

MINUTES
STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. VIA ZOOM ONLINE

Present	Tom Osborne (Chairman) Rob Winkworth Tom Killen Steve Huckle Ainslie Davies Julian Carver	TO RW TK SH AD JC
In attendance	Anthea Brooks, Clerk Valerie and Graham Jones Rick Fitzsimmons	AB VJ/GJ RF

1 APOLOGIES ACTIONS

1.1 There were no apologies

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS / REQUESTS FOR RECORDING

2.1 There were no declarations of interest and dispensations.

3 CO-OPTION POLICY

3.1 The Clerk had distributed the draft Co-option Policy for comment. It was agreed to add a sentence to the policy to indicate that Declarations of Interest made by Councillors are available on the Mendip District Council website and therefore are in the public domain. With this addition SH proposed acceptance of the policy and AD seconded. There were four votes in favour and one abstention. The Clerk will arrange for the policy to be posted on the village website. **Clerk**

3.2 It was agreed to set a deadline date for expressions of interest a week before the next meeting the date for which would be set at the end of the meeting. The Clerk will compose an Expressions of Interest notice which can be posted on the noticeboards, Facebook pages and village website. **Clerk**

4 ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.1 **General Village Work** – SH has compiled an advertisement to be placed on the Facebook pages for someone to carry out general tidying in the villages, including litter picking, verge trimming etc. Councillors discussed whether the person should be employed or sub contracted. It was agreed that sub-contracting would be better and SH agreed to change the wording of the advertisement to reflect this. **SH**

4.2 **Ston Easton Village Hall/Village website** – RF gave a general update on the village hall where things are moving on with the recent restoration of the car park and the installation of a new

- heating system. With reference to the village website the Clerk will be speaking to RF and will go through the process for accessing the website so that she can upload documents directly on the site. **Clerk**
- 4.3 **SALC** – the Clerk asked for formal acceptance of the invoice from SALC for £152.32 being the membership of SALC and NALC. It was proposed to approve the invoice by RW and seconded by AD. Agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange payment **Clerk**
- 4.4 **Arnold-Baker – Parish Council Local Administration – the ‘yellow book’** – The Clerk asked about the possibility of purchasing this book and suggested she ask her other Parish Council whether they would be willing to share the cost. **Clerk**
- 4.5 **Letter to David Watts** – The Clerk had sent round a draft letter. TO agreed to write some additional information and will send to the Clerk for inclusion in the letter. **TO**
- 4.6 **Strap Lane** – TK reported that the occupant had now introduced boulders/stones and fencing along the edge of the road. The Clerk will make Ian Glover aware of this development **Clerk**
- 5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 5.1 It was agreed that the deadline for Expressions of Interest for the Parish Council vacancy will be 23 March and a full Council meeting will be held a week later on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom.