

STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 28 August, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Present: Brian Faulkner; Ros Harding; Rosie Gallagher; Alan Speed; Alison Corr; Claire Hart; Derek Yeomans; Ursula McKinlay

Apologies: Rob Rainbow

The Chairman welcomed Claire Hart who had been co-opted onto the Council. Rosie Gallagher proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Trevor Tratt for his past service to Stocklinch Council and all present agreed. Ursula said she would arrange this.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of meeting held on 18/5/2011 were taken as read and Brian Faulkner signed them as being correct.

4. **Finance Statement/Accounts Payable:** Ursula presented the balance sheet as at 30/5/2011 Current account balance stands at £876.71; Reserve Account: £2828.46. It was noted that funds were low in the current account and it was proposed by Alison Corr, seconded by Rosie Gallagher that we transfer £228.00 from Reserve to Current account. Motion was passed.

Accounts due for payment:

Phone box paint £24.00; Audit £60.00; Village Hall £600; PCC £50.00; Clerk £150.00

Rosie Gallagher proposed the following accounts be paid. This was seconded by Alison Corr:

5. **Doug Fouling:**

Complaints had been lodged to the Council by visitors to the Magdalene church yard. It was agreed this should be referred to the Parochial Church Council.

6. **Footpath Liason Officer:**

Ursula stated that she was no longer able to continue in this role. Claire Hart volunteered to takeover.

7. **Fundraising:**

Claire stated she was in the process of preparing the Stocklinch calendar for 2012 which would raise funds for the village.

8. **Matters of Report**

- **BT Phone Box :**

Ursula reported that the phone box equipment had now been removed by BT.

- **Grit Bins :**

Ursula reported that the Grit Bins had been delivered ready for the winter supplies and she would be following up with the Highways Dept., as to when we can expect deliveries.

- **Trees**
Ros Harding advised grants are available for planting apple orchards. Alan Speed stated that Chris Packham of 'Johnson's Acre' was interested in creating an orchard. Ros said she would liase with Chris.

9. District Council Issues:

Derek outlined proposals under discussion including; Somerset County Council job cuts; cessation of the District Council by 2015; new IT system for Contact Centre due by November 2011; boundary changes; gypsy sites; funding restrictions to new waste management system

10. Correspondence:

The Chairman brought the Council's attention to the following items: received:

- **Review of Polling Places**
Stocklinch residents currently vote at Whitelackington village hall and all agreed there was no need to change the venue to Stocklinch because of the liabilities involved.
- **Proposal to empower local councils**
Request from Suffolk Association of Local Councils to all town/parish councils for support of their proposal to empower local councils when dealing with major property developers on planning applications. It was agreed that we respond to this request in the affirmative. The Clerk said she would do this.
- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**
Letter received from Lady Gass of Bridgwater advising of National plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend 2 – 5th June 2012.
- **Grant Funding for smaller projects**
Grants to be made available from the Somerset Community Foundation for small projects. It was decided to pass this information on to the Village Hall Committee.
- **Local crime**
Toni Lines, Beat Manager, reported that cable and metal thefts are prevalent in our area and for all residents to be vigilant. Brian advised that suspicious vehicles had been seen in the village.

Date and Time of next meeting

The date for the Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 19th October, 2011 at 8 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.45 p.m.

