

Minutes of the Berwick St James Parish Meeting of 6th May 2004

No. 19

Apologies for Absence

Jackie Fisher, Mrs Mustill, Charles Street
13 people attended the Meeting

Minutes of the Last Meeting and Actions Arising

- a. **A36.** Ongoing action but Highways Dept too busy with A303 at present to give much attention. It has not been forgotten.
- b. **Berwick Bridleway.** Ian Fisher wrote to the County Council as asked saying we wished the route of the track to remain as it is and that we wish it to remain a bridleway rather than become a byway.
- c. **Stonehenge Improvements and Parker Plan.** This is a separate agenda item but Ian Fisher wrote to say we voted unanimously against the Parker Plan. He wrote also to Henry Colthurst to say we supported the views he intended to present to the inquiry about the various route proposals.
- d. **Youth Club.** No progress to report.

Election Of Officers

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk were all proposed and seconded to be re-elected for another year.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Woodford presented and explained the Accounts for 2003 which were approved and signed.

Stonehenge Improvements Inquiry and A303 Tunnel

Ian Fisher attended the Inquiry on a number of occasions. He said that the inquiry is very formal but is not intended to reach a decision but to hear all points of view and make recommendations to the Secretaries of State who will consider and publish their decisions in due course. The proposed scheme is made up of the Winterbourne Stoke by-pass, dualling of the road between Berwick Down and Amesbury, and includes the (short) tunnel past Stonehenge. Though it is difficult to say how things are going his observations are as follows:-

AR1. This route seems to have support. It is the dualling of the A303 with road cuttings past Stonehenge allowing some glimpses of the Stones.

AR4. The Parker Plan seems to have opposition. The Highways authority made a report of this route for the Inquiry to consider. Though the Parker Team say they represent the views of the Association of Council Tax Payers (450 members) it seems the point was taken that this is a minority and are people who might not even be affected by the AR4 route.

It is likely that, as Henry Colthurst deduced in his draft paper which he read to us at the last meeting, that the proposed scheme will be recommended for the go-ahead. The earliest start would be 2005.

Girl Guides have sent a letter advertising their Collectable/Antiques evening on Thursday 24th June at their Guide Centre. Tickets from the Shop.

Mobile Learning Unit. A mobile classroom is available to learn to use a computer so shall we ask it to come to Berwick. There was lots of enthusiasm.

Bus Time Tables have been distributed by Jackie Fisher.

The Bridge at the end of the village has supposedly been repaired but not well. Mention to the Parish Lengthsmen.

Tina Woodford offered her table tennis table for use by the youth club. Ian Fisher asked her to check if the Cricket Club wanted the dark green chairs.

Any Other Business