Stockland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Turbaries Management Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd November, 2021, Victory Hall, from 4.15 until 6pm.

1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); No questions.
2) **Resolved to exclude members of the press and public**; there were no confidential items**.**
3) **To record those Present/Apologies for absence** and consider whether to approve the reasons given (Cllrs only); D Allen (chair); Cllrs P Derryman, Drew, Geoff Pearce (DBW&P), Toby Taylor (RSPB), in attendance Gavin Saunders (AONB) Ken Pearson (PC Clerk); apologies received from cllrs R Griffiths and A Thompkins and Tim Youngs **(**AONB Manager); agreed the addition of one new community member Richard Switzer (richardswitzer@earthlink.net).
4) **Declarations of Interest**: No interests were declared.
5) **Turbaries Management Committee Minutes**-resolved to note that the draft Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday **7th July** were confirmed and signed by the Council on the 27th July, 2021.

6) **Action Review Summary**: to receive and review the following items:
   i. **AONB Facilitation Fund**; resolved to receive an update from the scheme which will be going for another year then replaced by a, yet to be announced, new scheme.
   ii. **Higher Level and Basic Payment Schemes (HLS and BPS);** noted that the Woodland Management Plan (AG986346) covers all the Turbaries and the Record of Condition has been completed by the Managing Agents and was agreed by the Council to pay the Invoice of £777.12; agreed quotes for work can be received as long as they include pre- and post-photos from the same spot as the Record of Condition with dates for the work starting and ending; noted the Clerk's report on the finances showing an amount of £**12103.77** available for all work, with income of £3783.67 for this Financial Year and spending of £ 8800.42. Any expenditure must now go to the full council including any applications for Funding because of the tight budgets for all other projects.
   iii. Information Panels; received a Project update from the Clerk and agreed that the latest map to be sent around for comment and arrange a meeting prior to Council, if possible.
   iv. Horner; considered information relating to any further Trespassing and if a Powered Bike incursion can be affected by placing slatted Notice Boards as the Forestry Commission has already erected in various locations and for Cllr A Thompkins to find out the costs; received an update for the new Pond site which is already improving; received a report on the, allegedly, illegal camera, which will be going to the ICO and Police.
   v. DEFRA; Gavin Saunders Farming in Protected Landscapes programme which was opened in July for National Parks, AONB's and the Broads to develop projects that support nature recovery; mitigate the impacts of climate change; provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage; support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. The June Council meeting agreed that the Turbaries Committee could better debate this topic bringing back any recommendations to the Council's next meeting. This scheme is for Capital grants to be decided by a local panel from the BH AONB and agreed that scrub clearance/ fencing on Horner would be a small project for this financial year followed by larger one next year; RSPB to provide maps of area and would need 80% of costs to come from the grant; agreed next would be notice boards for each Turbary beginning with Horner, as in 6iv) above.
   vi. Bucehayes; agreed that work at Bucehayes Cottage Lane to the ditches and track with a quote for £1110.00 (inc of VAT) was approved at the Council meeting in July and was delegated to the Clerk, Cllr Drew to chase.

7) **Turbaries**; resolved to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; suggest future work plans and finance for each site to the November meeting of the PC;-

Bucehayes (AG00287440) 1day still planned; ponies grazing; Quantock (AG00287502) ponies still grazing; Horner Hill (AG00291818) bramble & cherry laurel; RSPB to identified areas to cut for WMP and can only take topping as part of WMP if the same conditions are kept to ie dates of work with pre- and post-photos; contact the Managing Agent to see what to do on Horner cottages area; 1 day on WMP in Shortmoor (AG00305847);)

8) **Communications**; resolve to; receive updates on the Parish Council and the Stockland Village Websites and Tree and volunteering opportunities not already covered. New Stockland Village website agreed by PC,

9) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda; early March.9th '22, 4.30pm

Signed …… 30th November 2021
Chairperson; Meeting closed at 6pm