Precept for 2016/17 and that the amount is to be decided by the full Council on Tuesday, 24th January.

12) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; none

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 2 of the Agenda; **Agenda item 10 (relating to financial affairs of the Authority, s3 of DPA)**

Signed …… 24th January, 2017

Chairman

Meeting closed at 6pm