

- 4.3 **Noticeboards** : TO apologised for the fact that the agenda for this meeting had not been posted on the noticeboard in Ston Easton. RF stated that he would be happy to print the agendas and post them on the noticeboard, both the one in Green Street, and the Community Noticeboard on the outside of the Village Hall. The Clerk will make sure that RF is on the distribution list. **Clerk**
- 4.4 **Village Hall AGM** – will take place on 20 April on Zoom. All are invited
- 4.5 RF was thanked for his updates and if a subject occurred during the meeting on which he could make comment he would be asked for his opinion.
- 4.6 **Email from Graham Jones** – the email from Graham Jones with the email trail from MDC had been distributed to Councillors who all confirmed that they had read it. It was felt this matter has been dealt with. Mr Jones has already been written to, his concerns have been addressed and it was felt the matter was now closed.
- 5 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**
- 5.1 One application had been received from Pete King and his information had been distributed to Councillors. It was proposed by AD and seconded by SH to co-opt Mr King as a Councillor to fill the existing vacancy. This was agreed unanimously. The Clerk will invite Mr King to the next meeting and send him the necessary documentation to complete. **Clerk**
- 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY AND 3 MARCH 2021**
- 5.1 **Fingerpost** – There is a broken finger post at the T junction where Zion Hill meets Langley's Lane on the edge of Clapton. The finger post with the broken base is the one at the junction of Greenditch Lane and Zion hill/Clapton Road, by the village hall. There is also a broken sign, which was caught when the hedges were cut and the roundel has been ripped off the stand, which is on Greenditch Lane, just past End House, on the right, and slightly further up from the turning into New Manor Farm on the left. Clerk to obtain quotes from Somerset Forge **Clerk**
- 5.4 **Defibrillator** – a decision needs to be made on the replacement of the defibrillator at Ston Easton and whether it will be possible to obtain funding. AED Locator have quoted £2,099 which includes a stainless steel cabinet. The Clerk will make further enquiries to see if a replacement defibrillator could be purchased and utilising the cabinet which is still at Ston Easton. **Clerk**
- 5.5 **Telephone Box (Clapton)** – SH stated that he would co-ordinate some effort into getting this fixed. It was agreed that **SH**

- TO/RW would locate the paint which Mark Long had obtained and is stored on his property (RW will speak to ML). (**Ston Easton**) RF agreed to put up a notice asking for volunteers to refurbish and paint it. **TO/RW
RF**
- 5.6 **Noticeboard – Emborough** – Clerk to send an order through for a new noticeboard. **Clerk**
- 6 HIGHWAYS**
- 6.1 **Pavement clearance/general village tidying** – there is a requirement for the pavements alongside the A37 in Ston Easton to be cleared – it was noted that this would be the responsibility of the MDC contractor and it was hoped that this will take place very soon. SH had put out information on the facebook page to see if there was any interest about carrying out general village tidying but has not heard anything back. SH will follow up anyone who does show an interest. **SH**
- 6.2 **Litter Pick** – SH reported that this was a great success with a really good community response. Particular thanks are extended to Victoria King for using her trailer to pick up the collected litter. The situation with regards to the clearance on the side of the A37 needs to be picked up with Idverde – SH will chase again if it is not done within the next ten days. **SH**
- 6.3 **Dog Bin** – the cost of the dog bin would be approximately £130.00. The Clerk will check with MDC about collection of the contents. It was proposed by AD, seconded JC and agreed unanimously to go ahead with purchasing the bin. RF and TO will discuss the exact location at the entrance to the Village Hall. **Clerk
RF/TO**
- 6.4 **Village Signs** – RW reported that the signs had arrived. The Clerk had obtained some information from Highways about the procedure for using traffic lights when installation takes place. She will contact other Clerks in the vicinity to see how they dealt with the installation of their signs. **Clerk**
- 6.5 **Potholes** – TO stated that the potholes in Thickthorn Lane by the Piggery are as bad as ever again despite being recently dealt with. The Clerk agreed to report this on FixMyStreet. It was agreed that each Facebook page should have information about how to report potholes so that parishioners do not always have to go through a Councillor. **Clerk**
- 6.6 **30mph limit in Ston Easton** – suggested that the limit needs to be moved so that 40mph goes back 100/200 yards along the A37 and the 30mph limit starts where the existing 40mph limit starts now. MP suggested contacting Sara Davis Somerset CC stating that a solution is required to slow traffic down as it enters the village and asking if Highways could come and assess the situation. The speed of vehicles through Clapton was also mentioned with a suggestion that the speed limit

should be reduced to 20 mph. Further consideration to road markings and signage should be done by SCC. Mike Pullin is now dealing with this and the Clerk will contact him to see what progress has been made

**Clerk
MP**

7 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 No report available

8 PLANNING

8.1 **2021/0104/HSE** – Erection of Garden Room at The Old Vicarage, Hay Street, Ston Easton – approved

8.2 **2017/3295/FUL Langleys Lane Retrospective planning** – TO reported on retrospective planning to cover a conversion of one property into two. The original planning permission was granted for just one property with a specific planning constraint against any further permitted development. TO undertook to keep the Council informed of the progress regarding the retrospective planning application. TO will complain about the state of the road (potholes) following the excavation by Bristol Water.

TO

8.3 **Clapton Inn** – JC stated that he had heard that an application is likely to be resubmitted for houses on the Clapton Inn site.

9 FOOTPATHS

9.1 Ann Huckle joined the meeting for this item. She had compiled an up to date report which the Clerk will distribute. AH stated that she had volunteered to be the Parish Path Liaison Officer for SE and Clapton and is receiving good support from Martin Cooper at SCC and Clare Haskins at MDC. A new bridge has been ordered for the crossing to the Golf Club and the work will be carried out when the weather is suitable. Quite a few stiles are being replaced by gates. AH will send information to RF for publication on the village website page. Details will be included about the Adopt a Path scheme and the Strimmer scheme. AH has a couple of A1 size location plans which can go on the village noticeboards.

Clerk

9.2 TO thanked AH for all her work so far and for offering to take on the job of PPLO. He suggested that she attend every other meeting to update the Council. AH will contact RF with information for the website. AH will also contact Clare Haskins to see if the bridge replacement will include a replacement stile.

AH/RF

10 ELECTION 6 MAY – date noted. The Clerk will provide details when they are available. The Clerk will ask TK for an update.

Clerk

11 POLICY REVIEWS – the Clerk is working on the Complaints Policy and the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Clerk

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.1 **Finance Statement** – the statement as at 30.03.21 was approved.

12.2 **Cheques for signature**

Clerks expenses - £253.12

T Candy verge cutting - £180.00

Maurice Chivers – replacement battery for defibrillator £193.59

Proposed for acceptance by SH, seconded RW. All agreed.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Briefings regarding COVID have been distributed

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 Next meeting 4 May 2021 and the AGM at the end of May.