

STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

For PARISH COUNCIL MEETING to be held at **Ston Clapton Village Hall**
Tuesday 11th September 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

1. Apologies and declarations of interest

2. Public participation

3. Minutes of last meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2012

4. Matters arising

- a. Emborough notice board - painting and security (D Watts)
- b. Highways issues – response from SCC Highways

5. Report from District / County Councillor

6. Planning

- a. 122047/001 - Former explosives store, Underhill Lane, Midsomer Norton BA3 2RX
Application for outline planning permission for change of use from Class B1 and B8 and redevelopment to residential dwelling.
- b. 2012/1620 – Windy Ridge, Clapton, BA3 4ED - Grant of planning permission for triple garage and conversion of existing garage into accommodation
- c. Planning issues at Home Farm, Ston Easton

7. Financial matters

- a. Request for funding for Ston Easton Village Hall
- b. Payment for use of Clapton and Ston Easton Village Halls
- c. Annual Audit update
- d. Clerk's expenses

8. Correspondence

- a. Mendip District Council Parish Council Information Bulletin
- b. Appointment of external auditors – Grant Thornton UK LLP has been appointed as external auditor for five years from 2012/2013
- c. Somerset Waste Partnership conference
- d. SALC AGM and training dates
- e. Somerset Community Oil Scheme
- f. Thatch Summer Newsletter
- g. Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation

9. Matters for report and items for next meeting

10. Date of next meeting (Tues December 11th 2012)

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Item 3

Minutes of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at **Ston Easton Village Hall**
Tuesday 10th July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Tom Osborne (Chairman), Rob Winkworth, David Watts, Steve Huckle, Hope Salvidge
Fiona Lyons - Clerk
Jacky Smith
Nicky Housley - PCSO

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Tom Killen
Mark Long

2. Public Participation

Jacky Smith gave a brief presentation on her new role as Village Agent for the villages of Ston Easton, Clapton, Chewton Mendip, Binegar, Litton, Priddy and Rodney Stoke. The following points were noted:

- The Village Agent scheme is being run by the Community Council for Somerset and is totally funded by the Big Lottery.
- Jacky is employed for 8 hours per week and the aim of the scheme is to access any vulnerable/isolated members of the community and help them to access information and use services by signposting to available sources of help and support.
- Parish Council members were asked to contact Jacky if they know of any individuals who may benefit from the scheme as Jacky can only make contact via a referral.
- Some community wide issues could also be identified and referred to Jacky.

The Chairman thanked Jacky for her presentation and it was agreed that this is a valuable service. Some concern was raised that the area allocated to Jacky was very large and there could be a significant amount of travelling within the 8 hours per week. FL to e-mail Jacky's contact details to all members.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012 were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Item 5 iii

Should read Manor Farm not Church Farm

4. Matters Arising

- c. Emborough notice board - painting and security
DW will pursue
- d. Ston Easton and Clapton notice boards
This matter is now concluded
- e. Highways issues
It was reported that one pothole has been filled but DW had been informed by Highways that the surface outside Hay Street Farm would not be done as it was off the highway.

RW suggested that the parish council could purchase cold fill tarmac but there was some concern about liability

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FL had contacted the clerk to Chilcompton PC about the lane outside The Piggeries, she had confirmed that Chilcompton PC had reported the issue in the past and it would be raised again at their next meeting.

The verges have been cut once but some are in need of cutting again. DW has obtained a quote of £320 to cut all verges. Western Power have been checking vegetation close to power lines

f. Footpaths - clearance

It was noted that the footpath at Strap Lane had been cleared

SH said that Forticrete have levelled the yard and given it a top coat of but had left no room for the planting scheme which had been specified in the planning consent. He had written to Forticrete head office about this matter

PCSO Nicky Housley gave a report about various incidents within the parish over the past two months which included two minor road accidents, a break in at Ston Easton Park, the theft of a quad bike and trailer from Emborough and copper from Emborough quarry. NH reported that there have also been a number of lead thefts from local village churches and the police are trying to monitor scrap dealers to make it tougher for cash deals to take place.

