

# STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the meeting of **Ston Easton Parish Council** held at **Clapton Village Hall** on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016** commencing at **7.30pm**

## **Present:**

Tom Osborne (Chair), Julian Carver, Tom Killen (after 8.00pm) and Rob Winkworth.  
Fiona Lyons (Clerk)  
Jacky Smith (Village Agent)

## **1. Apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies had been received from Ainslie Laird, Steve Huckle, David Watts, PCSO Nicola Housley  
There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. Public participation**

## **3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 were agreed with no amendments.

## **4. Matters arising**

### **a. Highways matters**

TO reported that some resurfacing has been done but potholes and edges of pull-ins along Thickthorn Lane and Langleys Lane are still not filled in.

RW queried whether the PC could pay for this work to be done. It was agreed that the Clerk should look into this and obtain three estimates if possible. R M Penny, Waltons and SCC Highways, were suggested. **Action:** Clerk to look into costs.

RW said that a resident had queried who would be liable if a driver damaged a tyre on the stones on the grass on the corner opposite Forticrete. **Action:** Clerk to check with SH re whether stones are on private land or highway land.

b. The Village Agent had reported an issue with the pavement between the trade gate and main gate of Ston Easton Park – overgrown ivy and branches are making the pavement extremely dangerous to use. More residents are having to use the pavement as Ston Easton Park no longer allows access to residents to reach the village hall etc. **Action:** RW to contact Ston Easton Park,

c. The Autumn edition of the Parish Newsletter has now been delivered. Next editions will be towards the end of November then Easter 2017.

d. The rubbish/recycling bin is now ready to be installed in the layby on Rush Hill.

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

### Village Agent

Jacky Smith reported that she has organised an *IT For The Over 60's* course which will take place at Chilcompton Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### Mendip District Council

TK said that devolution is the major topic at the moment. A combined authority (not a unitary) is bidding to take over some services from central government. The proposal for a Mayor for Devon and Somerset is now unlikely to proceed.

The upgrade of the District's Leisure Centres has now been completed.

## 6. Planning Matters

### Applications

#### **Councillor Tom Killen was not present for this item**

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)

The applicant and owners of an adjacent property were present at the meeting and assurances were given by the applicant that the application did not include land which was covenanted to ensure no buildings could be erected.

RW proposed that the application be recommended for approval. This was seconded by JC and carried unanimously. **Action:** Application be recommended for approval

### Decisions

Approval of application 2016/1092/FUL - Old Down Farm, Emborough – Change of use of agricultural land for outdoor storage of caravans and construction of landscape bunds was noted.

## 7. Broadband update

RW reported that he had attended a recent Broadband Fair at which James Heapey MP, BT, O2 etc were present. He was assured that Ston Easton (Chewton Mendip 2 exchange will be going live by the end of November and speeds of up to 30mb could be achieved,

## 8. Financial matters

- a. The Clerk reported that the account balances for the current and savings account were £4415.69 and £2629.37 respectively.
- b. Payment of the Clerk's expenses of £130.40, which included the production and printing of the Autumn Newsletter, was proposed by RW and seconded by TO.

## 9. Correspondence

- a. The latest Mendip Society Newsletter was noted

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

TK confirmed that he had received a quote of c. £1000 for the village signs. To be discussed at the next meeting.

JS reminded everyone about the Village Fun Day and Dog Show on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

It was reported that the drains outside Easton Court are now being cleared on a regular basis.

## 11. Date of next meeting (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Ston Easton)