

STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Summary of Annual Parish Council Meeting May 12th 2010

Chairman Tom Osborne and Vice-chairman Rob Winkworth were unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

Rob, or “Bob the Board” as he is sometimes called, finally got his screw-driver into gear and secured the new Clapton notice board. He blamed volcanic ash for his total failure so far, to do the same in Ston Easton. Both boards are larger than their predecessors and there should be ample space for both Council and Village notices. Ann Hutchinson and Jackie Smith have access to the boards for village use.

The Bullswood Hill over-hanging tree is considered safe by the Cholwell Estate after being professionally surveyed and so after over two years of concerns, we will remove this item from future agendas.

David Watts was disappointed by the unsatisfactory police response to specific reports of a car being driven on public tracks in the Parish. Mark Long continues to try to secure satisfactory repairs for the Clapton Drain.

At the Annual Parish Meeting which preceded the Parish Council Meeting, Chairman Tom Osborne summarised the work of the Parish Council over the previous year. This included on-going plans to oppose the proposed static caravan site at Old Gore, Emborough and to bring the problem of Farrington Golf Course bund to a satisfactory conclusion.

Financial support for the village halls at Clapton and Ston Easton was given in the form of extra donations of £2000 each and the Parish precept was held for the third year running, thus ensuring that any Council Tax increases came only from Mendip DC.

There had been the usual potholes, hedge cutting and tree pruning matters, which had been dealt with as they arose, but due mainly to the severe winter weather, potholes had tended to be filled rather than roads re-surfaced.

The Parish Council accepted the financial report from the clerk, acknowledging that the accounts once again balanced, and the report was put forward for use in the imminent annual audit.

Martin Carver (Clapton) and Mark Long (Ston Easton) were re-elected as Council Representatives for the village halls.

Thanks was extended to clerk David Kendrick for “his unstinting hard work over the year and for the way he had dealt with many extra issues, which seemed to have arisen this year, with his usual fairness and good humour”.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday July 13th 2010 at 7.30pm at Ston Easton Parish Church.

David Kendrick (clerk)