

Minutes of the Berwick St James AGM of 16th May 2005 No. 20

Apologies for Absence

Wilfred Hughes
15 people attended the Meeting

Minutes of the Last Meeting and Actions Arising

- a. **A36.** Ian can report that, to the relief of Stapleford the by-pass from Stapleford to Wilton has been turned down. This is not because they do not want one; they just don't want the one proposed. Reconsideration of routes will probably now follow.
- b. **Youth Club.** This is an Agenda item.
The Minutes were approved and signed.

Election Of Officers

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk were all proposed by Lyanne Street and seconded by Joyce Hughes to be re-elected for another year.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Woodford presented and explained the Accounts for 2005 which were approved and signed.

Stonehenge Improvements Inquiry and A303 Tunnel

Ian said that the inquiry took place over about 3 months, starting in February 2004. As said before the purpose of the Inquiry was for the Inspector, Mr Michael Ellison, to hear all the views for, and against, the proposed tunnel scheme, and for Alternative Proposals. This was to enable him to report to the Secretaries of State with his recommendations, by about November 2004.

Ian West, who was re-elected on 5th May, wrote recently to Tony Blair and Alistair Darling to find out what is happening. He was told the Inspector's report "had not been received". The original timescale was to report by December 2004, with work starting in February 2005. It is quite likely work will not start now, whatever scheme is adopted, until February 2006.

Stonehenge Visitor's Centre. Though this is inexorably linked to the decision about the Stonehenge By-pass and Tunnel the applicants are ongoing with their plans and a decision will be reached by, approximately, July.

Skips and Mini Recycling Bins

Ian reminded us that we are entitled to two free skips per year but again it was decided not to have them. If we decide to have the recycling bins the area where they are sited would be maintained by the Council. Ian was asked to find out more but generally everyone was in favour if we could find a site.

Youth Club

This now is up and running since February 2005 thanks to volunteers Ian Fisher, Pauline Cruz, Rod Crossley and a few promised volunteers will also help from time to time. It is held in the Reading Room every Tuesday from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The main activities are table tennis and snooker, plus rounders at the cricket pitch from time to time. Also there have been talks on First Aid, which were very well received, by Dr Rob

There are about 20 children involved, including some from Winterbourne Stoke and Stapleford, and at least 12 attend each evening and all seem to enjoy the activities.

Ian would like to begin a rota of helpers and would welcome any ideas for other activities, particularly from the children. Stephen Bush volunteered.

Any Other Business

The Elections on 5th May saw Robert Key, Conservative, returned as our MP and Ian West, Liberal Democrat, returned as our Councillor.

Council Tax Reduction. This will be paid to Pensioners with the Winter Fuel Allowance.

Parish Lengthsmen. A number of jobs were pointed out for their next visit. Pavement repair, kerb repair, tarmac at Guide Centre, a dead Elm, and blocked drains and ditches.

B.B.Q. It is intended to hold a barbeque after the 11.00 Service on 10th July. Rebecca mentioned the money left over from the last barbeque and Tina Woodford volunteered to buy the meat with what was left plus charcoal. Tim and Olivia Marchant volunteered the barn at the Clock House as the venue. Various barbeques will be used.

Bus Shelter. The back panelling of the bus shelter is badly damaged and as the accounts show that we have about £250.00 not allocated yet perhaps we can repair the shelter. Stephen Bush and Ian Fisher volunteered to do the job.

Millenium Stone. It seems that the Berwick St James Millenium Stone is in a travel information book as American Visitors have been seen peering at it. Unfortunately it is very difficult, if not impossible, to read as the words have not been cut deep enough. Rebecca will give the name of the stone mason who made her Grandmother's headstone, Mrs Hilda Bucknell, and Ian will contact him to re-do our stone.