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STOKE ST MICHAEL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Brief notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 20th July.

In the public meeting **Wainwright's** proposed application for **alterations in the quarry** were aired, but a discrepancy in the timing allocated to discuss this proposal noted. The time period was initially until mid August, however the council will discuss this in the next meeting on 7th September. In the meantime should anybody wish to look at the proposal there is information online, or just go up to the quarry offices in person. Wayne McKeown is the person to contact.

There will be a public consultation, talks between the three councils of Cranmore, Doultong and Stoke St. Michael in the future.

The proposed **memorial bench** for David Rolfe was discussed, a generous gift from George and Jean Rolfe. Subject to permission from the Archdeacon this very attractive bench will be placed in the village burial ground. Thank you George and Jean.

County and District Reports covered many different topics; including corporate parenting for 500 children in care, the development of central Frome, lights in Kilmersdon and the Whatley quarry entrance.

At the Mendip meeting on 10th July economic growth in Somerset was discussed. The University and the proactive body Scrutiny will get involved.

The Devon and Somerset Fire department investigated cladding in the area and Mendip can confirm that there are no high rises in the area.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Trees on the green will be discussed at another meeting.

The dog waste bin is due to be delivered.

Village pedestrian safety scheme: Vectos has been busy and has proposed introducing an incremental pedestrian safety scheme. A low cost solution will be introduced during this interim period, and the road will be painted from The Mead into Church Street and the pavement, and will sweep to the bus stop. Planters will be placed appropriately in a bid to slow traffic down.

Mill Lane will be accurately measured and will have signage to prevent through traffic, large and wide vehicles. The estimated cost will be £2000. Confirmation will be needed to decide who needs to pay this.

The Parish Council was pleased to announce that as of 19th July they **own** the **Millennium Wood**. Volunteers are sought to form an action group and keep the area in good shape. Please get in touch if you can mow grass or cut trees.

Repair of the notice boards was discussed.

An **anonymous benefactor** has given the village £2000 which is most gratefully received for the renovation of the Pavilion. Many thanks from the village.

Stoke Bottom Farm is applying to put up a barn near Frog Lane. It was decided, although concerns aired over the visual impact, to leave the decision to Planning.

There are no obvious issues with the current village **website**. Please can anybody contact Fae directly for events to be put in the **Village Diary**.

Fae.clements@btinternet.com

Cheques were confirmed for Primrose garden maintenance and the dog waste bin but the comparatively large amount of electricity being used in the pavilion was queried.

Sycamore Stud has been approved.

Anthea Brooks in Leigh-on-Mendip will organise a health check event. More news in October.

The Knatchbull is up and running again, serving **good classic pub food** at reasonable prices. Come and support your local by trying one of the dishes. Food served every day except Tuesday and Sunday.

The Youth Club will be continuing in September.

Next meetings:

24th August – An extra meeting is to take place to discuss Wainwrights Planning Application amongst other Parish Council business

7th September when Rick Massey from the Cookswood Development is due to attend.

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The **Annual Duck Race** will be on Sunday 3rd September at 2pm. Heats and finals close to 4pm. Only £1 a duck, available from the shop and the Knatchbull Arms and on the day. Not to be missed!

LATE NEWS.... *Public consultation on the Construction of three replacement tips at the Moons Hill Quarry Complex will close on 20th September 2017. Prior to this Wainwrights will run a Public Consultation in Memorial Hall from 3.30pm to 7.30pm on Thursday 31st August*