

## STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); **Transport in the Blackdowns**, Jocelyn Pritchard, BHPN and AONB Management Group, discussed a questionnaire being sent out across the Blackdown Hills concerning Public Transport, condition of the Highways and HGV routes and it was resolved for Cllrs to complete and return the questionnaire via the Clerk.  
**DCC Community Road Warden scheme**, Ian Morgan was in attendance for item 8c as a possible volunteer co-ordinator.
- 2) **Reports from;** Police report; EDDC/ DDC Cllrs D Key, and P Diviani (all emailed if received).
- 3) **Resolve 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]. Item 9) Clerk's contracted hours (DPA '98 s1, relating to an individual)
- 4) **Present;** Cllrs R Griffiths(chairperson), D Allen, G Bass, B Drew, P Maitland, Cllr Key and K Pearson, Clerk to the Parish Council, were in attendance.
- 5) **Apologies for absence;** and to consider whether to approve the reasons given, T Bright, B Durrant, D Clay, K Parris, T Patch
- 6) **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). Cllr Maitland for item 12c)i), Planning application and was advised to withdraw from the meeting during that item.
- 7) **Council Meeting Minutes-** resolved that the draft minutes of the meeting of the council on 28<sup>th</sup> February were confirmed and signed.
- 8) **Action Review Summary:** to receive and review the following items:
  - a) Parishes Together Fund; resolved to; receive the positive preliminary decision of the EDDC New Homes Bonus Panel of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the Grant Application for alleviation of Flooding to Victory Hall; to note that all conditions had already been met in the application and that an additional amount had been placed in the Precept budget to undertake the longer term flooding investigations and take appropriate action during the next financial year.
  - b) Broadband, Victory Hall; resolved to note the feedback that the new scheme is working well.
  - c) Highways and Footpaths; resolved to receive a progress report on current issues; Ian Morgan was proposed, and agreed, as the volunteer co-ordinator for this scheme and would need to attend a training course under Chapter 8 of the Highways Act, to become registered; the Clerk to send the relevant details for the course which is likely to be in May this year and to note that any community signed up to the scheme has the opportunity to carry out minor road repairs; able to apply for funding support towards materials and equipment to undertake work on the highway; are provided with County Council third party liability cover for properly completed volunteer work; councils are recommended to provide their own personal injury insurance cover for their volunteers and the Clerk would progress likely costs.  
Parish Paths Partnership; Cooks Moor footpath, contact was made with DCC ROW to progress the blockages on this path.
  - d) Playing Field Inspection; resolved that as the unaccompanied RoSPA inspection report had been received it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Bright would take forward any repairs.
  - e) Parish Council representatives on local Charities; resolved to; agree what charities are relevant, numbers required, current incumbents and dates of elections; the Clerk to request up to date Governing Documents, bringing to the next meeting, from the Turbary Allotment, Parish Victory Hall Committee, Stockland Parish Lands (General) Charity, Stockland Educational Foundation.
  - f) Turbary finances and clearance of brush and trees beneath BT lines; resolved to; agree, on advice from BT/Openreach, that it is down to owners of the phone to contact their supplier if there are any faults with the service and for the supplier to bring forward; agree VAT for the substantial work this year should be vired back into the Turbary account of approximately £2,000.

- g) SW Regional ALC Conference, 16<sup>th</sup> March, Taunton; the attendance of the Clerk with approval of chair and vice-chair, was noted and agree to pay the Invoice for £72.
- 9) **Grant Thornton - Limited Assurance 2016/17**; resolved to; note that arrangements for the Annual Return remain the same as last year but delivery is running late; agree the Clerk to contact Peter Bishop to arrange his appointment as an internal auditor.
- 10) **Clerk's contracted hours**; resolved to discuss this as a confidential item at the end of the meeting.
- 11) **Turbary Land Registry Titles**; resolved to; accept the mapping from the 1986 Deposits; noted changes that have occurred since; and for Cllr Allen and Maitland to meet with the Managing Agent to tie up agreed boundaries between the Land Registry and RPA.
- 12) **Planning**- to consider and review any issues arising. (for Applications please go to EDDC web)
- a) EDDC Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Consultation The local authorities of East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon and Teignbridge in partnership with Devon County Council are working together to prepare a Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP). This formal statutory document will provide the overall spatial strategy and level of housing and employment land to be provided up to 2040. Agreed to look again at these major implications and bring to a future meeting.
  - b) EDDC East Devon Villages Plan; resolved to agree to bring to another meeting.
  - c) applications received: to consider and respond;
    - i) 17/0615/TCA, T1 & T2, Acer campestre - Repollard both trees to the point of the last pollard; small multi stemmed specimens that have been both coppiced and pollarded previously; Garden Cottage Stockland Honiton EX14 9BS, was supported (Cllr Maitland declared an interest, left the room and did not vote).
  - d) applications approved: to review;
    - i. None
  - e) applications refused/withdrawn/appealed: to decide how to respond: None.
- 13) Correspondence: to consider items received (copies emailed to all Cllrs where appropriate)
- a. DALC; monthly updates; newsletter;
  - b. Devon Communities Together; eNewsletter;
  - c. DCC; elections 4<sup>th</sup> May; Highways funds
  - e. EDDC;; Development Management Committee; The Knowledge;
  - f. Fields in Trust; newsletter
  - g. Local Govt News; eNewsletter
  - h. NHS; NEW newsletters; Healthy People monthly briefing.
    - i. Rural Vulnerability Service, newsletters on Housing, Transport and Broadband
    - j. Village Hall Committee; invoice 521 for £15.75 received.

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

Balances at Bank (at 28/2/17):

Treasurers Account	29127.50
Payments (as at 28/3/17)	
i) Staffing costs Mar	459.68
ii) DALC subscription	148.98
iii) SW Region Conference, K Pearson	72.00
iv) RSPB, 310711 Quantock work	8160.00
v) S Machin Turbary BPS/HLS work	339.00
vi) Village Hall 521	15.75
TOTAL	<span style="border: 1px solid black;">9195.41</span>

Receipts (as at 28/3/17)

- i) None

BALANCE TOTAL 19932.09

Resolved to agree that Cllr Maitland, if required, be reimbursed for printing A3 finance documents for council meetings.

- 15) **Items of Future Business** for the next Agenda; EDDC Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Consultation; EDDC East Devon Villages Plan; Parish Council representatives on local Charities.
- 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.  
**Clerk's contracted hours:** agreed to increase the Clerk's contracted hours from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Signed .....  
Chairman

25<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Meeting closed at 10.pm