

**Minutes of the 885<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 15 March 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors, Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings, Mr D Stock, Mr D Benefield, Mr M Daniels.	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	PCSO Housley, Clerk,	
1	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>	ACTION
1	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllrs, R Jones (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Padfield, J Davies, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide C C Gloria Cawood.	
2	<b>MINUTES:</b> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15 February 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b> Cllr John Padfield declared an interest in Planning Application ref 2010/0129 Fosse Farm.	
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> <i>Matters/updates follow as they appear on the Agenda.</i>	
5	<b>POLICE MATTERS:</b> 5.1 PCSO Housley reported that since the last meeting an untaxed car had been dealt with and damage had been reported to Mr Smith's hedge. 5.2 There had been no further incidents at Fosse Nursing Home, but security had been upgraded and PCSO Housley includes the premises on her patrol.	
6	<b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> <i>PCSO Housley left the Meeting at this point.</i> <b>Application:</b> 6.1 <b>Ref: 2009/2008</b> Applicant: Location: Norton Down House, Tunnel Lane SOF Proposal Ground & 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor extension & balcony. <b>Conversion was straight forward but no plans had been received from MDC.</b> 6.2 <b>Ref: 2010/0129</b> Applicant Location: Fosse Farm SOF Proposal: Silage Clamp & extension to cowshed. <b>Cllr Norris stated that this proposal will only enhance the farm and the Planning Committee held no objections.</b> <b>Reasons: This is a sensible consideration of farm buildings, which will mean less farm traffic between the 2 farms on Church Lane. The extension of cow-housing is tidily planned and partly hides silage clamp. The effluent for this will be well catered for.</b>  <b>Granted:</b> 6.3 <b>Ref:2009/1965</b> Beech Tree House, Fosse Way Single storey rear extension. 6.4 <b>Ref: 2009/1726</b> South Street <b>Chairman read Dist Cllr's remarks:</b> <b>After due consideration and visiting the site I could not see any sound basis on which to ask for the application to go to the Planning Board. As a result I agreed with the officer's recommendation to approve the application.</b> <b>The property at 1 South Street already has a parking area in the front garden and the Highway Authority had no objections. In the light of those two issues and the other comments by the officer, I felt that I did not have adequate grounds on which to recommend that it should go to the Planning Board.</b>	

7	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b></p> <p>7.1 All Councillors present agreed to pay the Clerk's salary for the period Jan – March 2010 amounting to <b>£519.66 Cheque No.000785</b></p> <p>7.2 The Bank Statements up to the end February were reconciled and signed.</p> <p>7.3 The cheque amounting to <b>£2,879.60</b> being the payment for the erection of the bus shelter was agreed to be forwarded to Queensbury Shelters Ltd. <b>Cheque No. 000786</b></p>	
8	<p><b>BUS SHELTER:</b></p> <p>The Chairman verified that the bus shelter had now been repositioned by Queensbury Shelters and was providing more adequate shelter.</p>	
9	<p><b>HIGHWAYS:</b></p> <p>9.1 Councillors reported 2 pot-holes at Beech Tree House at the pinch point and Oval House at the pinch point respectively. The Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>9.2 It was reported that the replacement slabs at Bainsbury View had now all been replaced.</p> <p>9.3 Also many of the pot-holes had been dealt with eg Green Lane and South Street. The Clerk requested that Cllr Quinn forward the list compiled of the pot-holes.</p> <p>9.4 It was noted that the Direction Sign at Killings Knapp was still missing. The Clerk to chase.</p> <p>9.5 Cllr Daniels reported that the pavement was in need of repair as the surface was very rough, creating a hazard at the entrance to Link Mead, adjacent to Number 1.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10	<p><b>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</b></p> <p>Cllr Quinn handed his report to Councillors, the main points being:</p> <p>10.1 The agreed new Annual Subscription will be invoiced at the next financial year and should be enough to keep the scheme running until the end September 2011.</p> <p>10.2 Also SCC will contribute £5k which will be received 1 September 2010.</p> <p>10.3 Chris has cleaned road warning signs, the panel on the bus shelter and is in the process of painting the sign post at Green Lane.</p> <p>10.4 Cleared obstructions around footpath entrances at White Post, Pitcote cross roads and Green Lane.</p> <p>10.5 Broken glass has been removed from the pavement at Linkmead and mud and rubbish cleared from the pavement between the entrance to Bainsbury View and Bath View (where the broken slabs were replaced) making the pavement much wider.</p> <p>10.6 Installed 3 public footpath posts, (on Chris's next visit it is hoped to install a stile).</p> <p>10.7 Inspected the proposed re-siting of the Parish Notice Board – 2 Posts and a small gap cut in the hedge would be needed, but would not present a problem.</p> <p>10.8 PC gave the authorization to hire a generator needed for the posts. Chairman suggested Build Base at Westfield, put on Church Farm A/c, bring Invoice to meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Quinn</p>
11	<p><b>FOOTPATHS:</b></p> <p>11.1 Cllr Gittings reported that Bridel path SM19/22 had been re-directed.</p> <p>11.2 The problem with barbed wire at SM19.45 &amp; 46 had disappeared.</p> <p>11.3 A letter received (recorded in the Correspondence) stated that footpath responsibility was being moved from Mendip District Council to Somerset County Council.</p>	
12	<p><b>PARISH NOTICE BOARD:</b></p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to Downside (Mrs Lisa Chapman) to ask permission for the Parish Council Notice Board to be remounted at the original site at the old lodge gate. This would entail removing a small section of the hedge approximately opposite the pub car-park.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13	<p><b>ADOPT A BT KIOSK:</b></p> <p>13.1 The Clerk was awaiting a response from an e-mail chasing the PC's application to Adopt.</p> <p>13.2 The Chairman asked for ideas for usage. Cllr Gittings suggested the Community Gardens could incorporate the Kiosk - depending on how easily it could be moved.</p> <p>13.3 Councillors thought that suggestions for utilising the Kiosk should be put on the Web-site.</p>	<p>Web-site</p>