NH also informed the PC that the Farm Watch scheme is changing and residents may have to re-register to receive messages. TO said that he is no longer receiving very many messages and NH agreed to feed this back.

RW said that there will be traffic lights in Ston Easton for four weeks when the church wall is repaired.

5. Report from District / County Councillor

None

6. Planning

- d. Whitchurch Farm wind turbines - SH reported that he had spoken to Oliver Marigold who informed him that a bat survey is to be undertaken which will last until at least September.
- e. Approval of application for extension to offices – RM Penny, Green Street, Ston Easton
- f. Mendip Edge, Rush Hill – A letter had been received from MDC enforcement re potential unauthorised development. TO to make some enquiries.
- g. Reference: 005336/009 Application from Flourish Homes to build an access track from concrete works to the sewage treatment works at Zion Hill, Clapton. It was agreed that the PC had no objections to the track but some concern was expressed over whether it might lead to future development.

TO read out an e-mail received from Karen Ayre which raised the following issues:

- War memorial in Ston Easton is overgrown with weeds. DW agreed to arrange for weedkiller to be sprayed.
- KA regularly cleans the bus shelter on a voluntary basis and request was made for a £10 annual contribution towards cleaning materials. This was proposed by RW, seconded by DW and agreed.
- Following an accident on the A37 at the southern entrance to Ston Easton the 40mph sign needs replacing. FL to contact Highways.
- Another accident in almost the same spot had been caused by water on road. The storm drain was recently cleared but with heavy rain the drains are not taking all water and there may be a blockage further into the village. FL to contact Highways.

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- Weeds on pavements causing a danger to pedestrians. These have been done once this year but DW agreed to arrange for weedkiller to be applied.

Karen Ayre had also written to inform the PC that traffic lights would be in operation in Ston Easton for a period of four weeks whilst the church wall is repaired. FL to write back to KA to ask that work is carried out between 10am and 4pm to avoid traffic build up on the A37 through the village at peak times.

A letter had been received from a resident of Emborough about planning applications by RM Penny to extend their operations at Emborough Quarry. The PC was not able to consider the applications as the quarry is not within the parish boundary but the resident had been advised to contact Harvey Siggs as the local Somerset County Councillor.

7. Financial Matters

- a. Clerk's expenses were agreed
- b. FL was asked to check whether a payment from September 2011 had gone through the bank.
- c. Jim Shuttleworth to be asked to pollard some trees (TO to contact)
- d. PAYE FL said that PAYE is now set up online.
- e. Ston Easton Village Hall request for funding - although this was agreed in principle following the presentation at the previous meeting, no decision could be made as it had not been included the agenda. It was agreed that it would be considered at the September meeting.

8. Correspondence

- a. SCC – Mendip Strimmer Project (allowing trained volunteers to keep footpaths, signs, gates and stiles clear of vegetation) - noted
- b. SCC – Civil Parking Enforcement in Somerset - noted
- c. Tessa Munt MP – The Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning - noted
- d. SALC – Code of Conduct and new Standing Orders
RW Proposed that the Somerset Monitoring Officer group District/County model should be adopted. This was seconded by SH and agreed. The necessary changes to Standing Orders were also agreed. RW agreed to look into the details and inform members of requirements to declare pecuniary interests etc.
- e. MDC Gypsy and Traveller count – noted

9. Matters for Report and Items for next Meeting

The matter of payment for use of Clapton and Ston Easton Village Halls was discussed. The PC gives £300 per annum to each hall which was to include use of hall for meetings. The increase in costs such as heating was acknowledged and it was suggested that the precept next year should be increased to £325 to take this into account.

DW asked that planning issues at Home Farm be included on the next agenda but would raise it with HS in the meantime.

10. Date of Next Meeting (Tues September 11th 2012)

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Item 4b

Subject: RE: The Piggeries, Thickthorn Lane, Chilcompton
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 11:23:35 +0100
From: countyroads-mendip@somerset.gov.uk
To: fionajlyons@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for your email regarding various highway related matters.

