Present
Enid Hawes (Vice-Chair), Joanne Cox, Arthur Burton

In Attendance
Sarah Murphy (Parish Clerk) Ric Pallister (District Councillor)

1. Apologies for absence
   Chairman Jonathan Hoskyns sent his apologies for absence having taken a holiday at short notice. Cllr Nigel Pike sent his apologies having been called away on an urgent family matter. Both apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest
   There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5th May 2014
   The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Matters of report arising from the previous minutes
   The Council’s membership of SALC was approved and the payment for membership was approved.

5. District and County Councillors’ reports
   1. Cllr Ric Pallister gave a full report on flood work, employment, waste collections and Stonage Lane. The following key points were outlined:
      1. widening of Sowy to alleviate future problems
      2. dredgers currently working and should finish by end of year
      3. moors still sodden and ground water levels still high
      4. maintenance figure yet to be agreed. Likely levy on all households in the catchment area
      5. 2015 - house insurance to be increased for everyone to help support those in flood risk areas
      6. investigations into the skills shortage in Somerset and talks with local schools
      7. weekly bin collections may be re-instated
      8. no further updates as regards finances - internal economies to be made still
      9. Haselbury Plucknett PC have opposed a new planning application for Stonage Lane

6. Planning applications
   6.1. The meeting heard an outline of plans from Mr. John Hunter, owner of a piece of land on Pipplepen Lane. There was some discussion regarding the plans during which the Councillors gave some feedback to Mr. Hunter and Cllr. Ric Pallister suggested he may want to consider a change of use application first.

   6.2. The application for modifications at Peel House (the Old Coachhouse) were approved by the planning department.

7. Pennyfield
   Discussion was deferred until the next meeting when the Chairman would be available.
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8. Highways

8.1. Cllr Nigel Pike reported via the Clerk that there had been no further progress on updating the road markings at the end of Trindlewell Lane. Cllr Pallister agreed to speak to the appropriate personnel to move this along.

8.2. signag for the village was deferred.

9. Neighbourhood watch

There was a report of a handbag being stolen from a car but otherwise activity in the village has been low.

10. Speed watch

The Speed Watch team are in need of more volunteers and continue to do a good job.

11. Financial

11.1. the bank reconciliation had been circulated and was accepted as accurate by all Councillors

11.2. the Clerk is still waiting for an invoice for the web hosting of the site

11.3. the Clerk gave a brief update regarding the annual audit and confirmed that it had all been completed according to the timetable set by the external auditors.

11.4. the clerk’s salary for May and June was approved.

12. Correspondence

12.1. the Clerk had received a sample emergency power cut kit and showed the contents to the meeting. It was agreed that a description of the kit should be added to the Parish Council article for all parishioners to peruse.

12.2. payment for an invoice from Ian Perring for maintenance work and materials was approved.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Next meeting on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.30pm