

# STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL held at  
**Ston Easton Village Hall on Tuesday 14 July 2015 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Tom Osborne (Chair), Julian Carver, Ainslie Laird, David Watts and Rob Winkworth  
Fiona Lyons (Clerk)

## 1. Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Tom Killen, Steve Huckle and Jacky Smith  
There were no declarations of interest

## 2. Public participation

Two residents raised the following issues:

Is there a timescale for removing the builders' rubble and spoil around the village hall following the demolition of The Red Rooms.

*TO clarified that the Trustees are awaiting a quotation to get area cleared and fenced to avoid land being taken over by residents' parking. It will be used for additional village hall parking although it will not be surfaced as there are no funds to carry out this work.*

Is there anything that can be done about the damaged/broken down vehicles parked on land by the village hall to sort out issue with cars? Who owns the land?

*TO clarified that this issue had been raised in the past but nothing could be done because all vehicles are taxed and have MOTs. He agreed to check the deeds of the village hall to ascertain the ownership of the land in question.*

What can be done about turf and spoil being tipped in the corner of the playing field?

*TO agreed to contact owner of neighbouring property.*

Who should be contacted about raising service covers in the High Street?

*RW confirmed that this would be within the remit of County Highways – Clerk gave contact details*

Who should be contacted about flytipping in the parish?

*RW confirmed that this was the responsibility of MDC and gave contact details, he advised that a postcode for the flytipping would be required.*

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2015 were agreed with no amendments

## 4. Matters arising

- Draft press release – Clapton defibrillator. This was agreed. **Action:** Clerk to circulate to press
- Speed Indicator Device at Emborough – deferred to September meeting
- Improved signage for Ston Easton – deferred to September meeting.
- Tree cutting in Clapton – SH had reported that Jim Shuttleworth is intending to cut back the trees around the war memorial in Clapton on 21st July . He also noted that the cherry tree there is now dead and offered to fell and remove it for another £40. SH felt that it needed to be removed quickly as the dead tree could become a danger.

## 5. Highways matters

RW sad that he is reporting potholes etc direct to Somerset Highways.

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

Jacky Smith was not present at the meeting but had emailed the following brief message:

*Date for the village diary*

*Sunday Sept 6th, Village day 11-3pm in aid of the sports court project. Ston Easton Village Hall and grounds. We are looking for volunteers to help with stalls, races etc. Any offers from the Parish Councillors?*

There was concern that reports from SCC, MDC or PCSO were not available at the meeting.

## 7. Planning

### a. Applications

- i. 2015/1028/FUL – Land at Marsh Lane, Farrington Gurney – Conversion of existing building and former boat/builders yard to use as a single residential dwelling. **No objections**
- ii. 2015/1447/FUL – Land adj to Old Gore House, Bristol Road, Emborough – Construction of a two bedroom eco house on the site of a redundant garage forecourt, together with a double garage and home office. The design and sustainability of the proposed dwelling was considered. **DW proposed that Parish Council object on the grounds of sustainability and design not being in keeping with the area, this was seconded by RW and carried**

### b. Approvals/Rejections

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

## 8. Financial matters

- a. Payment for AED Cabinet £161.76 - noted
- b. Online banking. RW proposed that the Clerk should register for online banking. This was seconded by DW and carried. **Action:** Clerk to send the application form to NatWest.
- c. Claim for VAT repayment £57.96 - noted
- d. Payment of the Clerk's expenses £74.36 was proposed by JC , seconded by AL and carried.

## 9. Correspondence

- a. SCC - Chairman's Award for Service to the Community – It was suggested that Jacky Smith could be nominated for all the community work she has carried out over the years and for the additional commitment, effort and time she puts into her Village Agent role. **Action:** Clerk to contact Jacky
- b. Letter of thanks from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- c. Letter of thanks from Mendip CAB
- d. Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
- e. Pensions Regulator

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

AL – queried who was going to install the defibrillator cabinet. TO suggested that Luke could carry out the work if there is no-one else in the village.

RW asked whether there was to be a litter pick in Clapton. AL confirmed that clearing the area around the village hall had been done instead of a litter pick this year. RW said that he will undertake a litter pick in Hay Street.

It was noted that the junction with Green Street and A37 is becoming dangerous as a result of overgrown flowers – DW to mention this to the householder.

## 11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2015, Clapton Village Hall