

STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, 18th May, 2015 at 8.15 p.m. in the Village Hall

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Present: Rosie Gallagher (Chairperson); Alison Corr (Vice-Chair); Brian Faulkner; Rob Rainbow; Paul Stewart; Alan Speed; Ros Harding; Ursula McKinlay (Clerk); Derek Yeomans (District Council)
Christopher Le Hardy (County Council)

Apologies: None

On behalf of the council Rosie thanked Brian for his leadership and service to the village during his tenure as Chairman.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of general meeting 30/3/15 were taken as read and signed by the Chair

4. Finance Statement/Accounts Payable:

- Finance statement as at 31/3/15:
Current account : £460.57
Reserve account : £2605.69

Accounts payable:

SALC Affiliation fee £37.90
AON Insurance £313.56
Ros proposed, seconded by Rob that these accounts be paid.

5. Annual Report:

Ursula presented the annual report for audit. The annual governance statement was completed, agreed by the council and signed by the Chair. Ursula stated she would submit the report to the Internal Auditor.

6. Casual Vacancy

With Ros having expressed the wish to stand down, Rosie stated a notice would be posted on the village noticeboard and on the village website that a vacancy has occurred. Ursula stated she would report this to the Returning Officer. Ros was tree warden and environment warden and these positions will need to be filled. The council were unanimous in expressing grateful thanks for Ros's efforts and loyalty over the years.

7. Matters of Report:

- **Local Policing:** no crimes in Stocklinch
- **Owl Street Sign:** Ursula stated the council had advised the sign is scheduled to be in place within 2 weeks.

8. Correspondence:

- **County Council** – Christopher gave an overview of Council issues including a comprehensive report on regional highway plans; Childcare; rural broadband; flood assistance.
- **District Council** – Derek gave an overview of District issues including new Care Act; supply of social workers; National Health; stressing that owing to budget restraints the financial challenges were enormous.
- **CAB Donation** - Rosie advised we had received an acknowledgment of our £50 donation. She added she was in training to join this worthwhile organization.
- **Rural Lettings Policy:** Rosie brought the Council's attention to a comprehensive report received on social housing. She expressed her regret that a house in Stocklinch had recently be put up for private sale, leaving Stocklinch with only 3 council rental properties. Rob Rainbow stressed we should have been consulted on this issue.
- **Dog Waste Bins** – information received on 'Streetscene Dog Bin Services'. Ursula stated that a village resident had expressed concern about dog fouling and asked whether the council would consider dog waste bins. Ursula said she would obtain a quote for purchase of a bin(s) to be considered at the next meeting.
- **Telephone Kiosk** - It was agreed that the phone box is in need of maintenance (mostly paintwork); Ursula stated she had information on recommended supplies available from BT. Rob volunteered to get quotes for signs.

Information placed in Circulation box

- ❖ **Care Act 2014;**
- ❖ **Our Place Programme** (provided by resident Matt Day)
- ❖ **Revised Bus Routes**

8. Date & Time of next meeting

The date for the next general Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, 27th July, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.50 p.m.