STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 8pm.

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); members of the public present wished to discuss the off road activity under item 7d) and it was resolved to bring that item forward after Declarations of Interest.

2) **Reports from;** Police; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, and P Diviani. Cllr Diviani reported on the road surfacing and pothole works being carried out by DDC.

3) **Resolved to exclude members of the press and public**. There were no items to be dealt with to exclude the press and public. [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960].

4) **Present;** Cllrs R Griffiths(chairperson), G Bass B Drew, B Durrant, D Clay, P Maitland, K Parris, and K Pearson, Clerk to the Parish Council**.**

5) **Apologies for absence** and to consider whether to approve the reasons given; Cllrs D Allen, T Bright and T Patch.

6) **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Durrant declared a Personal Interest for item 7d) and was allowed to remain but not speak or vote on the off road vehicle activity.

7) d) **Off-road vehicles complaint at North Hill;** members of the off-roading group set out their case for continuing to use a track of land not currently being used for agriculture; presented their view on the complaints of mud on the road after events, noise and environmental pollution, parking on and off the highway causing blockages and the likely impacts if their activity grew into a viable business. The police visited their last event requesting them to clear mud on the road; the Environment Agency had provided advice to keep the rivers free of mud; and whilst they were looking to make it a viable farm diversification, it was in its infancy but was attracting between 20/40 trucks and they will improve access on site to have off road parking. The council responded that EDDC Environmental Health department needs to be made aware of the activity; it requires Planning permission for change of use, particularly within an AONB; it can only operate for a maximum of 14 days per year without that permission; the council would want to see any report from the Environment Agency in writing; and resolved to follow-up the item on the next agenda.

Cllr Drew left at 8.30pm

8) Council Meeting Minutes- the draft minutes of the Turbaries Management Committee held on the 16th November 2016; Fin & Staff of 22nd November and 10th January, 2017; council meetings of the 16th November, 29th November and 14th December were confirmed and signed.

9) **Action Review Summary**: to review the following items received:

a) Whitehayes; resolved to accept the report from Cllrs Griffiths, Maitland, Clay and the Clerk from the on-site visit to approve the invoice and work completed and the chair to write to the owner concerning the need for prior permission to fell trees and spread materials over Turbary Land.

b) Parishes Together Fund; resolved to; accept the report from the Fin & Staff Committee of the 10th January, that alleviation of flooding at the Victory Hall should be the project for this fund; that the report from Cllrs Griffiths, Maitland, the Clerk and the Victory Hall of the 18th Jan, and the meeting with the contractor on the 22nd Jan, outlining the project, is accepted; agree further exploratory work at the top boundary of the field by the contractor (at £30 hr for half day) to discover possible longer term solutions and discuss with other riparian owners; agree that equipment for 'Paperless Planning' should be bought from reserves including projector; screen, leads and bring back a report on costs.

c) Broadband, Victory Hall; resolved to accept the decision of the Hall Committee to complete the project themselves.

d) Highways and Footpaths; resolved to receive a progress report on current issues; Road End Cross to Long Bridge Cross potholes in Ham, accept the letter from Cllr Griffiths to Cllr Diviani; Parish Paths Partnership stock-proof gates, Cllr Griffiths met with D Surridge (on DDC list of contractors) to complete the work for £350; Village Petrol Pump repair (with funds from SDF and possible volunteers) is not owned by the PC and agreed to place the idea on web as a project for a willing someone to come forward to run; defibrillator kiosk, repair of light, agreed to get an electrician in for quote no more than £100 and report to next meeting.

e) Council Representatives; resolved to agree; a replacement member of the public on the Turbary Management Committee to be left to the Turbaries Management Committee; Cllr Durrant as a replacement for Cllr Bass on the Victory Hall Committee. A replacement cllr on the Fin &Staff Committee for Cllr D Clay to be left.

f) Playing Field Grounds Maintenance; resolved to pay a strimming bill of £120pa from A Davies for the Play Area; the Clerk to ask for the required public and personal insurance cover details.

10) **Budget and Precept 2017/18;** resolved to; accept the report from the Fin & Staff Committee and the Clerk of the 10th January; the Budget and Precept to meet it for 2017/18 agreed as a 20% increase, a total of £22.08pa for a Band D Household, an increase of £3.68pa; and to return the completed forms.

11) **Turbary projects;** resolved to agree funding for; work completed over the summer with RSPB Invoice 30741 received for £1188 (to note that the Jan Fin &Staff Committee agreed Invoices 30735/6 for £4353.50); the RSPB quote for the remaining future Winter work of £5,000 on Horner Hill (to note that the Fin &Staff Committee agreed £5,000 of this future work to be done firstly on Quantock); 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; VAT payments for work done to go back into the Turbary account from April 2017.

12) **Planning**- the following issues were considered and reviewed.

a) DCC, Transportation Planning Officer; to note, as agreed, that the Clerk has written to object to the DCC outcome of the chosen Orange route for the A30 Honiton to Devonshire Inn scheme.

c) applications received: to consider and respond; none

c) applications approved: to review;

i. 16/2832/LBC; Replacement of rotten window frame with window of similar construction and appearance (retention of); Northampton Cottage Cotleigh Honiton EX14 9HR

d) applications refused/withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond:

a. 16/2593/AGR - Agricultural storage building, Broadhayes Farm Stockland, refused

b. 16/2824/HRN; Removal of 240m length of hedgerow on Land At Broadhayes Farm Stockland, refused.

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

a. DALC; monthly updates; newsletter;
b. Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter;
c. EDDC;; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge;
d. Fields in Trust; newsletter
e. Local Govt News; eNewsletter
f. NHS; NEW newsletters;;
g. Rural Vulnerability Service, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband
h. Village Hall Committee;.

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

Balances at Bank (at 31/12/16):

Treasurers Account 32300.75

Payments (as at 24/1/17)

i) Staffing costs Dec		430.46
ii) Staffing costs Jan		547.68
iii) P Maitland, course travel		24.30
iv) RSPB, summer work		4353.50
	TOTAL	5355.94

Receipts (as at 24/1/17)

i) DCC ROW gates		350.00
ii) RPA Turbary		109.06
iii) Wayleaves, WPD		366.00
iv) RPA, Quantock Turbary		2272.50
v) RPA		790.75
vi) RPA		285.20
	TOTAL	4173.51
	BALANCE TOTAL	31118.32

15) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; hunt using Horner Hill bridleway; council reps on charities; water coming down Chard Rd.

16) **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.

Signed …… 28th February 2017
Chairman Meeting closed at 10.30pm