

## **STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Summary of Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Two members of the public were present, and the Council were reminded that the bus shelter refurbishment was long overdue. Also there was enthusiasm in the Parish for a litter pick, bulbs to brighten up the entrances to the village and for a “bring your own picnic” on the royal wedding day, with fund-raising for the village halls. Chairman Tom Osborne explained that a decision on the bus shelter would be made this very evening and the other items would be dealt with later in the meeting.

Rob Winkworth, having failed once again to re-locate the old Ston Easton notice board at Emborough, volunteered to organise the SE litter pick, in a vain attempt to reclaim his dignity. Mark Long would oversee the Clapton effort.

The clerk would check on the viability of bulbs on the verges and also double white lines on the A37 in SE village. Somerset Highways would continue funding the speed indicator device for another year, and Tom Killen would look into the cost of a more permanent device. The clerk would publicise the royal wedding day picnic via the notice boards and the website.

David Watts recently achieved iconic status by finally identifying the alleged lead thieves from the church roof. Three estimates for re-furbishment of the bus shelter were discussed on a common specification and Bruno DiClaudio was successful, on condition that he completes the work by the end of June 2011.

Tom Osborne is to order 4 large salt bins for the Parish and liaise with Somerset Highways over their installation, location and contents. In the spirit of the “Big Society”, it was decided to give our end of financial year charity donations of £100 each to Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau and to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Tom Killen reported that Mendip DC’s budget had been adopted and that despite £3m in savings, less than 10 compulsory redundancies had resulted. Office space at Shepton Mallet was being let to other public organisations, as 50% of desks were freed as more people worked from home. This would have an impact on local shops and businesses.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.00pm at Clapton Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

David Kendrick (clerk)