14	<b>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</b> Nothing new to report – the Clerk had not received any details of forthcoming meetings.	
15	<b>WEB-SITE:</b> 15.1 Cllr Daniels had contacted Graham at Futer-interactive regarding the package that the Parish Council held. Cllr Daniels’s opinion was that the rates were reasonable and saw no reason to change at the present time. 15.2 The Domain name is registered with Future-interactive and not with the Parish Council which would mean that if the company went out of business Stratton may not be able to keep the name. Cllr Daniels suggested that a letter from the Clerk was sent to ask for this to be changed. To alter may incur a small charge of approximately £10. 15.3 Enquiries had been made from MDC as to whether footpath maps could be published on the Parish Web-site. SCC stated that as copyright of Ordnance Survey, a Licence would have to be obtained. Cllr Daniels stated that he would apply for the Licence 15.4 Also Cllr Daniels suggested that Neighbourhood Watch areas were placed on the Web-site. 15.5 Cllr Daniels would take photos of Councillors at the end of the Meeting to place on the Parish Web-site.	Clerk  Cllr Daniels  Web-site  Web-site
16	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly: 4 Hold on file. 6 Chair read letter from Cllr Jones to the Community Gardens. The Parish Council prepared to give the scheme its full support including Insurance of approximately £1K and the cost of the Annual Inspection of play equipment of several hundred pounds. 7 Chair read email from Dist Cllr re Insurance Community Gardens. Binagar PC had play equipment inspection by Rospa at a cost of £103.50 but have used Somerset Playing Fields Assoc. 8 Chair read email from County Councillor. 9 Chair read out Dist Cllr email re RBL Licence agreement.	File      File  File
17	<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:</b> 17.1 The Chairman confirmed that the APM would take place on 19 April 2010 immediately after the ordinary Parish Council Meeting. 17.2 Cllr Gittings suggested that a representative of low cost housing should be invited to speak. Cllr Gittings would forward any information held and the Clerk to make enquires. 17.3 The Clerk to post Invites to all groups and organizations within the Parish and to the allocated speaker.	Clerk  Clerk
18	<b>MATTERS OF REPORT &amp; ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</b> 18.1 Cllr Norris noted that the war memorial was in need of a clean. The Chairman confirmed that it had last been cleaned 2 years ago. Councillors were in agreement that the problem was its position next to the main road and consent pollution from traffic. This item to be placed on the next Agenda. 18.2 The clean-up of the village was decided to be held on Monday 12 April 2010 at 6 p.m. Those taking part should meet in the Pub car-park. 18.3 The Clerk to order pickers and reflective tabards from Mendip. Also to check that rubbish bags supplied by the Parish Council would be picked up at Church Farm.	Agenda  Cllrs  Clerk
19	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> 19.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday <b>19 April 2010 at 6.30 p.m.</b> 19.2 Followed by the <b>APM at 7.30 p.m.</b> 19.3 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.	