

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

**Present:** Rosie Gallagher (Chairperson); Brian Faulkner; Rob Rainbow; Paul Stewart; Alan Speed;  
Ursula McKinlay (Clerk);  
Christopher Le Hardy (County Council)

**Apologies:** Alison Corr (Vice Chair); Rob Rainbow; Derek Yeomans

## 2. Declarations of Interest: None

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of general meeting 27/07/15 were taken as read and signed by the Chair

## 4. Finance Statement:

- ❖ Finance statement as at 31/08/15:

Current account:	£1408.55
Reserve account:	£2606.22
- ❖ External Audit: Ursula reported that the external audit had been approved satisfactorily. However, on the advice of the internal auditor she had changed the valuation of the village hall to the current insured value, but the external auditor had disagreed with this and requests that we revert to the valuation provided in previous years !
- ❖ Bank signatories: Ursula advised that she had received confirmation that Rosie and Alison had been accepted as signatories for both NatWest bank accounts.
- ❖ Accounts Payable – Phone Kiosk Paint £99.52 Brian proposed, seconded by Alan that this account be paid.

## 5. Planning Application:

15/0298/FUL Mr. & Mrs. A & J Wilson

**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe

**Location:** Ilford Bridges Farm.

**Approved.**

## 6. Village Transport Rota : Rosie stated that Ros Harding had voiced concerns about the future of the village bus service and had suggested that we create a village rota system to transport residents to Ilminster. Christopher confirmed that the present 'Nippy' bus service would continue.

## 7. Tractors driving thru village :

Somerset Association of Local Councils had received reports of concerns regarding tractors driving through some villages, i.e. driving attitude; damage to verges; effect of vibration on homes close to the road, etc. and requested any similar experiences to be reported to SALC. No one present had knowledge of any complaint within Stocklinch and Ursula agreed to pass this on.

**8. Matters of Report:**

- ❖ Highways – Christopher urged that we keep reporting highway concerns, potholes etc., to the Council 300 number.
- ❖ Broadband –Phase 1 program due for completion Dec 2016. Phase 2 set for completion Dec. 2017. Ilton and Stocklinch are designated part of the Commercial Roll Out by BT. Christopher stated he would check with BT to determine what this means ! Phase 2 to be for the business community. In an effort to endorse our case, Christopher suggested we provide a list of residents in Stocklinch who run their business enterprises from home. Rosie and Ursula agreed to compile a list.
- ❖ Crime: No recorded crimes in Stocklinch.
- ❖ Tree Warden: Rosie stated that Colin Hyde had agreed to take over from Ros Harding as tree warden. It was hoped to plant the gifted tree for Ros at a date agreeable to her and Henry before the onset of winter. Ursula said she would host a reception afterwards at The Chantry. There were concerns as to who would take over from Henry to plant any future trees.

**9. Correspondence:**

- ❖ **County Council** – Christopher gave a positive report on County issues stating there are four new MPs in Somerset, our local MP being Marcus Fish.
- ❖ Plans for the future include tackling road congestion in the Southwest including A303 dualling; Hinckley Point with the prospect of new jobs; major investment in Children's services. 'Somerset Choices' website a success so far; grants from the Health & Wellbeing available. Rosie stated the Village Hall charity were looking for funds towards equipment for the newly formed 'table tennis group' which is a social outlet for senior citizens in the village. Christopher urged us to submit an application to him, detailing the costs involved.
- ❖ Derek Yeomans report was placed in the circulation box for Councillors' information
- ❖ Flood Risk – notification of meeting on 28/9/2015
- ❖ Rosie stated that David Tucker of 'Springfield House' had written to the District Council relating to the Solar Panel array in Whitelackington, in regards to the removal of the panels in 25 years time and wished the Parish Council to keep a copy of this letter on file.

**8. Date & Time of next meeting**

The date for the next general Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9.15p.m.

