



5	<p><b>POLICE MATTERS:</b></p> <p>5.1 PCSO Shelley Day reported that the Police van was now based at Frome and was only loaned out for specific events, such as Fetes. A police surgery would be held for 2 hours on a monthly basis at the Village Hall. PCSO Shelley would e-mail the dates to the Clerk.</p> <p>5.2 Martin Reynolds based at Wells had been appointed as Beat Manger. At the moment there were extra patrols in the village, due to continual trouble at Bath View. PCSO Shelley stated that there had been 17 driving Patrols and 5 walking in the last month and gave a report of recent offences within the Parish to Councillors as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="399 492 1212 716"> <tr> <td>Animal related problems</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Assault</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Road related offences</td> <td>1</td> <td>3 were crimed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Theft and handling stolen goods</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>*Burglary</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highway disruption</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>5.3 In answer to Cllr Quinn, PCSO Shelley confirmed that there was at present no Steering Group.</p>	Animal related problems	1		*Assault	1		Road related offences	1	3 were crimed	*Theft and handling stolen goods	1		*Burglary	1		Highway disruption	1		PCSO
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6	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>																			
7	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b></p> <p>7.1 The Clerk submitted <b>Broadband and telephone</b> charges amounting to <b>£99.43</b> for <b>January 2008</b> which was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. <b>Cheque No.000712</b></p> <p>7.2 The Lengthsmen Scheme was discussed in view of how much Stratton would be expected to contribute financially. Cllr Jones reported that along with Cllr Quinn he had attended a meeting on 15 January 2008 where this was discussed. This was a pilot scheme and had been successful in funding of £10,000 (£5,000 in year 1 and £5,000 in year 2). The Parishes involved (Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Kilmersdon, Stoke St Michael and Coleford) would be expected to contribute between them, according to hours allocated. This would mean £300 per year plus £200 start-up fee for Stratton-on-the-Fosse. This would equate to 1 day per 2 weeks (7 hours) for the service of the lengthsmen. Coleford would act as lead member of the scheme with Councillor David Button as Co-ordinator with an account set up from which to pay the lengthman's salary. The sum of <b>£500</b> needed to be paid by <b>15 February 2008</b> and all Councillors present voted by a show of hands to go forward with this project and to pay the above amount. <b>Cheque No.000713</b></p> <p>7.3 The Precept notification to MDC needed to be returned by 31 January 2008. After lengthy discussion it was decided by all Councillors present to set the <b>Precept</b> as last year at <b>£7,000</b> and to raise if necessary next year, depending on extra costs incurred with the purchase of bus shelters.</p> <p>7.4 The Chairman presented a request from the village toddlers group <b>Little Angels</b> for the Council's help to pay their Annual Insurance amounting to <b>£60</b>. This was agreed by all to be paid. <b>Cheque No.000714</b></p> <p>7.5 The Clerk presented a cheque for £298.92 from Mendip District Council for Election Costs in May 2007. Before this was agreed to be paid the Clerk would make enquiries about the amount, as Councillors thought this to be excessive compared with past years. The Clerk to report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																		

	<p>7.6 The Audit Return Forms were read out to Councillors and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk reported that although late in returning the Audit this year, that Moore Stephens had been kept informed of progress and that after the Internal Audit had been completed the relevant forms would be sent off to the Auditors.</p> <p>7.7 The Clerk informed Councillors that the new Code of Conduct came into force from 1 October 2007. The Parish Council had to decide whether paragraph 12(2), which allows members with a prejudicial interest to speak to the meeting before leaving the room (provided that members of the public also have speaking rights), was acceptable to them. If so this needed to be recorded and adopted. A vote was taken, by a show of hands, and all Councillors present agreed to adopt paragraph 12(2) into the Standing Orders.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><b>STREET Cleaning</b></p> <p>8.1 Cllr Jones and Cllr Quinn had attended a meeting giving information on the Lengthsman Scheme on 15 January 2008. At the moment, this pilot scheme would consist of 4 villages (Coleford, Stoke St Michael, Kilmersdon and Stratton-on-the-Fosse). The Lead member would be Coleford and the main Co-ordinator David Button, who would set-up an Account from which to pay the salary.</p> <p>8.2 The amount of money that a parish pays will include the funding of materials needed. Stratton will record the work the lengthsman completes in the village including the duration and completion – the Co-ordinator will have a duplicate record. Work that can be given to the lengthsman includes overhanging hedges. He will be issued with all safety equipment and an identity card; he will be given training in first aid and strimming. This training will cost £600, which will be taken from the pot of money submitted by the parishes. It was suggested that Stratton requests the lengthsman services for 1 day per fortnight as having a half day per week would use up more money, as travel time needs to be paid for. This would amount to 7 hours per fortnight.</p> <p>8.3 An advert for the job will be placed in the Radstock Journal. A representative from each Council will be present at the interview.</p> <p>8.4 The Chairman thanked Cllr Quinn for volunteering to be Stratton-on-the-Fosse's Co-ordinator.</p>	
9	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> The correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly.</p>	
10	<p><b>MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>10.1 Councillors again brought up the matter of Create House and the dangerous and dilapidated state it was in. It now had the added risk of a fire due to the tyres stored adjacent to the building. The Clerk would again chase up Section 115 as previously discussed with Mendip.</p> <p>10.2 Failure to address the problem through this avenue, it was thought that the only way forward was to notify the press of the Parish Council's dilemma over this issue.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p>11.1 The date of the next meeting will be on <b>18 February 2008 at 7.45 p.m</b></p> <p>11.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.</p>	

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