

STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Summary of Parish Council Meeting March 10th 2009

Twelve members of the public attended mainly to discuss a solution to the problem of parking around the Ston Easton bus shelter. Strong opinions were expressed on both sides of the argument as were the views of the Police and Somerset CC, whose representative Jeff Bunting had attended a recent on-site meeting with members of the Parish Council.

The Council decided to recommend:-

- * narrower curtilage around the bus shelter, possibly with higher kerbs (as recommended by Somerset CC) - this would make it easier for heavy vehicles to negotiate the junction.
- * Double yellow lines around the bus shelter and on the sides of the road opposite the bus shelter - Somerset CC to decide how far up Green Street the yellow lines to extend - this would make parking on the junction illegal and would eliminate the need for vehicles to mount the kerb or cause possible damage to property.

Tom Killen had recently met with Neil Corp from Somerset CC to try to solve the problem of flooding in Green Street. He felt that a lasting solution was imminent with additional drains to be installed close to Penny's Yard and steps taken to reduce run off from the fields. Also he had requested that the lane up to Turnpike should be included to further prevent flooding, as wet feet were a constant problem for school children.

David Watts reported on his plan to refurbish the bus shelter and the clerk promised to present estimates to the next meeting.

Rob Winkworth produced his eagerly awaited "Emergency Plan" which the clerk promised to copy and distribute to Council members before the next meeting.

Tom Osborne would continue to try to solve the problems of over-hanging trees, especially the ones on Bullswood Hill and in Strap Lane.

Harvey Siggs reported a record low increase in Somerset CC's budget for next year, but warned that the Highways budget had been cut, which might have implications for the proposed changes in Green Street. Tom Killen reported that Mendip DC had a £2m deficit to plug and there would be a reduction in some services, although not the main front line ones.

The Council recommended approval for planning applications at Swallow Barn 3 The Pound Clapton, Old Gore House Emborough, Croft House Clapton and the Old Chapel Clapton. Permission for development was noted for building at 72 Green Street SE. Refusal of a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development was noted for land at Old Gore Wood Emborough.

The Parish Council proposes to publish a draft summary of the minutes on the Ston Easton Village Web-site (www.stoneaston.org.uk). The clerk will liaise with Rick Fitzsimmons and will retain responsibility for editorial control.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 8.00pm at Clapton Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

David Kendrick (clerk)