

**Minutes of the 868th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 15 September 2008**

PRESENT:	Councillors, Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mr R Jones (Vice-Chair), Mrs J Davies, Mr W Quinn, Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mrs L Gittings, Mrs R Martin.	
IN ATTENDANCE:	The Clerk,	
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Councillors, Mr Jeremy Padfield, CC Gloria Cawood	
2	MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 July were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.	
4	MATTERS ARISING: The matter of dropped kerbs within the village, especially in view of the proposed bus shelter needed to be addressed. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to complete a survey of sites for dropped kerbs. Cllr Gittings would take on this task and report the findings at the next meeting.	Cllr Gittings
5	POLICE MATTERS: Will attend the October meeting.	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p><i>Approved</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ref: 1202237/001 Location: The Cottage, Benter, Oakhill</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ref: 120237/000 Location: The Cottage, Benter, Oakhill</p> <p><i>Refusal</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ref: 107727/005 Location: Homeleigh, Pitcot Lane, SOF</p> <p><i>Planning</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ref: 107727/006 Applicant: Mr M Winsley Location: Homeleigh, Pitcot Lane, SOF Proposal: Land to be changed from agricultural to residential use plus Garage & store.</p> <p>The above Planning received too late to place on the Agenda, but the Planning subcommittee will hold a site visit and make their decision known to MDC via the Clerk. This will be on the Agenda and reported at the next Meeting in October.</p>	Clerk

7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Clerk's salary for the period July-September 2008 amounting to £505.74 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.</p> <p>7.2 The Clerk presented the Year End 2008 Audit Report received back from the accountants Moore Stephens. The points raised were as follows:</p> <p>7.3 An Invoice from Moore Stephens, for the undertaken Audit, amounting to £141.00 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.</p> <p>7.4 A cheque fro £10.54 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid to Mr R Jones for the cost of wine purchased for the APM. Cheque No.</p> <p>7.5 The Annual Membership subscription to Cam Valley Wildlife Group of £5 was agreed by all to be paid. Cheque No.</p> <p>7.6 It was reported by Cllr Quinn that Village Day had made a profit of approximately £100.</p>	
8	<p>HIGHWAY MATTERS:</p> <p>8.1 Cllr Jones proposed that a cycle path be constructed along the A367 from the White Post to Killers Knapp. There is enough spare ground, but at the moment it is very unsuitable for pedestrians due to the rough terrain. Constructing a cycle/footpath would be to the benefit of both cyclists and pedestrians – making a safe passage for both. There were no trees obstructing this proposed route and it was thought that there would be no need to tarmac as gravel would be suitable. Strasston needed to be contacted and this topic would have to be discussed in greater depth.</p> <p>8.2 Councillors thought this to be a good idea and nominated Cllr Quinn and the Chairman John Padfield to attend the Mendip Forum on 24 September to discuss this subject with Highways.</p> <p>8.3 It was reported that the sign at the White Post was down.</p>	Cllrs Quinn Padfield
9	<p>LENGTHMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>9.1 Cllr Quinn gave the Clerk the Contract for the Lengthsman Scheme for safe keeping. The Clerk and Chairman of Coleford Parish Council were handling all monies connected with the scheme.</p> <p>9.2 Cllr Quinn confirmed that the position had been filled and that the chosen candidate had completed all training, passed all compulsory checks, held all necessary tools and commenced work last Wednesday. He lived in Leigh-on-Mendip and would drop of any rubbish at the Coleford skip on his way home.</p> <p>9.3 Cllr Quinn holds a book of tasks and checks off when completed. Keeps copies to send off at Year End to SCC and Mendip for Audit purposes.</p>	Clerk Cllr Quinn

	<p>9.4 Cllr Quinn suggested that a site meeting should be held to decide what jobs need to be given to the Lengthsman. Cllr Quinn suggested that the Burial ground should be a priority and go to the top of the Lengthsman "To Do" list, also village road signs, which are obscured by overgrown vegetation. Cllr Jones thought that the Burial ground should be brought up to the level of Holcombe Old Church by hiring a contractor to rotovate and clear, then grass over, and then for the lengthsman to keep tidy. Although protective clothing is provided, thought should be given to inside jobs to complete in bad weather.</p> <p>9.5 The Lengthsman first week will be on Wednesday 17 September 2008 when he will report at 8 am at Cllr Quinn's. It would be a good idea to hold a meeting before this date.</p> <p>9.6 The Chairman stated that Cllr Bill Quinn should be congratulated for coming this far with the scheme and all agreed.</p>	<p>"To Do" List</p> <p>Burial ground</p>
10	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly: 1. Agreed to be paid 9. The Clerk to enquire if this could be booked for the APM in May 2009. 12. Richard Jones would attend the meeting with John Padfield to discuss the Possibility of a cycle path, as Cllr Quinn away.</p> <p><i>Cllr Norris left the Meeting at this point 8.55 pm.</i></p> <p>13 Given to Cllr Jones to place in Parish Magazine.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllrs Padfield Jones</p> <p>Cllr Jones</p>
11	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: The Clerk was asked to put the Lengthmans Scheme on the Agenda with a view to obtaining Councillors' thoughts on tasks to be given.</p>	<p>Agenda</p>
12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 20 October 2008 at 7.45 p.m.</p> <p>12.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.</p>	

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____