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Minutes of **Ston Easton Parish Council** meeting held
at **Ston Easton Village Hall** on **Tuesday 8th November 2016** commencing at **7.30pm**

1. Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Tom Killen, Jacky Smith and Nikki Housley

2. Public participation

There was no public participation

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record

4. Matters arising

a. Highways matters – update from RW

RW reported that he had met with Waltons, Springfield Surfacing and Neil Corp of Somerset CC. Waltons indicated that the figure would be in the region of £30,000. The quote from Springfield is awaited. Neil Corp initially indicated that SCC had no budget available but acknowledged that there was a significant amount of traffic and appreciated in the end that the area opposite the substation; the bend outside Whitebridge Cottage; the lay by above New Whitchurch Farm and the first bend on Hay Street were in positions where, not to repair, could cause dangerous situations. This work is now underway.

Consideration can be given to the PC funding repairs to some of the other areas when the quote from Springfield is received. TO thanked RW

TO reported that Pete King has installed litter bin on Rush Hill and carried out the work free of charge. The litter in the layby has been cleared and RW has requested that MDC clear the litter from the wood. **Action:** Clerk to contact MDC re emptying the bins on a regular basis.

Following a complaint from a resident RW cut back the foliage and cleared the pavement opposite Clare Hall. TK's report indicated that MDC were scheduled to clear the pavements in the next few weeks.

b. Village signs - update from TK

In TK's report he stated that he had received quotes of £300-£350 + VAT per sign from Frome signs with installation being approximately £60 + VAT. He is awaiting other quotes. There was some discussion about the need to spend money on these signs. RW felt that the PC had the funds and should go ahead with the signs. It was suggested that metal posts could be better than wooden ones.

TO proposed that the PC agrees the expenditure subject to approving the design. This was seconded by RW and carried.

Action: Expenditure of £800 + VAT agreed subject to approving the design of the signs.

c. Parish Newsletter

The Clerk asked for any items for the Winter Newsletter. TK had indicated that he would be happy to deliver the Newsletter along with MDC Newsletter towards the end of November.

d. Broadband

RW reported that the installation of cables and equipment will be finalised with the cabinet being tested and set up towards the end of November, so all being well it will be accepting orders from December 2016. Download speeds of up to 30mg should then be achievable.

5. Report from District / County Councillor/Village Agent and PCSO

Jacky Smith had submitted the following report:

My cluster of villages is keeping me very busy at the moment. I have many new clients all with a diverse amount of issues.

The Community Council/Village Agent project, is trying to assist with the End Loneliness Campaign this winter by promoting local activities in each of our villages through our newsletters.

The recent IT course for better use of laptops and tablets, organised for Ston Easton, Chewton Mendip residents held in Chilcompton, has promoted further learning both at home and extra sessions in wells.

The Get Active funds are growing with the Village Day raising over £1200 and new promises of grants from Clarks Foundation, Ralph and Irma Sperrings Trust and the Fairfield Trust (£20K from the last 3 funders). The committee is due to meet in November to discuss how we may start the project in 2017.

Jacky asked for suggestions as to who might volunteer to distribute the Parish Newsletter as those who have seen it have passed very favourable comments. She indicated that Sue Carter might be willing to circulate it via the village residents email list for the Get Active project.

PCSO Nikki Housley sent in the following report:

Please accept my apologies as your meeting has fallen on my rest day again.

I have nothing for Clapton this time.

On 22/10 Information received by the Police led to the discovery of a very large cannabis factory in Ston Easton. In relation to this, arrests have been made.

6. Planning Matters

Decisions

2016/1686/FUL – Land adj to Old Gore House, Bristol Road, Emborough

Proposed new dwelling on site of former petrol filling station and car sales (resubmission)

Application Refused

TK had confirmed that the application was refused by a single vote and the applicants are currently considering options.

7. Financial matters

a. Conclusion of 2016 Audit

b. Royal British Legion – payment of donation for the poppy wreaths was agreed. RW will lay the wreath in Ston Easton and SH will do this in Clapton.

c. Payment of the Clerk's expenses of £29.49 was proposed by DW and seconded by RW

8. Correspondence

a. Somerset Waste Partnership Christmas/New Year collections

b. SCC - New system for reporting Highways problems

c. Somerset Community Foundation - Sing for Somerset

d. Somerset Community Justice Partnership

9. Matters for report and items for next meeting

TO said that he would not be able to pick up the bags of salt from the SCC depot on 3rd December but was happy to store them. SH agreed to pick up salt from the depot and TO will collect the salt from him to store.

The salt bins in both villages to be checked and Clerk informed by 2 December if any need to be refilled.

DW had attended the Awards Ceremony in Taunton when pat Harper received her SCC Chairman's Award.

10. Date and venue of next meeting (Thursday 12 January 2017, Clapton Village Hall)