Potholes Thickthorn Lane.

The potholes near the piggeries were repaired on 20/7/12.

Water on A37

The gullies on the south entrance to the village were inspected on 24/7/12 and were functioning at that time. We will arrange for these to be checked again.

40 Mph Sign

The damaged sign on the southern approach was replaced on 26/7/12.

Hay Street

An inspection of Hay Street will be arranged and any safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary.

Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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Item 8c

Subject: SWP conference, we need your help reaching local groups
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 13:46:13 +0100
From: Recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk

Dear Parish Clerks

Somerset Waste Action – Get the Green Routine to help your community

Saturday 29 September 2012

The Canalside, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6LQ

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) would be very grateful for your help in contacting groups in your community, from environmental organisations to those helping vulnerable or low income families, offering classes or training, or with a focus on youth, disabled people, seniors, women, faith, tenants or ethnic minority groups.

To help local people minimise waste, save money and have fun developing positive habits with long-term benefits in areas such as food, fashion, gardening and shopping, SWP has a wide range of initiatives coming up as part of the county's new waste prevention strategy.

This includes the opportunity for charities, clubs, parish councils, community groups, churches and more to participate in a free conference. The programme details are attached as a flyer. Do please pass on the flyer or the information below to any organisation or group that could be interested in the conference or the wider issues it raises.

And do please consider if a representative of your parish council would wish to attend.

Thank you for your help.

Beth Prince

Beth Prince (Miss)

Strategy Officer
Somerset Waste Partnership

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Item 8d

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 29th September 2012

Time: 12.00 noon

Place: Edgar Hall, Somerton

AGENDA

President's welcome to members

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 24th September 2011
3. Matters arising (if any)
4. Election of Officers: President and Vice Presidents
5. Appointment of Reporting Accountants
6. Election of one representative, and one deputy representative, to the Council of the National Association of Local Councils
7. Election of three representatives to the General Meeting of the National Association of Local Councils
8. Election of one representative, and one deputy representative to Somerset Local Government Forum (or similar body, if formed)
9. Election of one representative to the Somerset Playing Fields Association (Volunteer sought)
10. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2012

A volunteer is sought for the seat on the Somerset Playing Fields Association Committee – There are quarterly meetings usually held on a Monday morning, other activities and duties may arise. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Peter W Lacey

Code of Conduct Training

Nearly 700 Councillors and Clerks throughout the County have attended the Code of Conduct training held during July/August, however we have been asked to repeat them once the holiday season is over. We have therefore arranged 2 further sessions at central venues

Thursday afternoon 4th October 2.30pm at The Edgar Hall, Somerton
Tuesday Evening 9th October 7.30pm at Edington Village Hall.

Clerks Training

Longer serving Clerks are welcome to use as an update

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Clerks I - Thursday 11th October

Clerk II – Thursday 18th October

Cilca - Thursday 25thOctober

Pat Sollis

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Item 8g

To: Parish Councils
8th August 2012

Dear Colleague

Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Somerset

Health and wellbeing is everyone's business. We need to work together locally to inspire people to live healthier lifestyles. Talking with people at several events around the county and looking at data we have on health and social needs, three priorities have emerged as being particularly important to improve health and wellbeing in Somerset.

The priorities and accompanying questions are available online at this website:
www.somersetconsults.org.uk

Responses should be submitted by **28th September 2012**.

Should you require a hard copy of the priorities and accompanying questions, please contact:

Compass Disability Services
Unit 11-12 Belvedere Trading Estate
Taunton, TA1 1BH
0330 333 0089 / 01823 282823

If you request a hard copy of the document, a Freepost envelope will be provided in order for you to return your response to us, which should be by the date above.

We should now like to know your views on what actions we could all take. This strategy is an opportunity to make a real difference to these priorities together, with and for the people of Somerset.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Christine Lawrence
Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board