

# STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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You are summoned to attend a meeting of **Ston Easton Parish Council** to be held at **Clapton Village Hall** on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015** commencing at **8.00pm**

## AGENDA

### 1. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman

### 2. Apologies and declarations of interest

### 3. Public participation

### 4. Minutes of last meeting

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2015

### 5. Matters arising

- a. Highways matters
- b. Clapton defibrillator update

### 6. Member's Register of Interests forms

### 7. Co-option process to fill vacancies on the Parish Council

### 8. Report from District / County Councillor/Village Agent and PCSO

### 9. Planning

#### a. Applications

- i. 2015/0918/FUL – Manor Farm, Hay Street, Ston Easton – Construction of replacement roof structure over existing cow cubicle area.
- ii. 2015/0503/FUL – Home Farm, Ston Easton – 1 300mm dish (pole mounted) together with ancillary development.

#### b. Notice of Appeal

APP/Q3305/W/15/3004831 - Old Gore Wood, Old Gore Lane, Emborough

#### c. Appeal Decision

APP/Q3305/W/14/3001732 – Former builder's yard, Marsh Lane, Farrington Gurney. **Appeal Dismissed.**

### 10. Financial matters

- a. Renewal of annual insurance
- b. SALC Affiliation Fee
- c. Donation to Chewton Mendip Parish Magazine
- d. Request for funding from Mendip CAB
- e. Donation to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- f. Payment to Ston Easton Village Hall Caretaker for checking defibrillator
- g. Contribution towards cleaning bus shelter
- h. Retention of internal auditor
- i. Payment for tree work in Clapton
- j. Clerk's expenses

### 11. Correspondence

- a. MDC Planning Validation Requirements consultation
- b. Highways Environmental Maintenance Leaflet
- c. SCC - The Care Act – an overview

### 12. Calendar of Meetings 2015-2016

### 13. Matters for report and items for next meeting

### 14. Date of next meeting (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015)

Minutes of a meeting of STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL held at  
**Ston Easton Village Hall on Tuesday 3 March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Tom Osborne – Chair, Martin Carver, Tom Killen, David Watts, Rob Winkworth  
Fiona Lyons – Clerk, Jacky Smith – Village Agent

**1. Apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies had been received from Mark Long and Steve Huckle

There were no declarations of interest

**2. Public participation**

Several members of the public were in attendance for the Mendip District Council Local Plan presentation. Consideration of Item 7 was brought forward.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015 were agreed with no amendments.

**4. Matters arising**

- a. Highways matters – the response from SCC Highways to matters raised was noted. It was disappointing that nothing had yet been done particularly to the pavement in Ston Easton and the sign at Rush Hill.. **Action:** Clerk to refer back to Highways and copy to Harvey Siggs.
- b. Ston Easton War Memorial – update  
A letter had been received from PCC to say that no objections provided there were no costs involved for the church. RW stated that the War Memorials Commission had not been in favour of memorials being in churchyards in the past. **Action:** Clerk to check current position.
- c. TO reported that the grit bins in Clapton have been installed and filled
- d. Request for Speed Indicator Device at Emborough – TK reported that the relevant officer is still on sick leave
- e. Improved signage for Ston Easton. **Action:** TK to speak to Farrington PC and obtain quotes.
- f. Defibrillator insurance. **Action:** Clerk to add to insurance

**5. Highways matters**

MC reported that the tarmac is badly damaged in Greenditch Lane, Clapton.

**6. Reports from District / County Councillors, Village Agent and PCSO**

Jacky Smith gave a verbal report which included the following:

- A decision on funding for the Village Agent scheme for the next three years should be made by the end of March
- Waiting times for some services accessed by the Village Agents, such as OT assessments, are currently taking months instead of weeks in some cases which is causing some hardship for residents.
- A free Red Cross emergency First Aid course is being held in Ston Easton village hall on 24 March. It is already full but another course could be arranged if there is the demand.
- Route 60 - Careful driving for the over 60s - will be held in Binegar soon.
- Sports Court project – a committee has formed and expert help is in place to apply for funding but the committee cannot find anyone to act as treasurer. Until a treasurer is in place the committee cannot apply for a bank account and cannot, therefore, apply for funding.
- A fundraising Wine Quiz, run by Santé of Wells, is being held on 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- Several residents have asked what is happening about the pavement in Ston Easton.

Nikki Housley – PCSO reported the following incidents in the parish:

- Musket and jewellery stolen from property in Ston Easton in two separate burglaries.
- RTC on Langleys Lane and on A37 through Ston Easton
- Break in at Penny's and several items stolen.
- Two Pick ups stolen from Penny's – these were fitted with tracking devices and were recovered in Whitchurch

- Two horses loose on Green Street
- Report of a horse stolen from Langleys Lane (later found in a field close by)

It was noted that the PCSO can sign people up for the Farmwatch text alerts.

TK gave an update on District Council matters and the following points were noted:

- MDC will be organising Local Business Awards again this year
- Councils from across Somerset (with the exception of South Somerset DC) are combining to provide a single Building Control service across the county.
- MDC is considering setting up a housing company to create an income stream
- General, District and Parish elections are being held on 7 May and the last date for people to register to vote is 23 April.

## 7. The impact of the new Mendip District Local Plan – presentation by Councillor Tom Killen

TK gave a presentation which included the following points:

- The Local Plan was adopted by MDC in December 2014 but it is subject to a legal challenge by a developer which will be considered by the High Court in June 2015
- Chewton Mendip is the only primary village in the area where any housing has been allocated (15 houses with 11 left to be provided)
- Core Policy 4 is relevant to housing and employment in rural areas

Members of the public asked questions about Neighbourhood and Parish Plans, the impact of the Local Plan on applications for gypsy and traveller sites and enforcement action.

## 8. Planning

### d. Applications

No applications had been received.

### e. Approvals/Rejections

- 2014/1005/OTS – Former Builders Yard, Ston Easton – **Appeal against refusal lodged**
- 2015/0021/HSE – New Close Cottage, Bristol Road, Ston Easton – Lean-to extension to front elevation. **Approved with conditions**
- 2014/2052/CNT – Land to the east of Mendip Storage, Emborough, Radstock – Land raise for agricultural purposes. **Approved with conditions**

## 9. Financial matters

- Funding for Clapton defibrillator – Update on British Heart Foundation Grant application. The Clerk reported that email confirmation had been received and the defibrillator would be received on payment of £400 as agreed. **Action:** Clerk to send payment to BHF.
- Funding from TK (MDC). The Clerk reported that she was waiting for confirmation from NatWest that a total of £500 had been received from MDC - £300 for the defibrillator and £200 to be forwarded to the Youth Club project. **Action:** Clerk to check bank account.
- Payment of the Clerk's expenses of £54.15 was proposed by DW and seconded by RW.

## 10. Correspondence

- MDC – Guidance and timetable for May 2015 elections. The Clerk reported that she had ordered nomination packs from MDC but they were not yet available. **Action:** Clerk to publicise Election Timetable and availability of nomination packs when these are received from MDC.  
TO informed the meeting that ML had indicated he would not stand for re-election in May.

## 11. Matters for report and items for next meeting

It was noted that the deadline for appeal on the traveller site application in Old Gore Lane was 27th February. There is no indication yet as to whether an appeal has been lodged.

## 12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 12 May 2015, Clapton Village Hall - **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 8.00pm**