

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

**Present:** Rosie Gallagher (Chairperson); Alison Corr (Vice-Chair); Brian Faulkner; Rob Rainbow; Alan Speed; Fiona Day  
Ursula McKinlay (Clerk);  
Christopher Le Hardy (County Council)

**Apologies:** Paul Stewart; Derek Yeomans (District Council)

## 2. Declarations of Interest: None

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of general meeting 21/9/2015 and extra-ordinary meeting of 9/11/15 were taken as read and signed by the Chair

## 4. Finance Statement/Accounts Payable:

❖ Finance statement as at 31/12/15:	
Current account:	£ 376.27
Reserve account:	£ 3606.58

**Precept for 2016/17** – past annual expenses were outlined by the clerk. Rosie Gallagher (chair) proposed clerk's expenses be increased to £250. All present agreed. It was proposed by Alan Speed, seconded by Brian Faulkner, that that the upcoming precept be set at £1,550, all present approved.

## 5. Matters of Report:

- ❖ **Local Policing:** no reported crimes in Stocklinch. Toni Marie Lines (Beat Manager) was unable to attend this meeting as planned.
- ❖ **Phone Kiosk:** Ursula said she would undertake to get quotes from local painters/decorators
- ❖ **Broadband** - no immediate progress for Stocklinch
- ❖ **Health & Wellbeing grant** – application for new Village Hall table tennis table submitted.
- ❖ **Planning application:** Old Post Office - use of Shepherd's Hut as a holiday let approved.
- ❖ **Tree Planting** – The Chair stated that Ros Harding, past councilor and tree warden, had expressed the wish that Henry Leeds be recognized for his efforts over the years in assisting her with tree planting within the village. All agreed that a letter of thanks be given to Henry with a gift of £25. Ursula said she would purchase a garden token for this amount.

Correspondence:

- **District Council Report** – as Derek Yeomans unable to attend this meeting, his report had been circulated by e-mail and the contents noted.
- **County Councillor's Report** - Christopher Le Hardy gave an overview of current issues including plans for creating a University for Somerset; Hinckley Point project; new garden town for South Somerset; social care.
- **External Audit for Smaller Authorities;** Agreed that as our precept well below £25,000 we continue with our current arrangements and not appoint a private external auditor; as this would incur unaffordable costs.
- **Yeovilton Open Day;** - Royal Naval Command, Yeovil will not be holding the annual Merryfield Open Evening in 2016 owing to increased security measures at both Yeovilton and Merryfield Air Stations.
- **Kissing Gates** – Gate between Alan's Speed's field and land to the upper church still needs attention. Ursula to contact the Council Environment department.
- **Ypres – Thankful Villages of WW1 – Sponsor a Poppy appeal;** It was decided not to support this.

Information placed in Circulation box

- ❖ Somerset Choices Film information

8. Date & Time of next meeting

The date for the next general Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, 14th March 2016..

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.50 p.m.