

Berwick St James Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11th September 2002

No. 15

- Apologies for Absence** Tony Gatling, Charles Street, Gary Coulson, Mary McDermot
14 people attended the meeting
- Minutes of the last Meeting** The minutes were read through.
Actions Arising. Ian Fisher has taken photographs of the playground and artificial wicket as requested by the grant people.
The Millenium Stone was moved by Ian Fisher and Charles Street with his fork lift. A complaint from Margaret Mustill that it is not square and please can it be put straight.
Diana Gifford Mead's donated Oak tree has been planted with the Millenium Stone. Rebecca voiced a concern that the tree might impede the car park. The Highways Agency are very particular.
Andy Keeling's memorial bench will be sited in the churchyard overlooking the river.
Nicki Street has finished the first draft of the Millenium Book. Three bound copies will be made, one for the Records Office, one for Nicki Street and one for general use. If we would all like a copy it will be very expensive to have them printed commercially. Stephen Bush volunteered to enquire about cheaper publishing.
As Chairman Ian Fisher wrote to the Highways Agency to protest about the ACT Parker Plan.
The Minutes were approved and signed.
- Audit of Accounts** Tina Woodford presented the accounts and explained the new requirements of the Auditors which is to ask two people to sign the accounts, one, on behalf of the village, to sign the Statement of Assurance and one as the Internal Auditor. Stephen Bush and Gary Coulson had volunteered.
- Election of Vice Chairman** Andrew Keeling has moved from Berwick St James and has resigned as Vice Chairman. Stephen Bush volunteered to sit as Vice Chairman. R. Brasher proposed and H. Colthurst seconded.
- Proposed Improvements on Old Forge Farm Shop** Liz Crossley can ask for a grant to enhance her business. She is proposing a bigger condenser to keep the shop cooler, a big new freezer, a new 'serve-over' chiller for the delicatessen and a multi deck chiller instead of the flat chiller. Would like to take out old forge but is probably not allowed to.
The Meeting supported the improvements I. Fisher will write letter.
- Update of Relief Road** The Northern Area Committee reviewed 6 options for the relief road between Wilton and Steeple Langford. All the options rejoin the existing A36 at Wilton by the park wall traffic lights.
Two options use existing A303/A360, with improvements to the A360 to bypass Stapleford
Two options involve bridges over the Wylve and water meadows behind the Pelican and Riverside Garage
Two options use the existing Stapleford bridge by the garage and go up Chain Hill and along the ridge close to or parallel to the A360
Conclusions, after consultation with Parishes:
1. Most favoured route is A303/A360 one PROVIDED the Winterbourne Stoke bypass is completed first
 2. The Wylve River crossing route, which bypasses Stapleford, and which then goes up near Chain Hill to parallel the A360 is probably

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the second choice.

3. The adverse environmental impact of the river crossing may outweigh the benefits of completely bypassing Stapleford, and would need further consideration/research.
4. The impact of the Park Wall intersection at Wilton on Grade 1 listed park and nearby dwellings need further consideration.

There is NO suggestion of a route passing between Stapleford and Berwick. Northern Area Committee believe that the existing A36 should be made less attractive to heavy traffic.

The Way Forward. SDC Cabinet's views are to be considered by the CC. The CC will then forward their views to Government. Timescales are not known but are probably in line with Winterbourne Stoke bypass.

Any Other Business

Mrs Mustill asked if the bridge at the end of the village could be mended.

The right hand side has a block loose. It was also noted that the pavement in that area is also very bad. Ian Fisher will contact Parish Lengthsmen.

Henry Coulthurst asked us to keep note of the Public Liability Insurance as it is increasing many times.

The Jubilee Committee has dropped the suggested Harvest Supper this year as the jubilee celebrations already held were so successful.