

Stockland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Turbaries Management Committee held in Stockland Victory Hall on Wednesday 14th March from 4pm until 6 pm.

- 1) **Public Participation Time** (SO 1e & f); There were no members of the public
- 2) **Resolve to exclude members of the press and public.** There were no confidential items [Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act) 1960].
- 3) **To record those Present/Apologies for absence** and consider whether to approve the reasons given (Cllrs only). Cllrs D Allen (chair) and D Clay; Derek Boyland and Alasdair Bruce (residents);, Geoff Pearce (DBW&P), Toby Taylor and Eleanor Woolway (RSPB), Justin Gillett (NE); in attendance Ken Pearson (PC Clerk). **Apologies:** P Maitland, Tim Youngs (AONB Manager).
- 4) **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of any interests (s31 & 33 of the Localism Act 2011) (Code of Conduct, 2012).
- 5) **Turbaries Management Committee Minutes-** resolved to note that the draft Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November were confirmed and signed by the Council on 28th November 2017.
- 6) **Action Review Summary:** the following items were received and reviewed as below:
 - i) **Interpretation Panels;** resolved to receive an update to provide boards outside the Victory Hall with Quotes from two companies being sort.
 - ii) **AONB Facilitation Fund;** resolved to note the successful bid and to discuss at the next meeting.
 - iii) **Higher Level and Basic Payment Schemes (HLS and BPS);** resolved to;
 - receive any progress report on 2016/7 and 2017/8 claims;
 - receive an update report on payment for entitlements purchased;
 - receive an update on 2016 BPS deduction of “penalties” by RPA; including how to escalate the issues;
 - receive an update on issues arising from RPA inspection and whether to appeal;

Agreed Justin Gillett and Charlotte Selway to discuss each of these issues as the system is changing to all come under the RPA by Autumn this year and it may have been better to have changed the state of play for each Turbary keeping their current boundary definitions.
 - iv) **Publishing maps of the Stockland Turbaries online;** resolved to await the arrival of the new Parish website.
 - v) **Finance;** resolved that as there is only about £4,000 left for work this financial year, to severely limit spending.
- 7) **Turbaries;** resolved to; receive an update on current work completed or scheduled; agree severely limited future work plans and finance for each site;-
 - a) **Bucehayes;** schedule one day’s work at the top end at a cost of £100 p/p/p/d with 4 operators (3 chain and 1 brush cutter approx. £400) although Justin Gillett noted that Grants will be available from schemes for Capital works later on in the year; agreed a maximum of £500, RSBB and the Chair to decide locations; summer grazing to be on three sites with 8 ponies for approx. £1200 tentatively agreed and to be revisited.
 - b) **Quantock;** Winter work on-hold; Spring volunteer day, 23 March to stop leak from pond; a new Permissive Path route has now been walked and the Clerk to check the Countryside Stewardship handbook for code AC1 to see if money is available, together with DCC ROW officer to fund the required stile and gate; Summer grazing only to be scheduled if money available.
 - c) **Shortmoor;** Summer grazing perhaps if money available.
 - d) **Horner Hill;** Winter work carried out; Bat boxes have been set up; a Spring volunteer day on the 18th May, is scheduled to get a pond around cottages; Summer volunteer work on bracken control may also be possible.
 - e) **Huntshayes;** nothing arranged

- f) **Shore Bottom**; Summer volunteer days arranged for 23rd June, 21st July, 11th Aug for Balsam pulling.
 - 8) **Communications**; resolved to; receive the update on the new website and agreed to have links from the current website to the new one with photographs as a requirement.
 - 9) **Woodland Grants**; resolved to note that a woodland management plan has to be in place and is a requirement for any new agreements and it was agreed to see if our Managing Agent, Charlotte Selway could organise it at no cost.
- 10) Items of Future Business for the next Agenda and to note the date of the next meeting.
11th July; 7th Nov 2018

Signed27th March 2018
Chairman; Meeting closed at 6pm