

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday, March 3rd, 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

## 1. Welcome and Apologies:

**Present:** Rosie Gallagher (Chairperson); Alison Corr (Vice-Chair); Rob Rainbow; Alan Speed; Fiona Day  
Ursula McKinlay (Clerk);  
Christopher Le Hardy (County Council) part-time before attending another Parish Council meeting  
Derek Yeomans (District Council)

**Apologies:** Brian Faulkner; Paul Stewart;

## 2. Declarations of Interest: Alan Speed - Pound Lane access

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of general meeting 11/01/2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair

## 4. Finance Statement/Accounts Payable:

❖ Finance statement as at 31/03/2016

Current account:	£1,576.27
Reserve account:	£3,306.58

### **Accounts Payable:**

**Ursula McKinlay** - £25.00  
(reimbursement of garden token for Henry Leeds in recognition of his assistance with tree planting)

**Gordon Stoker Jewellers** - £49.95 (plaque for Ros Harding's tree)

**Village Hall from Dillington Estate** – annual maintenance fee - £1200

Alison proposed the above accounts be paid, seconded by Fiona.

Ursula reported that she had received a quote for liability insurance from **Zurich** of £163. **AON** are requesting £363 annual premium for the same level of insurance. Fiona suggested we approach **AON** to determine whether they would match the lower premium offered by **Zurich**. Ursula agreed to follow up.

## 5. Planning Application No. 16/00967/FUL

Applicant Mrs. Katherine Crowie  
Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension  
Location: 1 Owl Street, Stocklinch.

No objections raised to this application and Ursula stated she would advise the planning authorities of this decision.

6. **Matters of Report:**

- ❖ **Local Policing:** Toni Marie Lines (Beat Manager) was unable to attend this meeting as planned.
  - No reported crimes in Stocklinch;
  - Daylight break-in reported at the home of Sonya Bessell, 'Cornerways' Atherstone, this property being adjacent to Stocklinch Parish.
- ❖ **Phone Kiosk:** Ursula said she was still trying to find a painter to refurbish the phone box.
- ❖ **Health & Wellbeing grant** – Rosie thanked Christopher Le Hardy for supporting the grant application for a new Village Hall table tennis table.
- ❖ **Highways:**

Whitelackington road of serious concern. Ursula reported that after constant communications with Highways, promises of priority work had not been followed through. Rob Rainbow elected to provide a photograph of its current state, which had recently been published in the 'Chard & Ilminster' newspaper and Derek agreed to take up the cause! Winsmore Hill potholes, marked but yet to be repaired!

Ursula stated that the County Council had received an anonymous letter on behalf of 'Stocklinch villagers' complaining of farm equipment being used on Pound Lane to access Ilchester Trust land by tenant farmer, Alan Speed and requested a response. It was agreed by all present that this complaint did not represent the residents of the village and the right of way had been used for years to access the field in question, and the complaint had no validity.

**Correspondence:**

- **District Council Report** –Derek gave an overview of current issues including proposed Devolution and the Hinckley Point project. He emphasized the continuing constraints on Council budgets.
- **County Councillor's Report** - Christopher Le Hardy's report also highlighted Devolution plans plus Highway issues (A303/A358); support for Children and Families in Somerset; mobile Libraries; broadband connectivity; community travel charges.
- **Commemorative Medal Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** There was no interest in taking up this offer.

**Information placed in Circulation box**

- ❖ South Western Rail Franchise – Stakeholder Consultation

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

The date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 8 p.m. followed by a general meeting. Rosie stated that she planned to stand down as Chair at the APCM.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.45 p.m.

