



Ston Easton Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2016



An introduction to your Parish Council

Chaired by Tom Osborne, Ston Easton Parish Council covers the villages of Ston Easton and Clapton as well as part of Emborough. There are 7 members of the Parish Council. Steve Huckle, Tom Killen, Tom Osborne, David Watts and Rob Winkworth were re-elected in May 2015. Julian Carver and Ainslie Laird were subsequently co-opted to fill the two vacant positions. Contact details for your Parish Councillors, together with other useful contacts, are on the reverse of the Newsletter.

Parish Council Meetings

Regular Parish Council meetings are held every two months alternating between Ston Easton and Clapton Village Halls. Additional meetings are occasionally held throughout the year. These are usually scheduled to consider specific planning applications or other items of interest within the Parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. All agendas are posted on the village noticeboards as well as on the village community website.

Meeting Dates

Thursday 12 May 2016 – Clapton: Annual Meeting at 7.00pm

followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 July 2016 – Ston Easton: 7.30pm

Community Defibrillators

Both Ston Easton and Clapton are now equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). These are located at the village halls and are ready for use in the case of an emergency. The Parish Council very much appreciates the funding received from Somerset County Council, Mendip District Council, the Clarks Trust and The British Heart Foundation which made the acquisition of these valuable community assets possible.

Clean for the Queen

Look out for your Parish Councillors undertaking a litter pick and general tidy up on verges and hedgerows near you in the next few weeks. Any offers to help would be gratefully received.

Please be a responsible dog walker

On the subject of keeping our villages clean – an increase in the amount of bagged dog waste discarded in hedges has been reported. As well as being unsightly, this is obviously a health hazard and we would respectfully ask all dog walkers to be mindful of the following advice from the Dog's Trust

"If your dog fouls in a public place, you must clean up the mess under the Dog Act 1996.

Always carry a poop scoop, which is a specially designed plastic shovel, or a bag to carry the mess to a dog bin. If there isn't a dog mess bin, take it home and dispose of it there."

Highways Matters

Highways issues such as potholes and blocked drains appear regularly on the agenda. Issues can also be reported to SCC Highways (see reverse of the Newsletter for contact details).

News from your Village Agent, Jacky Smith

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Looking to get (and stay) healthy?

Zing Somerset is a team of Health Trainers, Active Lifestyle Managers and Children & Family Workers who can offer one-to-one and group healthy lifestyle support including:

Golden Age Olympics

A fitness programme for older people.

Pop Up Fun

A community/activity programme for our rural communities.

Health Walk Programmes

Guided 30 minute walks for those starting out on getting more active.

Contact : www.zingsomerset.org.uk

Freephone 0800 4125502

SCAM ALERT

A message from local banks

Fraudsters claiming to be from the Metropolitan Police are operating in the Mendip area! They are calling people and telling them that they have managed to stop a fraudulent transaction on their bank account. They ask the person to remove their money from their bank so that it can be handed over to "The Met" to be held in a safe account. They groom their victim to the extent that they don't trust bank staff, family or friends. The victims that the banks know of have been elderly and living on their own so are the most vulnerable. Please make any elderly friends, relatives or neighbours aware of this scam.

If you would like more information about any of these items, or would like to discuss any other issue/problem you may have, please feel free to contact me.

Jacky

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USEFUL CONTACTS

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MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL - Chewton Mendip and Ston Easton Ward

TOM KILLEN	See details above	
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SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – Mendip Hills Division

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VILLAGE WEBSITE		http://stoneaston.org.uk

Future Newsletters

It is intended to publish the Parish Newsletter on a quarterly basis. If you have any suggestions for items you would like to see included or if you would prefer to receive future Newsletters by e-mail please contact the Clerk, Fiona Lyons ,
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