

**STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CLAPTON VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Tom Osborne, Ainslie Davies and Julian Carver.

22/04/1 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Steve Huckle, Cllr Rob Winkworth and Cllr Peter King.

22/04/2 - Declarations of Interest: None were made.

22/04/3 - Public Participation:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation, one member of the public was present.

- i) Public comments on Planning applications – no comments were made.
- ii) Agenda matters.  
Speedwatch – some 40 motorists had been recorded exceeding 46mph. There had been a discussion about changes to the speed limit in Ston Easton. It was noted that the phone box in Ston Easton appeared to be electrically connected.
- iii) Report from County and Ward Councillors. None received.

22/04/4 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 – were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

22/04/5 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) 2022/0427/HSE | The erection of a replacement single storey side extension and replacement porch structure with associated works | The Cart House Chewton Fields Ston Easton Lane Ston Easton Wells Somerset BA3 4BX. Councillors had no comments and supported the application.  
2022/0419/HSE | Demolish existing building replaced with single storey annexe | New Close Cottage Bristol Road Ston Easton Wells Somerset BA3 4DH. Councillors had no comments and supported the application.
- ii) Underhill Farm development. Cllr Davies advised that a committee of residents from properties near the proposed development had been formed to resist the proposals. There were many objectors who felt that the development would compound social problems within the area.

22/04/6 - Financial:

- i) Payment to P K F Littlejohn for administration charge £336.00. This was agreed.
- ii) Payment to P K F Littlejohn for administration charge £96.00. This was agreed.

- iii) Payment to BHIB for Insurance premium from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 £375.45. This was agreed.
- iv) Payment to Alan Butcher for clerk services to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. £691.25. This was agreed.
- v) Payment of outstanding SALC subscription for 2021/22. £156.04. This was agreed.
- vi) Cllr Osborne to arrange payment of all invoices.
- vii) Draft Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. These had been circulated in draft prior to audit. Cllr Davies checked and signed the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- viii) Completion of Certificate of Exemption for year 2021/22. This was signed by the Chairman and RFO and will be sent to the external auditors.
- ix) Clerks Contract. Cllr Davies asked about statutory sick pay and holiday entitlement. The clerk confirmed that the remuneration amount was below the sick pay threshold and that it was normal for holidays to be agreed with the council and that his pro-rata holiday entitlement was 2.5 days. The contract was agreed and signed by the chairman and clerk.
- x) Changes to Banking arrangements. The clerk advised that the existing signatories Cllrs Osborne and Winkworth were retiring and that the signatures would need to be removed from the mandate and new ones added when the council convened after the forthcoming election and by election.

22/04/7 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Matters arising from previous minutes:
  - a) 21/10/03ii) Village Signs. Paul Clayton offered to erect the signs which were with Cllr King, Cllr Osborne to speak to Cllr King.
  - b) 21/10/07iv) The Crown Inn, Clapton. The appeal had been refused
- ii) Conduct of Parish Council business until by-election (date yet to be decided by Mendip DC.) The clerk advised that the Parish Council would not be able to conduct any business until additional councillors were elected at the by-election. Although Cllrs Davies and Killen had been elected in the uncontested election the council could not operate as there was no quorum. The clerk would deal with such business as he was able prior to the formation of the new council.
- iii) Parish Traffic and Highways Advisory Group. Nothing to report.
- iv) Other Highways matters. The clerk to report the continuing problems with potholes in Greenditch Lane.
- v) Footpaths Report. No report received.
- vi) Grant application for works to car park adjoining Ston Easton Village Hall. As agreed at the last meeting an order was to be placed for the works up to £2000 plus VAT. The clerk had not received the original quotation but would liaise with Ston Easton Village Hall to place the order as soon as possible.

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- vii) Painting Clapton phone box. Cllr Davies to speak to Cllr Huckle about the matter.
- viii) Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting to be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30pm at Clapton Village Hall; clerk to prepare Notice and Agenda and ask both village halls for a report on activities.

22/04/8 - Matters of Report:

- i) It was noted that Jubilee celebrations were planned at Ston Easton Village Hall for 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

22/04/9 - Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.  
Annual Parish Council meeting to be advised.

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