

**Minutes of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the Village Hall
on Monday 18 April 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mr R F Jones (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Maj R Mellotte, Mr A Norris, Mr D J Stock, Mr W Quinn, Mrs Tonks, Mr S Thatcher.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Mr Denis Chedgy.

At the start of the Meeting 18 members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs A Chisholm, Mr L Silk, Mr Jeremy Padfield, Dist Cllr Dr P Gait, and County Cllr Mrs C Cawood would be late.

2. MINUTES of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26 April 2004 were approved and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were none.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

4.1 The Chairman stated that the Parish Council meetings usually dealt with routine business, such as planning, highway and street cleaning matters, but were always ready to help with matters relating to the welfare of parishioners.

4.2 Periodically the Parish Council reviews road safety and it is still the majority view of the PC, the Police and Highways, that the present road calming scheme is the best arrangement. The Parish Council has however instructed the Highways Dept to remove the planters within the chicanes and to replace with plastic posts. Speed is still monitored by a few volunteers using a radar gun and more volunteers would be helpful.

4.3 A new Beat Officer PC John Treeby stationed at Shepton Mallet has the responsibility of 17 parishes and is supported by PCSO's Sheila Thompson and Beverley Seale. The Chairman reported at the last APM that the Parish Council was dealing with a report of anti-social behaviour within the village, but since then no further complaints have been made. However, he wished to stress that the Parish Council took such matters seriously and would involve the appropriate agencies in any future reports.

4.4 Finally, the Chairman wished to thank the Clerk for her efficient support of all the Councillors and sincerely thank District Councillor Philip Gait and County Councillor Gloria Cawood for their advice and guidance.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 The Clerk gave a detailed Financial Report of Income & Expenditure for the Financial Year 2004/2005. The Accounts were made available for inspection.

6.2 The Clerk explained that there would be no need now to replace the wall when the extension at St Vigors churchyard was completed, as a fence and hedge will be erected instead. This would leave the Parish Council with residue money, which it would be looking to disperse next year. The parish Council would be open to suggestions and would hope to utilise the monies for the benefit of the whole village.

7. 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.

- 7.1 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION – There was no report.
- 7.2 ST VIGORS & ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL – This report was read to the meeting by Cllr Jones.

2 Members of the Public left the Meeting at this point.

- 7.3 THE KINGS ARMS - Presented by Mr Tuffs, Landlord.
- 7.4 MSN RUGBY CLUB – Presented by
- 7.5 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – Presented by Mr Bill James, Secretary.
- 7.6 LITTLE ANGELS - TODDLER'S GROUP – Presented by Sue Padfield.
- 7.7 BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – In the absence of the headteacher, the Chairman read out.
- 7.8 VILLAGE HALL TRUST – Presented by Mr R Jones the Chairman since January. He thanked the outgoing Chairman, Mr Tony Price for his past commitment to this post and also mentioned that Dorothy Schmid, a long serving member of the Committee would finish this year and noted that people of this calibre were not easy to replace. The whole Committee worked very hard for the good of the village and anyone willing to join would be very welcome.

The Hall was at present used not only for the Parish Council, but Little Angel's Playgroup, Creative Memories Nursery School, Stratton Football Club, Slimming World, Music with mummy, a Craft Club, Pilates and other groups.

Grants received from Lloyds TSB and Gloria Cawood have bought new tables and chairs. To apply for other grants, the Committee is pursuing the clarification of ownership of the football field with Downside.

A Parish Magazine is delivered free bi-monthly, to every household within the village and the editor is always glad to receive contributions.

- 7.9 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – A Report from Dr P Gait was read by the Chairman.

8. SPEAKER – Mr Denis Chedgy of the Radstock Museum.

CC Gloria Cawood arrived at this point

8.1 Mr Chedgy gave a very informative talk, accompanied with slides, about the history of the surrounding area in connection with mining. His talk gave an insight into the conditions in which miners had to work and live during this time.

8.2 The Chairman thanked Mr Chedgy for giving such a fascinating talk, which was enjoyed by all those present.

9. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

9.1 County Councillor Gloria Cawood gave a report.

9.2 The Chairman asked that all those who had given a Report submitted a copy to the Clerk for reference.

9.3 The Vice-Chairman thanked all those present, with a special thank you to the ladies who had prepared the food, and invited them to attend the Cheese and Wine Party that followed. Those wishing to participate were reminded that the price was £1.50 but half price for senior citizens.

9.4 There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____