

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING

held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall

### 1. Welcome & Apologies:

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

**Attendees:** Ben Middleditch PCSO and his PCSO assistant.

**Apologies:** Rob Rainbow; Rosie Gallagher

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Claire Hart declared a conflict of interest as her property is close to the proposed Solar Farm and she was actively involved in opposing it.

3. **Minutes of previous Meetings:** Minutes of general meeting of 25/7/12 and Extra-Ordinary Meeting of 16/8/12 were taken as read and Brian Faulkner signed them as being correct.

### 4. Finance Statement:

Ursula presented the balance statement as at 30/9/2012: Current account - £328.40; Reserve Account: £2602.12. She stated that all the precept commitments had now been paid with the exception of proposed purchase of trees. The annual report had been returned by the external auditors Moore Stephens and there were no issues raised. Notification had been received from the audit commission announcing the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as the external auditor for financial year 2012/13.

### 5. Matters of Report:

- **Solar Panel Project** – Dillington Estate -

Claire Hart gave an overview of the recent planning meeting, she had attended with other Stocklinch residents. She outlined the issues previously raised by the Parish Council and the residents' concerns, the outcome being that a final decision on this proposal was postponed until a later meeting in October. She said that a questionnaire was planned to circulate to all residents on this contentious issue. Derek Yeomans stated that reduction in the scale was being drawn up and he was having meetings on this proposal the next day and would report back. He further advised that the Highways Department had reported that the A303 was not an issue as there was no proof that any glare from the panels would be dangerous!

The right of way over the Lynches had been raised by the Dillington agent, Andrew Troup. It had been an unwritten agreement with the Ilchester Trust to cross this land and the general feeling was not to upset the Ilchester by raising this issue. Derek Yeomans pointed out it was not a direct right to walk this area and the Ilchester Trust could stop it.

- **Crime Report:**

Ben Middleditch stated there were no crime reported in Stocklinch. Alan Speed stated that motor bikes on Pound Lane remain a problem. PCSO Middleditch said he would follow this up and he and his assistant then left the meeting.

- **Planning Applications:** proposals for Court Hay tree felling and alterations to Underhill Farm had been approved.

**Correspondence:**

- Derek gave an overview of District Council issues. He emphasised that grant money is available for equipment/training for any projects the Parish Council was willing to undertake, e.g. hedge cutting; clearance of overgrowth around footpaths, provision of sandbags. He would require quotes by the end of October. It was noted that insurance liability would have to be considered.
- Council Tax Support Scheme 1/4/2013 – Notification of this scheme had been received and a notice put on the Notice Board.
- Somerset CC Rights of Way Team are organising an event on 4/10/12 to meet with Wardens. Stocklinch warden Claire Hart said she would attend and Ros Harding expressed interest as well.

**Date and time of next meeting**

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

Meeting Adjourned : 9:05 p.m.

**Minutes Prepared by Ursula P. McKinlay**

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List of attendees attached: