

**Minutes of the 883rd Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 18 January 2010**

PRESENT:	Councillors, Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr R Jones (Vice-Chair) , Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings, Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr D Stock, Mr P Phibben, Mrs J Davies, Mr A Hobbs.	
IN ATTENDANCE:	The Clerk, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide.	
1	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: C C Gloria Cawood.	
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 14 December 2009 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.	
4	CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR: 4.1 The Chairman read a letter from Malcolm Daniels to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council. After discussion, Cllr Jones proposed the co-option and Cllr Davies seconded it, with all Councillors agreeing that it would be an excellent opportunity to have a Councillor who was also dealing with the Parish Web-site. 4.2 Clerk to bring relevant forms to the next meeting. <i>Cllr Jeremy Padfield arrived at this point</i>	Clerk
5	MATTERS ARISING: There were none. <i>Other matters/updates follow as they appear on the Agenda.</i>	
6	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Housley was not present and there were no matters to report.	
7	PLANNING MATTERS: Ref: 2009/1965 Applicant: Location: Beechtree House,SOF Proposal Single storey extension <i>After a site visit, Cllr Jones saw no reason for the PC to object to this proposal having no detrimental affect on the neighbouring property and after further discussion all Councillors present agreed. The Clerk to forward comments to MDC.</i>	
8	FINANCIAL MATTERS: 8.1 The Clerk presented the Broadband/Telephone Invoice amounting to £109.54 for the period 13 Oct 2009 – 12 Jan 2010 . This was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. Cheque No.000782 8.2 The Chairman presented an Invoice from Brian Bailey for work carried out at the burial ground amounting to £25 All Councillors present agreed for this to be paid. Cheque No.000783 8.3 Reconciled Bank Statements for the Current Account and Business Account for December 2009 were presented with a balance of £50 and £ 16,574.28 respectively.	

9	<p>BUS SHELTER: The Clerk reported that a letter had been received by Queensbury, which the Chair read out, stating that after consideration they were willing to re-site the shelter at no extra cost to the Parish Council. However, Queensbury state that this is not within the “Best Practice” guidelines and therefore would want the Parish Council to write to acknowledge this fact before they proceed. The Chairman stated that he would first take measurements (and Cllr Quinn agreed to assist) to forward to Queensbury and hold on record. When in receipt of the measurements, the Clerk would write to Queensbury with a view to fixing a date for re-siting the shelter. The Invoice would be settled after this work was completed.</p>	Chair Cllr Quinn Clerk
10	<p>HIGHWAYS: The Clerk had received acknowledgement to the e-mail sent to Highways:</p> <p>10.1 Charlie Higgins reported that after a site visit it was felt the pavement was wide enough and photos were attached to back this up. Pot Holes in South Street had been assessed and work would be carried out. Concern was raised that not all the potholes had been targeted.</p> <p>10.2 After discussion it was felt a site meeting should be requested on both these issues. The Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>10.3 Jeff Bunting reported on Flashing Speed Indicator Signs(SID) stating the cost to implement at £750 per year plus a possible initial cost of £500. Councillors decided that this cost was too high, but asked the Clerk to investigate the flashing 30mh Speed Signs.</p> <p>10.4 The Clerk had received details regarding obtaining grit/sand during the cold weather from CC Gloria Cawood which had been passed onto Cllr Quinn.</p> <p>10.5 The Clerk suggested that liability - due to persons using the grit - would be covered by the Parish Council’s insurance. Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide stated that, from advice that he had been given, any claim would not likely to be successful</p>	Clerk Clerk
11	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>11.1 Cllr Quinn distributed his Report to Councillors. Chris’s timetable was made up until March but then the continuous of the scheme would depend on funding.</p> <p>11.2 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide declared that Mendip had no funds to contribute and that the County Councillor’s budget had been also been cut. Gus suggested contacting Ken Maddock at MDC to put the case of keeping the scheme running – stating that it had been operational for 2½ years and had been a great success – saving Mendip money. Cllr Quinn would talk to the lead Council (Coleford) and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>11.3 Cllr Quinn reported that a rotavator would be needed to improve the new burial ground and sought the Parish Council’s permission to hire it when conditions were right – permission was given to go ahead. The Chairman confirmed that he would organize weed killing in the spring (April).</p>	Cllr Quinn Chair
12	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>12.1 Regarding the overgrown footpath at Mogg Hill, Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Gittings will meet on site to discuss the work to be carried out by the boys of Downside. Tuesday’s are allocated for Community work and it was agreed to meet in 2 weeks time.</p> <p>12.2 Cllr Hobbs volunteered to make enquiries about the broken fence running along side</p>	Cllr Gittings Hobbs Cllr

	the footpath on Downside land.	Hobbs
13	PARISH NOTICE BOARD: Cllr Hobbs would also raise the Parish Council's wish that the Parish Notice Board was moved to the centre of the Village and its request that it be sited on the wall to the old entrance (old lodge gate). Cllr Hobbs will inform the Chairman of the outcome.	Cllr Hobbs
14	ADOPT A BT KIOSK: 14.1 The Clerk reported that an e-mail had now been received stating there was still time to adopt a kiosk. The Clerk to fill out the form and liaise with the Chairman if necessary before posting off. 14.2 No ideas for the use of the kiosk were put forward.	Clerk
15	PARISH FORUM REPORT: 15.1 Cllr Gittings will read the Report on Gypsies/Travellers that had been received since the last meeting and report back at the next meeting. 15.2 Cllr Gittings was in receipt of a Housing Report but was awaiting a map to access where new housing can be built. It was noted that much of the information was out of date eg shop, Post Office and School were wrongly listed. The Clerk to forward map when received. 15.3 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide stressed that MDC must be informed if the information was incorrect. Gus stated that he was involved with this and it was part of his Portfolio. If allocation of building on basis of wrong information, will not have houses built. <i>Cllr Hobbs left the meeting at this point</i>	Cllr Gittings Clerk
16	WEB-SITE: It was noted that Malcolm Daniels would like a meeting with Cllr Jones to discuss information about the village to go on the website.	Cllr Jones
17	CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly: 4. Parish Forum Meeting – Cllrs Gittings & Stock would attend. 10. The Chairman read a letter from Little Angels regarding a change of administration from Alex Gould to Emily Malik. in which it was inferred the Parish Council's intention to pay the toddler's insurance premium. Councillors decided that the £100 donation was a 1-off payment to use as the group wished. The Clerk to write to inform Little Angels of this decision.	Clerk
18	MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: The Clerk to report the large Direction Road Sign at Killers Knapp had fallen off its post. At the moment it was still on site. Travelling from MSN situated opposite the t-junction, 50 yards past Manor Farm entrance.	Clerk
19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 15 February 2010 at 7.45 p.m. 19.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.15 p.m	

