

**Minutes of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the Village Hall
on Monday 22 April 2002 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors Mr J D Padfield (Chairman), Mr R F Jones (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Mrs A Chisholm, Major R T W Mellotte, Mr A Norris, Mr D J Stock, Mr W Quinn.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Dist Cllr Dr P Gait.

At the start of the Meeting approximately 12 members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES:** There were none.
2. **MINUTES** of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 April 2001 were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
There were none.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
The Chairman highlighted a few matters that this council discussed during the past year:

Street Cleaning

The Parish Council had at last engaged a person to clean up the village. Mr Tim Brace started work last June. Due to his efforts, the appearance of the village has been transformed after years of neglect. Councillors and parishioners alike have appreciated his work and it is hoped that the Council can secure his services to keep the village tidy for the future.

War Memorial

The Royal British Legion approached the Parish Council for funding towards the cost of cleaning the war memorial, as it desperately needed cleaning. The Parish Council is the custodian trustees of the monument and therefore agreed. A decision was made to put monies aside to fund cleaning in the future – every 10/12 years.

Millennium Map

The Map had now been framed, which would hopefully protect it from any accidents.

Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The various organisations of the village have been meeting for the past few months to organise an event to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee. A questionnaire was sent to every house to ask for volunteers and numbers of young children who would like a commemorate mug. On Monday 3 June 2002 events are being organised in South Street including a children's party, stalls in the RBL car park, bouncy castle and pony rides. Fosse House Nursing Home are included and an evening entertainment at the RBL. It is hoped that it will be a memorable day.

Web-site

The Parish Council had moved into the 21st Century by having its own web-site. Councillor Roddy Mellotte had been working tirelessly on this project.

Finally

The Chairman thanked all those present and apologised for the fact that, because of an oversight in obtaining a bar licence in time by the Clerk, the Cheese and Wine Party that usually followed would not take place.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk gave a detailed Financial Report of Income & Expenditure for the Financial Year 1999/2000. The large balance, it was explained was for the work still to be completed on extending St Vigors churchyard. The Accounts were made available for inspection.

6. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS:

The following Organisations and Schools presented very detailed and in-depth reports to the Meeting. These will be available to any person wishing to study them more closely.

6.1 ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – Presented by the Headmaster Mr Cahill.

6.2 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – Presented by Mr Bill James, Secretary.

6.3 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – Presented by Mrs Lily Reakes.

6.4 VILLAGE HALL TRUST – Presented by Mr Tony Price, Chairman.

6.5 MIDSOMER NORTON R F C – Presented by Mr J Dando, Treasurer.

6.6 ST VIGORS & ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL – Presented by the Head Mrs Rosemary Bailey.

6.7 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION – Presented by Mrs Mary James, Hon Secretary.

6.8 FOSSE HOUSE NURSING HOME – Presented by Mrs Collins.

6.9 THE KINGS ARMS – Mr Bailey wished to express thanks to the Village Hall committee for their support in supply the Hall and showers etc.

7. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Mr Evans brought to the attention of the Council, the Coastal Towns Initiative. Agents are being sought to work within a parish, to collect information and represent its needs. Details of this scheme had not been received by the Parish Council to date, but it would put on the next Agenda to discuss.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN_____

DATE_____