

LOWER HENLADE AND STOKE ROAD RESIDENTS' MEETING

28 April 2016 7.30 pm

Mount Somerset Hotel

Notes of the Meeting

In Attendance

10 residents

APOLOGIES

- Mike and Gloria Westlake, Shirley Cozens, 2 resident households.
- Best wishes to Karen Goldstone, who has not been well but is now recovering.

HENLADE BYPASS, J25, EMPLOYMENT SITE

- Still being discussed in earnest. TDBC keen, as are Summerfield.
- Hydrographic Office's decision to stay at their current site has reduced the urgency on the employment site.
- Possible 70 acres altogether.
- Rumours of 3 possible routes for Henlade Bypass.
- Consultation on chosen route(s) for the Ilminster-Taunton section scheduled to commence late 2016.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Bad planning on road closure signage not entirely RG Spiller's fault – TDBC also very tardy. They had no obligation to give advance warning. (!)
- No update from TDBC Planning Enforcement as to whether new dimensions of surface water storage tank contravene the planning permission granted.
- It was suggested there may have been some subsidence in Stoke Road, but Highways were not concerned about it.

FLOODING

- Gill Ellis did a tour of the road drainage routes in Lower Henlade with Dave Brown, SCC Highways Superintendent.
- Call for extra flood volunteers - no volunteers prior to the meeting but there had been one enquiry and Keith, Andy and Frank put themselves forward at the meeting.
- Flood Committee now reduced in number. Gill represents Lower Henlade.
- Gill had asked for extra signage for Greenway Lane. To be chased up.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Ruishton Parish Council want to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
- There have been appeals for volunteers in Village Hall newsletters.
- No volunteers from LHSRRA Committee.
- It is a long and unrewarding process and the final document must say what sort of development is required in the area. Given that we don't want any development at all, this is difficult. At the same time there is concern that if we don't take part we may not be taken into consideration.
- Gill will send an e-mail round asking if anyone else would like to volunteer to take part.

RUBBISH IN THE HEDGEROWS

- Roger Pullen asked TDBC a couple of weeks ago to remove the rubbish from the hedgerows in Stoke Road. Last time Gill collected 5 bags of rubbish, the recycling centre refused to take it because it was not domestic(!)
- The rubbish is still there.

BBQ DATE

- Agreed to hold the BBQ later in the season this year – Saturday 30th July

AOB

- Newts – free to good home. *Post meeting note: home found, but if anyone else has a static pond without predatory fish and would like some, please contact us.*