

**Minutes of the 869th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 20 October 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, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, PCSO, Member of the Public	
	<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 15 September 2008 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.	
4	MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman stated that he had not been able to attend the Mendip Forum due to havesting commitments.	
5	<p>POLICE MATTERS:</p> <p>5.1 PCSO Nicky Hounsley had been around the village but had nothing to report to the Meeting.</p> <p>5.2 Cllr Norris asked if there was another contact number as he had only got through to the answer phone when he called. The PCSO assured Councillors that messages would be answered if left on her mobile.</p> <p>5.3 Cllr Norris reported that upstairs windows had been smashed in Create House. Also ivy was pervading the telephone and electric wires and the asbestos within the building was thought to be a danger. According to Building Control the building was not dilapidated enough to be demolished.</p> <p>5.4 Cllr Norris also reported that the property of Mrs Smidt, an elderly parishioner, residing at Mount Mellory adjacent to Create House, was infested with rats. The rats were thought to be because of the state of Create House. Cllr Norris thought that, given the circumstances, it should not be the responsibility of Mrs Smidt to organise and pay for pest control. .</p> <p>5.5 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide stated that he would raise the above issues with Mendip District Council and would relay the information back to the Clerk.</p> <p><i>A member of the public arrived at this time 8.00 pm.</i></p> <p>5.6 Cllr Stock reported that fireworks were a nuisance and PCSO Hounsley stated that she would keep a watch on this.</p> <p><i>PCSO Hounsley left the meeting at this point 8.10 pm.</i></p>	<p>Dist Cllr Halfhide</p> <p>PCSO</p>

6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: Planning 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. <i>Cllr Norris had looked at this planning and the planning sub committee had decided that there was no reason for the Parish Council to object. The Clerk had been informed and the findings had been forwarded to MDC.</i></p> <p>Ref: 112800/003 Applicant: Mr D Richards Kennett Housing Society Location: 2-28 Hone Close SOF Proposal: Replace timer windows with UPVC plus alteration of small window. <i>Those Councillors present saw no reason to object to this proposal.</i></p>	
7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Clerk presented the BT Broadband expenses dated October 2008 amounting to £110.65 which was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. Cheque No.000741</p> <p>7.2 The Clerk presented the receipt for 2 Notice board keys amounting to £10.50 which was agreed to be paid by all those Councillors present. Cheque No.00740</p> <p>7.3 All Councillors present agreed to pay £400 towards the Hog Roast on Village Day. This would be made out to the Playground Fund. Cheque No.000739</p> <p>7.4 The Clerk presented the Bank Statements which were reconciled and signed.</p>	
8	<p>BUS SHELTER:</p> <p>8.1 The Chairman had received a letter from Gloria Cawood confirming that the Parish Council would qualify for money from her Fund. A cheque for £2,000 would be forwarded and the Parish Council could go ahead and order a bus shelter. The Clerk to write and thank Goria..</p> <p>8.2 The Chairman confirmed that at a previous meeting it had been decided to purchase the dearer of the 2 quotes – being £2,064 although this needed to be checked as the quote was dated 5 June 2008.</p> <p>8.3 The Clerk confirmed that Roger Tyson at SCC would be the person to contact as to what was needed to install the shelter.</p> <p>8.4 The Clerk to check whether MDC would take responsibility of the shelter when in situ. The Clerk to liaise with the Chairman when in receipt of the information. Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide suggested that Gloria should be contacted and asked to chase if the matter needed speeding up.</p> <p>8.5 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide suggested that a large scale street map could be obtained from MDC and he would make enquiries.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Dist Cllr Halfhide</p>

9	<p>HIGHWAY MATTERS:</p> <p>9.1 The Clerk stated that lights which had been out for some time had been reported. The supply had been cut off by the supplier and it was not known at present when they would be reconnected.</p> <p>9.2 A parishioner, Mr Smith, reported that a seat at The Mead had disappeared - in fact it had been seen taken away on a lorry on Monday 20 October 2008. The Clerk suggested that it had been taken for repair, but Councillors thought that the Parish Council should have been informed by MDC if this was the case.</p> <p>9.3 The Clerk to report street light opposite Old Post Office number 13 as the whole lamp is missing.</p> <p>9.4 Cllr Gittings submitted a Report on "Dropped Pavement Kerbs Within SOF". The Chairman suggested that this Report was forwarded to Highways, stating that the Parish Council approved, with a view that the points raised were noted and the work carried out. Copy to CC Gloria Cawood.</p>		<p>Ref 799</p> <p>Dist Cllr</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Quinn handed Councillors a list of suggestions for lengthsman Scheme that he had drawn up, but needs more suggestions especially for wet weather. It was suggested that the sign post opposite Green Lane next to the Old Telephone Exchange needed painting,</p> <p>10.2 The bank at Bainsbury View (between Bath View and Green Lane) was very overgrown and was a danger to pedestrians, but it was thought to be a job for MDC. The Clerk to contact Mr Errington at Mendip.</p> <p>10.3 Cllr Jones stated that a quote from the contactor regarding the maintenance of the Burial Ground was awaited.</p>		<p>Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Jones</p>
11	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>The Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p> <p>6. The Clerk would investigate and prepare the necessary form for the N/Board.</p>		<p>Clerk</p>
12	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>12.1 Regarding the cost of the Website and domain name, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide would make further enquiries.</p> <p>12.2 The Clerk to put Create House on the Agenda for further discussion.</p> <p>12.3 The Chairman stated that he would not be available for the next Meeting and the Vice Chairman Cllr Jones agreed to chair the meeting in his absence.</p>		<p>Agenda</p> <p>Agenda</p>
13	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>13.1 The date of the next Meeting will be Monday 17 November 2008 at 7.45 p.m.</p> <p>13.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.</p>		

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____