

**NOTES FOR BERWICK ST JAMES PARISH MEETING NO. 20, AGM, TO  
BE HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2005.**

1. Apologies.

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2. Minutes and action arising from 19<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

a. A36. This action concerned finding what progress was being made to agree go-ahead on the A36 Wylde valley by-pass, from Stapleford to Wilton. I can report that, to the relief of Stapleford, the by-pass 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. So, no A36 improvements yet.

b. Youth club. Agenda item.

3. Election of officers

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice chairman
- c. Clerk.

Nominations please.

4. Treasurers report.

Tina will speak.

5. A303 improvements and Stonehenge tunnel Inquiry.

This inquiry took place over about 3 months, starting in February 2004. We talked about this at the last meeting, but to remind you 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 wrote recently to Tony Blair and Alistair Darling to find out what is happening. He was told the Inspector's report 'had not yet 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 Visitors Centre at Countess Road.

A letter has been received from the SDC saying that as a result of the consultative process held in September a number of issues have been raised. The applicants for the planning permission do hope to have all the necessary information to answer these this month, May, when they are to make a formal submission of revised plans. There will then be a second round of consultations, leading to a decision in (maybe) July.

Although this is the plan one should appreciate nothing will happen until the Stonehenge Bypass /tunnel decision has been made, as the two are linked.

#### 6. Skips and mini recycling bins

I remind you again that we are entitled to 2 free skip weeks a year. Do we want these?

We could also have mini recycling bins (glass, paper, plastic), if we wanted them. The Council would maintain the area for these. Do we want them?

#### 7. Neighbourhood watch

I circulate newsletters from time to time. Various messages come through by e-mail. Does anyone want to be added to the list of Neighbourhood Watch members happy to receive information direct from the Police by e-mail?

#### 8. Youth Club.

Thanks to interest being shown by many of our young (e.g. the Cruz and Hagaty families) I was encouraged to get this going in February. We hold a Berwick Youth evening in the Reading Room every Tuesday, from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. The main activities are table tennis and snooker, plus rounders at the cricket pitch from time to time. We have also had talks on first aid from Rob

We have about 18 children involved, including some from Winterbourne Stoke and Stapleford. We usually have about 12 each evening. They all seem to enjoy it.

I would like to get a rota of helpers going. Any ideas for other activities would be welcome, particularly from the children.

#### 9. AOB.

##### 8.1. Election results.

General: Robert Key

WCC: Ian West

9.2. Council tax reduction for pensioners. £200 for all those households in which resides someone over 65. This will be paid with the winter fuel Supplement, probably in October.