

STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Clapton Village Hall
on Tuesday 13th May 2014 commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Tom Osborne (Chair), Martin Carver, Tom Killen, Dave Watts, Rob Winkworth
Somerset County Councillor Harvey Siggs (from 8.10pm)
Fiona Lyons (Clerk), PCSO Nikki Housley, Village Agent Jacky Smith

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman

DW proposed that TO and RW be re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. This was seconded by MC and carried unanimously.

Resolved that Tom Osborne and Rob Winkworth be elected as Chair and Vice Chair of Ston Easton Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

2. Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Mark Long and Steve Huckle
TO declared an interest in item 7a

3. Public participation

PCSO Nikki Housley reported that 6 calls had been made about a vehicle being driven noisily on Green Street. Investigations revealed that there had previously been a Prohibition Notice on the car but it is now back on the road. The only other incident to report was a digger set on fire and cameras stolen at Emborough pond.

Village Agent Jacky Smith reported that she had been revisiting old clients to check for any new issues. All Village Agents had been involved in drop in centres for flood victims, helping them to apply for grants etc. Funding for Village Agents has been secured for another year thanks in part to some additional funding from the Devon and Somerset Fire Service.

A table tennis table has been donated to the village hall and the possibility of setting up a table tennis club for 10-15 year olds is being investigated. A taster session will be arranged in the near future to gauge interest and the Parish Council may be asked for a small donation. In addition, there is interest in using the tennis court and it was noted that Sport England may be approached for funding.

With reference to the defibrillator for Clapton, Jacky promised to forward information from an organisation called Heartbeat which offers discounted units and will maintain them after purchase.

As a resident Jacky said that the drive and car park of the village hall are in a poor state and this is becoming an issue for users of the hall.

Also residents who walk the pavement between Easton Court and entrance to Ston Easton Park are at risk as the tarmac is deteriorating badly with lots of potholes and is also hazardous because of fallen branches from the trees within .

Action: The Clerk to contact Highways about this issue.

4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 were agreed with no amendments.

5. Matters arising

DW queried the estimate for pruning trees in Clapton as this seemed high. TO agreed and confirmed that he had trimmed the trees around the war memorial.

6. Report from District / County Councillor

SCCllr Harvey Siggs had submitted a report which included the following:

- Highway Maintenance:
- Libraries
- Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) superfast broadband partnership
- Recycling Centre Changes

HS presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £300 towards a defibrillator for Clapton.

MDC

TK reported that MDC has to find £4m in savings over next three years and this will be difficult to achieve without cutting front line services. Contract savings and new homes bonus will help

There has been no increase in Council Tax again this year

The new Council Chamber is under construction and the hub will be completed by September/October.

40 voluntary organisations are now using the premises

The Local Plan is being considered by the inspector and the final consultation will take place in the summer. There has been an increase in representations by developers including one that 6 hectares of land at Underhill Farm be included as development land.

7. Planning

a. Applications

2014/0533/FUL – Whitchurch Farm, Ston Easton – Removal of pond and reinstatement of land to agriculture

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections on condition that the road is reinstated after the work is completed.

b. Approvals/Rejections

8. SID Installation dates 2014/Potential Transfer of SID Administration

It was noted that the latest figures confirm that 95% of traffic is breaking the speed limit and 50% of vehicles are travelling at more than 50mph.

9. Financial matters

TK proposed that the following matters be agreed. This was seconded by RW and carried.

- a. Renewal of annual insurance with AON – £237.19
- b. SALC Affiliation Fee - £130.16
- c. Donation to Chewton Mendip Parish Magazine - £20.00
- d. Donation to Mendip CAB - £125.00
- e. Donation to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - £125.00
- f. Payment to Ston Easton Village Hall Caretaker re defibrillator - £20
- g. Contribution towards cleaning bus shelter - £10.00
- h. Clerk's expenses - £64.75
- i. Payment to internal auditor – £50.00
- j. Donation to Ston Easton and Clapton Village Halls £325.00

Action: Clerk to make payments as above

10. Correspondence

Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter

11. Calendar of Meetings 2014-2015

Noted

12. Matters for report and items for next meeting

TK – funding of £300 available that can be put towards the Clapton defibrillator .

13. Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th July 2014