

**Here are the minutes of the
meeting was held on Wednesday 24th September 2008 at 6.30pm**

Berwick St James Parish Meeting 24th September 2008.

Speeding. Rumble strips were not approved by Highways authority.

A303. Ian West and Colin Mills proposal to dual the A303 in conjunction with the plans for the new Visitor Centre for Stonehenge by 2012 was heartily approved and a letter signed by the meeting will be sent to Stonehenge Planners asking to please not treat the Visitor Centre as a separate issue as the traffic chaos will only increase especially when they close the A344. Ian West attended the meeting and read a most negative letter received from Robert Key which says that a dual carriageway will never be approved and that we should not hope for one.

Unitary Council. Top Tiers of the new council already appointed. Elections for councillors will be June 2009. Vesting Day is 1st April 2009 when all councils' property devolves to the new council. Salisbury's Area Committees will become Area Boards sited at Salisbury, Devizes, Trowbridge and Chippenham. It is hoped that the draft proposals for Planning will be agreed by 31st October 2008. Council tax bands will be "harmonised" throughout the county and as ours is the lowest it will be harmonised in an upward direction.

Berwick St. James Fete. A great success especially the Dog Show and the Duck Race. We had a professional judge for the dog show and it felt just like being at Crufts! After expenses, including the purchase of a marquee, we made £1009.00 which is split between the church and reading room. Many thanks to the Fete Committee for all their work.

R2 Money. Our anticipated R2 Money is about £1,583.02 and as before has to be spent on outside recreation facilities split between adults and children's facilities. Suggestions put forward are A baby swing, more rubber matting, Cricket Pavilion maintenance after vandalising, cricket nets and ambitiously, a tennis court. If you have any suggestions (or land) please let the parish clerk know.

Planning Application. We have only one application for a wildlife pond in Washpool Field. Water table is high so river level will not be affected. No objections.

Marquee Hire. Our marquee is available to for village hire for a donation. Chris Lange is the contact point.

Dog Fouling. Can we ask villagers to clear up after their pets.