

## STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Draft Summary of Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

One member of the public attended and drew our attention to the Public Inquiry which will examine the appeal by Mr S Essex against Mendip DC's refusal to grant a Lawful Use or Development Certificate at the proposed caravan site at Old Gore Wood. Tom Killen would draft a letter re-iterating our arguments for recommending refusal and he hoped to attend the Inquiry. The Model Publication Scheme can be viewed on the village website.

Hope Salvidge alerted the Parish Council that recent remedial work on the drain outside Clapton Village Hall had actually made things worse. Mark Long volunteered to phone Mendip DC for a detailed appraisal.

Rob Winkworth continues to seek the right moment to mount the new notice boards and Martin Carver will make tools available for path maintenance as this function will no longer be funded by Somerset CC.

David Watts will arrange for another session of litter picking in the Parish and was encouraged by the support he appears to be getting from the relevant authorities for his church car park idea. He will try to get quotations for removal of top soil, replacement hard-core and for the cost of the wall and entrance.

Harvey Siggs reported that the problems caused by the recent freezing weather were beginning to eat into the Highways budget and that the "right to social care" was proving to be very expensive. Tom Killen reported that by popular demand, plastic and cardboard for re-cycling were to be collected at the kerbside, but this would cost an extra 5p per week for each resident.

The Parish Council recommended approval for planning applications at Emborough Farmhouse and Underhill Wood and noted two failed appeals for Croft House, Clapton. The promised cheque for £2000 for replacement doors and windows was given to Clapton Village Hall.

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 8.00pm at Clapton Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

David Kendrick (clerk)