

# STOCKLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Before the meeting commenced, Colin Hyde, representing Ilminster tree project gave a short presentation on the plan by the above group to plant 7000 trees in the Ilminster area in 2020, and his hope that Stocklinch would be interested in helping by finding and planting trees in the parish.

## **Draft Copy of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Present: Rosie Gallacher (Chair), Brian Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Fiona Day, Ali Corr, Julie Roberts, Adam Dance (County Councillor), Jo Beaumont (Clerk)

Apologies: Paul Stewart, Rob Rainbow, Crispin Raikes (Local Councillor)

2. **Declaration of Interests:** None.

3. Adam Dance expressed concern at Somerset County Council proposal to for a unitary merger. He asked that the Parish Council would look seriously at the options should we be asked our opinion.

4. **Minutes of Meeting 2nd October 2019 and Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting on 26th November:** were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

5. **Road Signs:** Matt Day arrived to speak on the update to designing road signs for the entrances to the village. There were also sample of designs and costs for council signs available. Matt will come back with confirmation of the cost for the sign provisionally chosen and the owners of the land where we hope to put them will be consulted.

6. **Matters Arising:** The application for the development at Atherstone Farm is apparently under review so will not be coming forward to the January Planning Meeting. Rosie has contacted the planning office for more information. Rosie has also contacted highways about the blocked drains and potholes in the village. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Gregory again about the gates on the footpaths and to contact IRINEC as well.

7. **Clerk's Contract:** has been agreed and signed.

8. <b><u>Financial Statement:</u></b>	Current Account	4460.11
	Reserve Account	1191.57

9. **Precept/Budget for 2020/2010:** It is proposed to put £300 towards planting more trees in Stocklinch this year, together with entering the SSC draw for a pack of 50 trees. There will be some expense in purchasing the road signs. It had been suggested that a Defibrillator for the village would be a good idea, and the Parish Council would be happy to contribute towards it.

As a result, it was agreed that the precept be raised to £2500 for 2020/2012.

**10. Date of Next Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting;** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 7pm and the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May 2020 time TBC.

Jo Beaumont (Clerk)