

**Meeting Notes of  
The Lower Henlade and Stoke Road Residents' Association  
held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009  
at The Mount Somerset Hotel**



Present: Gill Ellis (Chair)  
Mike Westlake (Treasurer)  
Jacqueline Cairns (Committee Member)  
13 residents of Lower Henlade and Stoke Road

Apologies: Richard House, Paul Stroner

**ACTION**

Gill opened the meeting and offered thanks to The Mount Somerset for the use of the room and refreshments.

**1 Membership**

- 1.1 Lisa Ashbaugh has agreed to join the committee, Gill Hunt having resigned in order to travel.
- 1.2 It was decided to restrict the geographical boundaries of the Residents' Association to Stoke Road and Lower Henlade proper. Households from outside this area wishing to join or renew will be offered honorary membership.

**2 Notice Board and Grants**

- 2.1 Gill returned to TDBC the cheque granted last year for a new marquee.
- 2.2 Planning permission will be required for a notice board.
- 2.3 Anthony Clark, retiring Somerset County Councillor for this area, suggested that we apply via the new County Councillor (to be elected on 4 June) for a grant to cover the cost of a notice board.

**Gill Ellis**

**3 Social**

- 3.1 Aim to keep the events and timetable roughly the same for 2009 as we did in 2008. Hold the mince pie event in the restaurant of the Mount Somerset.
- 3.2 Members were asked by Jacqueline if they had any history of the village or their homes to help form some village history platform.

**All**

- 3.3 Jacqueline's suggestions that we have a bring and buy sale and perhaps a plant swapping stall at the BBQ on 20 June were welcomed

#### **4 Neighbourhood Watch**

- 4.1 Our local officer had not responded to an invitation to attend but Mike would try to contact again.
- 4.2 An outbuilding behind Arundels Farm had been broken into twice in one week recently, and some months ago a similar incident occurred at Haydon.
- 4.3 Mike advised that the peak time for burglaries in this type of area was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Members were asked to be vigilant, although fortunately we have had few problems within our area.

**All**

#### **5 Road problems**

- 5.1 Concerns were expressed over the increase in traffic that may occur during the building of the park and ride scheme.
- 5.2 Gill felt that the last "cars in the road" event did not work, although most other members agreed it had some effect particularly on the previous occasion when the extra vehicle was placed at the Stoke Road junction.
- 5.3 The point was made that the rules would not allow repeater 30 mph signs here because of the existence of street lighting.
- 5.4 Mike offered to look into the possibility of having a "speed gun" to be used by members. Mike to investigate the possibility of getting the gun. Tim, Derrick and Roger offered their help in manning it when needed.

**Mike  
Westlake**

#### **6 Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

#### **7 The next meeting will be the AGM in October.**

With thanks to Gloria and Mike Westlake for these notes.