

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, 23rd September, 2013 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

**Present:** Brian Faulkner (Chairman); Ros Harding (Vice Chair); Rob Rainbow; Alan Speed; Rosie Gallagher; Alison Corr; Claire Hart; Ursula McKinlay; (Clerk) Christopher Le Hardy (County Councillor South Petherton and Islemoor); Derek Yeomans (County Councillor – Langport)

**Apologies:** None

## 2. Declarations of Interest: None

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of general meeting 15/07/2013, were taken as read and signed by The Chairman.

## 4. Accounts Payable:

- Good Councillors' Guide : £3.20  
Ros Harding proposed, seconded by Rob Rainbow that the above item be paid.

## 5. Matters of Report

- **Highways:** Flooding at the junction Stocklinch/Puckington an ongoing problem – Derek said he will follow up, Winsmore Hill also a problem.
- Christopher emphasized that a review of Highway problems are to be addressed and that the problem at Puckington turn should be completed in October. Derek confirmed that Puckington Parish Council had applied for a grant under the Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- **Solar Farm** – agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Wendy regarding her efforts and detailed research in supporting the council on this contentious issue.
- **Crime Report:**  
No crimes reported for Stocklinch
- **Thankful Village Run** – the motor bike convoy stopped in Stocklinch during their tour of the U.K. in aid of the British Legion. The group presented Stocklinch with a slate plaque for display in the church and a certificate for display in the village hall.

## 6. Correspondence

Derek gave an overview of local issues including the Local Plan (under suspension); Fracking proposed for the Mendips.  
Derek confirmed that our application for a grit spreader had been declined and emphasized that Council budgets are to be squeezed and with few government grants available. He also urged we increase our precept to cope with Parish expenditure

Claire raised the issue of 'Horseshoes and Handprints' a Stocklinch Charity which provides horse centered therapy for those with special needs of all ages and if there was any opportunity to obtain a Council grant it would be welcomed.

Rob Rainbow expressed the frustration of Parish Councils having no power with all legislative powers being dictated from central government.

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

The date for the next general Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, November, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.55 p.m.

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