

**Minutes of the 871st Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 15 December 2008**

PRESENT:	Councillors, Mr John Padfield (Chair), Mr W Quinn, Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mrs L Gittings, Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr Paul Phibben,.
IN ATTENDANCE:	The Clerk.
	ACTION
1	<p><i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i></p> <p>APOLOGIES: Councillors, R Jones, R Martin, J Davies, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, Maxine Oxford, CC Gloria Cawood, PCSO</p>
2	<p>MINUTES: Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 17 November 2008 were approved as a true record and duly signed.</p>
3	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.</p>
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman reported that Mr Gerry Scovell hopes to have the Old Post Office demolished in the New Year. Cllr Norris reported to Mr Scovell that the glass in the building had been broken again, and Mr Scovell had it boarded up.</p>
5	<p>POLICE MATTERS: It was reported that signs at St Benedicts had been removed and found in a garden. Clerk to inform PCSO and ask to keep a check for vandalism. If further information needed to contact Cllr Bill Quinn.</p>
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: Applications:</p> <p>Ref: 007614/005 Proposal: Erection of 15m wind turbine Location: Warren Farm, Masbury Applicant: Mr G Stevens <i>Planning Committee had already looked at and saw no problem as only small and not on skyline.</i></p> <p>Ref: 112096/001 Proposal: 3 The Willows,SOF Location: Proposed single storey rear extension to replace conservatory Applicant: Mr F Bartucca <i>Councillors present saw no problem with this application and recommended permission.</i></p> <p>Permission Granted:</p> <p>Ref: 107727/007 Home Leigh,Pitcot Lane,SOF Mr M Winsley Replace existing conservatory with 2 & single storey extensions. Certificate of Lawful Use or Development Kendall Kingscott Partnership, Glentworth Court,Lime Kiln Close,Stoke Gifford,Bristol</p>

7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Clerk's salary for the period October – December 2008 at the new rate of amounting to £518.10 were agreed by all present to be paid. Also back pay from April–September 2008 amounting to £24.72 was also agreed to be paid. Totalling £542.82 Cheque No: 000742</p> <p>7.2 The Clerk collected £1.50 from those Councillors present towards the RBL Memorial Wreath – the Clerk to forward a cheque for this amount, from her personal account.</p> <p>7.3 The Chairman signed the reconciled Bank Statements.</p> <p>7.4 The Clerk to re-issue a cheque for Little Angels amounting to £100 Cheque No.000729, as this had been mislaid by them, after confirming with the Bank. Re-issued Cheque No.000743</p>	Clerk
8	<p>BUS SHELTER:</p> <p>8.1 The Chairman had confirmation of the order for the Bush Shelter which he confirmed amounted to £2484.20 excluding VAT. This should be completed by mid February.</p> <p>8.2 The Clerk to contact Sommerbus and First Bus regarding new timetables for display.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>HIGHWAY MATTERS:</p> <p>It was reported that a fence bordering a footpath on Downside property was collapsing and in need of repair. (Footpath through copse to Chilcompton). This presents a danger to walkers from falling and barbed wire. The Clerk to write to the Bursar.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Quinn gave a copy of his Lengthsman report to those Councillors present – a summary of tasks carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing overhanging vegetation obscuring traffic warning signs and paths. Drains cleared of leaves. Signpost opposite Green Lane painted. <p>In the New Year Cllr Quinn will perform a survey of the parish outside of the village boundaries to ascertain jobs needing doing.</p> <p>10.2 Cllr Quinn confirmed that the footpath that Cllr Gittings had brought to the PC's attention would be on the Lengthsmen's list next time.</p> <p>10.3 Cllr Quinn also confirmed that MDC will still conduct the weed killing task.</p>	
11	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <p>11.1 The Chairman read the e-mail received from Roddy Mellotte regarding the Parish Web-site and the lack of up-to-date material on the site.</p> <p>11.2 The Information from Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide was not specific but a general view of what was on offer. The Clerk had contacted SALC but they did not recommend anyone and no information was forthcoming from MDC either.</p> <p>11.3 The Clerk confirmed that the renewal of the Annual Web site fee is not due until beginning of May.</p> <p>11.4 The Clerk would contact surrounding Parishes Clerks and ask who its providers were.</p>	Clerk

12	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman read out County Councillor Gloria Cawood's report to those present. Planning was ready for submission for the Cookswood Quarry application for a holiday complex for over 140 holiday units. The application will be put before MDC early in the New Year (end January). Gloria will be consulting local people in the Stoke, Holcombe & Leigh area in particular in the next couple of months to ascertain their views. 2. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write another cheque to Little Angels of £100 as this had been mislaid. The Clerk to check the records to make sure 6 months had passed before complying with this request. 3. The Chairman read aloud a letter from Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group asking for a contribution towards printing a book concerning the history of Nettlebridge. Councillors voted unanimously against a donation. The Clerk to reply. 4. The Clerk brought to Councillors attention a note from SALC regarding banking and the need for Parish Councils to access the risks. This matter had already been discussed at a previous meeting, when the Clerk confirmed that monies were now only with one Bank – Nat West - which Councillors agreed was as safe as anywhere. 	
13	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Gittings reported that the litter dumping, including builder's rubble, at College Wood/Sweetley Lane had been reported to MDC who advised that it was the landowner's responsibility. The Clerk to write to Downside as it owns part of the land.</p> <p>13.2 Cllr Gittings also reported that at the South end of the village at the last pinch point was an eyesore as a result of debris including plastic left over from tree houses built in the summer. The Clerk to contact MDC.</p> <p>13.3 The Clerk to further chase up the overgrown vegetation at Bath View/Green Lane with Frank Lake.</p> <p>13.4 The Clerk to place on the Agenda:- Parish Council Funding for Entertainment for Children's Party.</p> <p>13.5 The Clerk to bring a Budget Forecast to the next Meeting and place the Precept Application on the Agenda.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>Agenda</p>
14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>14.1 The date of the next Meeting will be Monday 19 January 2009 at 7.45 p.m.</p> <p>14.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.05 p.m.</p>	

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____