Minutes of the 863rd Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council Held in the Village Hall on 10 March 2008

PRE	Councillors, Richard Jones (Vice-Chair), Judy Davies, Jeremy Padfield, M Mrs L Gittings, Mr W Quinn, Mr David Stock,	Ir A Norris,
IN A	TTENDANCE: The Clerk.	
	The Lord's prayer was said as usual. In the absence of Cllr John Padfield, the Vice-chairman – Cllr Richard Jones - took the Chair.	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Councillors, Mr J Padfield, Mrs R Martin, Dist Cllr Maxine Oxford, C.C Gloria Cawood.	
2	MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 February 2008 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.	
4	 MATTERS ARISING: 4.1 The Clerk reported that the details of the 2 manhole covers still needing attention had been e-mailed to Frank Lake along with the problems of the flooding drains and the Nettlebridge footpath. The Clerk had phoned today to have an update on the situation – the work was ongoing in order of importance. Frank Lake asked the Clerk to report back after the meeting as to whether the items had now been dealt with. Councillors reported that none of these matters had been resolved and the Clerk was to inform Frank Lake of this – stressing that the manhole covers presented a danger to pedestrians. 4.2 The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to PCSO Shelley Day regarding Abbey Road parking and the Police surgery timetable, but had received no response. However, an e-mail informing the Parish Council that a new PCSO had bee appointed to them had just been received. 	Clerk
	 4.3 The matter of The Willows was raised. The Clerk had not received a reply as yet from Mendip – Mr Errington had passed it to his head of department who was investigating the matter. After discussion, councillors were unanimous that the Clerk should contact MDC stating that the Parish Council would go ahead with the pollarding of the trees if an answer from them was not received within 24 hours even if this meant the PC paying for the work. 4.4 The Clerk pointed out that the trees at The Willow were the property and responsibility of MDC and that the pollarding of them without permission would be illegal. 	Clerk
5	POLICE MATTERS: 5.1 The Vice-Chairman welcomed the new PSCO who introduced herself as Nicky Hounsley.	
	5.2 It was reported that there was a problem with youths using the Youth Shelter and Jeremy Padfield stated that it had now been removed. Although for the first 2-3 months there has been no trouble, recently there had been numerous phone calls	

	complaining, especially regarding the rubbish left laying around, although it was thought that it was youths from outside the parish that caused the trouble. A request has been received for a shelter to be erected away from any houses and Jeremy would look into this request if youths first tidied up the rubbish. PCSO Nicky stated that she would patrol this area when able.	PCSO
	5.3 The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to PCSO Shelley after the last meeting, regarding the parking problem in Abbey Road, asking her to look at the problem and advise, but no reply had been received. After being updated on the problem PCSO Nicky stated that she would visit the site during school drop-off times and report back on her observations.	PCSO
	5.4 The Clerk had also e-mailed regarding the Police Surgery that was planned to take place at the Village Hall and if there was a time-table. PCSO Nicky would report back.	PCSO
	5.5 Cllr Quinn asked about the Steering Group which is now under Wells as he used to attend and found it very informative. PCSO Nicky would endeavour to find information on this.	PCSO
6	PLANNING MATTERS: There were none.	
7	FINANCIAL MATTERS:	
	7.1 The Clerk's Salary for the period Jan-March 2008 amounting to £470.76 was	
	agreed by all to be paid. Cheque no.000716	
	7.2 The Clerk presented Councillors with the new salary scale. A back-pay rise for	
	the preceding year (April 07 – March 08) plus back-pay for moving up the scale	
	from 15 to 17 (YrEnd 2007 and YrEnd 2008). This amounted to £230.88	
	Cheque no.000717	
8	HIGHWAY MATTERS:	
	8.1 The Clerk had checked with Frank Lake regarding the on-going reported highway	
	problems. He stated that they were all on the list to be dealt with and asked her to	
	phone back after the meeting if they were still outstanding – when he would look	
	into them. The Clerk was advised by Councillors that all matters were still	Clerk
	outstanding.	
	8.2 Cllr Gittings stated that the flooding at the triangle at Edford Wood had been	
	reported by herself to SCC. Workmen had dug a ditch, but it was on the opposite	
	side to the flood and therefore would not help the situation unless the job was	
	incomplete and workmen were returning. The Clerk was given reference no. DEF	Clark
	30419 and would also chase this up with Frank Lake.	Clerk
9	FOOTPATHS:	
	In relation to the proposed footpath diversion (S 19/40 and SM 19/41), the Clerk	
	reported that Clare Haskins of MDC was very keen to move this forward and wondered	
	if Councillors had the wrong idea of the proposed line of the diversion. The Clerk had	
	been asked to arrange a meeting between herself and nominated Councillors. The	MDC
	Chairman read out an e-mail received from Clare stating the test for moving a footpath.	Cllr
	After discussion it was decided to meet with Mendip on site to discuss the issue and the	Jones
	Clerk would give Clare Haskins contact details of Richard Jones and Linda Gittings	Gittings
	with a view to arranging a mutual time.	
10	STREET CLEANING:	
	Neither the Clerk nor Cllr Jones had heard any more on the Lenthsmen Scheme. The	
	Clerk had still not sent a cheque as the Coleford Clerk had not been in touch as yet.	

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11	CREATE HOUSE: The Clerk reported that nothing new had been heard from Mendip, although a message had been left on Mr Max Gridley answer phone asking for an update.	Clerk
12	CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly. 1. A brochure with details of ways to celebrate St George's Day was taken by Richard Jones. 2. A report of new procedures to collect plastic and cardboard in pilot districts.	
13	MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING. 13.1 With regard to advertising the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Gittings suggested posting flyers to every household within the Village and Cllr Jones stated that he would help.	Cllr Jones Gittings
	13.2 After some discussion on who to invite to speak at the APM with several suggestions it was decided that Cllr Jones would make enquiries and inform the Clerk of the outcome.	Cllr Jones
	13.3 Cllr Davies suggested that date was given for an RSVP on the invites.	Clerk
	13.4 Cllr Jones reported that a grant was not available from Somerset County Council for the purchase of bus shelters. Therefore the Parish Council would have to fund the purchase itself. It was proposed that before the next meeting the Cllr Quinn and Cllr Jones would decide on the siting.	Cllr Quinn Jones
	13.5 It was reported that when contractors had cleared the trees on the south side of the village near Green Lane heaps of wood had been left. The Clerk to ask for this to be cleaned up. It was thought that the contractors were the electricity board, Western Power – High Line.	Clerk
	13.6 It was decided that the proposed Annual Spring-clean of the village was delayed and reviewed when more information was available regarding the Lengthsmen scheme. It was felt that this was the type of work that could be performed by a lengthsman. Although Watery Lane was a problem regarding rubbish at the moment and the lay-by. Cllr Jones stated that he would deal with the lay-by and Cllr Quinn would email around for volunteers for a Sunday.	Cllr Jones Quinn
	13.7 Cllr Norris produced a Welcome to Village guide which was handed to Cllr Jones to add to the Village News Letter.	Cllr Jones
14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14.1 The date of the next meeting will be on April 2008 at 7.30 p.m 14.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.	

CHAIRMAN	DATE