

STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 22nd September, 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

1. **Welcome and Apologies:**

Present: Brian Faulkner; Ros Harding; Rob Rainbow; Trevor Tratt; Rosie Gallagher; Derek Yeomans; Ursula McKinlay

Apologies: Alison Corr

Brian expressed condolences to Ros on the recent death of her husband Jack.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Minutes of meeting held on 28/7/10 were taken as read and Brian Faulkner signed them as being correct.

4. **Co-option of New Councillor:**

Alan Speed was unanimously voted onto the Parish Council.

5. **Annual Finance Report:**

The Clerk advised that the Annual Report for year ending 2009/2010 had been approved and returned by the Audit Commission and added she proposed to write to Paul King to thank him for undertaking the internal audit on our behalf.

6. **Accounts Payable:**

- The Audit Fee of £58.75 was presented. Rob Rainbow, seconded by Rosie Gallagher proposed this amount be paid.
- Ursula advised that the premium required to insure the newly adopted phone box for damage/fire/theft would be £15.09. Ros Harding, seconded by Trevor Tratt proposed this amount be paid.

7. **Local Government Act – Adoption of Standing Orders:**

Brian stated that the information on the Adoption of Standing orders would be placed in the Circulation Box for Councillor's to study and we would vote on this issue at a later date.

9. **Planning Applications Update:**

Ursula advised that planning applications for a) Ottersey House and b) Barn E Manor Farm had been approved.

10. **Correspondence:**

- **Councillor Derek Yeoman's Newsletter –**
Derek gave an overview of Council issues, highlighting the fact that big cuts in Council budgets are to be expected and that Parish Councils will bear more financial responsibilities.
- **Community Safety Consultation Survey:**
Leaflets had been received from the Community Safety Team at SCC requesting public views on the highest community safety priorities for Somerset.

- **Library Service:**
Somerset County Council is currently reviewing and planning for the future of the Library Service and focus group meetings are scheduled. Our local focus group to be held at Martock on 30th September 2010. Ros Harding said she would consider attending this event, if possible.
- **New Guidance on assessing land for designation as an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.**
'Natural England' are requesting local authorities to comment, if they wish, on draft guidelines to be found on their online questionnaire www.naturalengland.org.uk
- **South Somerset Links:**
A request for a donation had been received. It was proposed by Ros Harding, seconded by Rob Rainbow, that we send a cheque for £50. All present agreed.

11. Matters of Report

- **BT Phone Box**
Ursula stated she was still awaiting information from BT on materials needed to maintain the facility. Rob Rainbow suggested we consider circulating a flyer around the village with a challenge to residents as to how to make it a feature, with suggestions for monthly displays. i.e. floral; artwork; literature; children's projects.
- **Fred Faulkner – Gift Ideas.**
It was suggested that we organise a plaque with the following engraving 'In appreciation of your many year's of loyal service' Ursula agreed to visit the Ilminster jewellers and see what they can organise for us.

Date and Time of next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, 8th November, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8.45 p.m.