

**Meeting of The Lower Henlade and Stoke Road
Residents Association
Held on Monday 24th October 2016**



In attendance:

Gill Ellis (Chair)
Mike Westlake (Treasurer)
John Ashbaugh (Committee Member)
Karen Goldstone (Committee Member)
Shirley Cozens (Committee member)

9 Residents

Notes taken by Gloria Westlake

1. **Treasurer's Report** The treasurer report that the account balance is £380. It is hoped that we shall collect a few more membership subscriptions in the coming weeks.
2. **Chairmans Report** Gill reported there were 31 paid up memberships, with approximately a further 9 to collect. All Committee members had another year before being required to stand for re-election.
3. **Flood Committee** Gill report that she has decided to stand down from this Committee but that Frank Lott had taken over as Flood Co-ordinator for Lower Henlade. New signs have been allocated to our village to allow an additional closure on Greenway Lane east of the Mount Somerset driveway. Now that the new houses in Stoke Road are in use it was agreed to monitor the outflow of surface water to Lower Henlade. The pump controlling this flow was thought not to operate until the water level in the tank on the site reached a certain level. Discussion was held as to who is responsible for clearing ditches and it was agreed on a multi-pronged approach to get some action: Flood Committee, Parish Council and Stonewater Housing, who had agreed several months ago to clear the ditch.

Post meeting note: Karen spoke to the Chairman of the Flood Committee, who did not feel he was the most appropriate person to approach the Parish Council as he was not as familiar with our problems as we are. Gill spoke to the contact at Stonewater, who had managed to speak to the person responsible at Somerset County Council Highways and he was waiting for a licence to be authorised. When this is received Stonewater will ask RG Spiller to clear the ditch at

the same time as they install street lighting for the new houses. In view of this Gill decided not to contact the Parish Council at this stage.

4. **Planning Matters** No progress on or anything positive over the Junction 25 proposals. Whilst the TDBC state that the business park should be complete by the end of 2018, a lot of work has to be agreed before this will happen. The new proposed roundabout appears to make the journey from the A358 more difficult. No further news on the Henlade Bypass.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch** Mike Westlake stated that there was little to report and he had received very few alerts for the Police. The usual plea was made to remain vigilant and not leave valuables on display in cars particularly those that are left in driveways. A new area of concern from the Police is that people using social media often leave themselves open to burglary as social media members state they are away on holiday, or travelling by train or car which can alert would be thieves.

Post meeting note: Reporting Crime/Suspicious Activity

It is important to remember that all crime and suspicious activity should be reported to the police. Numbers to use are:

999 Including emergencies which are life-threatening, in fear of safety, crime in progress, bogus callers.

101 To report incidents that require non urgent police attention including reporting of crime, suspicious activity, intelligence.

0800-555111 To report suspicious activity and intelligence matters anonymously through Crimestoppers.

6. **Social** There will not be a BBQ in 2017 due to lack of attendance in 2016. Members were keen to have another Pub Evening, possibly at the Nags Head, if it is still open.
7. **Any Other Business** Concern was once again expressed about vehicle weight limits being ignored.
8. **Date of next meeting** Week commencing 24th April 2017, subject to The Mount Somerset availability