

STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING

held on Tuesday, 9th October, 2012 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Present: Brian Faulkner (Chairman); Rob Rainbow; Alan Speed; Claire Hart; Rosie Gallagher; Ursula McKinlay (Clerk)

Apologies: Ros Harding; Alison Corr; Derek Yeomans

In attendance: Paul Scutts – village resident (concerns re.solar panels)

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 Meeting:** Minutes of general meeting of 26/9/12 were taken as read and Brian Faulkner signed them as being correct.

4. Grant Availability - Well Being Scheme:

Brian asked whether Councillors had any ideas for which we could apply for funds under the above scheme. As it is proposed that in future the parish council is going to have to undertake some of the tasks, for which in the past the District Council has been responsible, it was felt that equipment to assist with village maintenance would be useful. After discussion, it was decided to apply for funds to purchase a mini grit spreader to assist in keeping the roads open in bad weather as well an additional grit/salt bin for the overpass between Whitelackington and Stocklinch. In addition, Claire in her capacity as footpath warden, stated a hand equipment kit would be useful to assist in keeping overgrown brambles under control, i.e. loping shears with telescopic handles; protective gloves, secateurs. Ursula said she would obtain quotes for these items and submit to District Councillor Derek Yeomans for his consideration.

5. Matters of Report:

- **Amended Planning Application No: 12/02823/FUL**

The installation of an extended 7.6 MW photovoltaic array
Location: Parsonage Barn, Stocklinch Road, Whitelackington.

The amended site plan was studied by the Councillors and Paul Scutts was invited to give his views. After discussion, it was proposed that in response to this application Stocklinch request the following:

- Bunding be installed – preferably 2 meters high.
- Existing planting allowed to grow to mask the panels
- Plantings be mixture of mature and immature trees including scots pine
- Re-emphasize noise from the panels and request insulation of the inverter.
- traffic problems be addressed

Ursula said that she would advise the planning officer that, in principle, the parish council was still apposed to this application

Correspondence:

- District Council Issues:
In Derek Yeomans absence Brian gave an overview of Derek's September report which included: County Council support in emergencies; changes to SSDC Local Plan plus the Waste and Mineral Plan; funds for road upkeep.

Date and time of next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 28th November, 2012

Meeting Adjourned : 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Ursula P. McKinlay

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