

- Apologies for Absence**      Mr & Mrs Smith, Ailsa Bush, Michael Manners, Leanne Street.
- Minutes and Actions Arising**      Minutes were read and approved. Proposed by Ian Fisher, seconded by Diana Gifford Mead.  
The rumble strips to stop speeding were not approved by the Highways Commission. The red telephone box is now listed and we are assured that Telecom is responsible for the upkeep.
- Dualling of A303 past Stonehenge and Winterbourne Stoke Bypass Petition**      Stephen Bush addressed the meeting. He has been to a presentation in Amesbury to hear about the plans to have the new Visitor Centre for Stonehenge constructed by 2012 along with the closure of the A344 and no plans to change the single lane carriageway of the A303.  
He showed us the proposal of our local councillor Ian West and Colin Mills which suggests that the visitor centre be sited at Airman's Cross and the A303 be made into a dual carriageway going north of Winterbourne Stoke. He suggests that the two improvements must be planned together or the traffic increase which comes with the closure of the A344 will cause chaos and misery to all. The cost savings of this scheme will be huge – no tunnel – no bridge over Countess Roundabout – no land train – and Stonehenge still in sight. Stephen read out a letter he proposed be sent to Stonehenge Planners and asked us to sign it if we wished. Rod Crossley asked for the dualled road past Stonehenge to be an unobtrusively landscaped cutting. Diana Gifford Mead was worried how disabled or aged visitors would manage to walk the distance from the visitor centre to the stones as it is over half a mile away as sited on Ian West's plan. Ian West arrived and apologised for being late. He joined in the discussion and told us of his letter to Robert Key, our local MP, and the reply. Ian West's letter outlined local feelings about the traffic crisis which will ensue if we do not link road improvements to the building of the visitor centre. The reply was not encouraging and it seems our dualled road as a solution will not be considered at all. Stephen Bush's letter was passed round to be signed.
- Update on Unitary Council for Wiltshire**      There is an Interim Executive in place until new elections in June 2009. Vesting Day is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 when all council property becomes the property of the new council. There will be 20 Boards. Salisbury area had 4 Area Committees which will be replaced by Area Boards at four places Salisbury, Devizes, Trowbridge and Chippenham.  
**Planning.** At present it is the "still talking" stage but it seems there will be 4 new Unitary Councils making planning decisions. The draft proposals and agreements are hoped to be ready by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008. Salisbury City is the only unparished area and is the lowest taxed in all bands than the rest of the county. This will be adjusted and rounded up to the highest creating "harmony throughout the county". It is proposed that there will be 8 unitary Councils and three city councillors will be selected for ours with jurisdiction still over Sports Centres and Swimming Pools, The Guildhall and City Hall. The top tiers of the new council are already appointed. Ian West was thanked and left.
- Report on Church and Reading Room Fete**      Christian Lange reported that the day had been a great success. The dog show in particular was hugely popular and we had a proper judge so it felt like Crufts! Ian Fisher had produced the Accounts. The takings were £1832.29. The expenses were Dog Show £48.00, Ducks and Marquee £722.65. Profit £1009.00 to be split equally between Church and Reading Room. A vote of thanks was given to the Fete Committee for the most successful fete so far. Chris asked us to give a thank you to Will Simpson-Gee for his repair of the bench near the bus stop.
- R2 Money Allocation.**      It is anticipated that the R2 money will be about £1,583.02 and as before



has to be spent on outside recreation facilities split between adults and children. Richard Brasher asked for suggestions – and there were many. A tennis court, a baby swing, rubber matting to completely cover the playground, repair of cricket pavilion and cricket nets. Behind Magna House a long time ago Hilda Bucknell had allowed a grass tennis court and a couple of swings to be built but this had disappeared and reverted back to a paddock. It is suggested that we ask Anne Bucknell if we could recreate the tennis court and Ken Woodford suggested that if this was granted we could move the playground from the cricket pitch. Chris Lange referring to the tennis court suggested that we could combine with Stapleford or the Girl Guides to help funds. It is possible that we could ask for SWAG grant again. Volunteers for research: Sarah Humphrey – tennis court. Rod Crossley – cricket matters. Tina Woodford – swing and rubber matting. Lou Whiting – recreation land.

**Petition for Notice alongside Northview**

Mary Gatling has collected a petition to ask for a sign at Warminster Way saying SLOW Children Playing. This byway is deeply rutted and it was generally thought that any traffic using this byway has to go slowly. Jackie Webb objected to yet another sign and Rod Crossley said that it would not help. Lou Whiting would like the ruts flattened so that bikes could be ridden safely. It was suggested that we talk to Nick Cowan to see if we can turn it into a restricted byway.

**Planning Applications**

Richard Brasher found out that not all planning applications are printed in the local Journal. We have only one planning application which is for a wildlife pond in Washpool Field. Only question was would it change the river levels which has been tested and the water table is high enough for the pond not to affect the river level.

**Management of Village Marquee**

Chris Lange has hired out the marquee for £50.00. Unfortunately the wind was strong on the day and the marquee was damaged. This has now been repaired. Insurance cover is very expensive so it is planned that anyone in the village who wished to borrow the marquee can make a donation and decide whether to insure the marquee themselves. The money made from the hire of the marquee will be put into a village fund for maintenance of village facilities.

**Any Other Business**

Richard Brasher had received a letter informing us that unmanned aircraft had permission to fly south of the A303. Lou Whiting knew all about these “Drones” and said they have been known to crash!  
Ian Fisher warned us of a letter received by Jean Hibberd asking for a small sum of money in order for her to receive her unclaimed prize. Please ignore Any letter asking for money unless it is a legitimate charity of course.  
Margaret Mustill would like to cricket pavilion repaired. Vandals have broken windows and the toilet door does not shut. She also mentioned dog fouling but a dog bin was ruled out. Who will empty it and how often? The meeting closed at 8.06 p.m.