

**Minutes of the 886th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 19 April 2010**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), R Jones (Vice-Chair), Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings, Mr D Stock, Mr M Daniels, Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mrs J Davies.	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Clerk.	
1	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Cllr A Hobbs, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, PCSO Housley.	
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15 March 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none	
4	MATTERS ARISING: <i>Matters/updates follow as they appear on the Agenda.</i>	
5	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO was not in attendance. There were no incidents to report.	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: <i>Applications:</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/0518 Location: Woodside, Stoke Bottom Proposal: 1st Floor extension over existing garage <i>The Planning Committee recommended approval of this proposal and all Councillors present agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Approved:</i> Ref: 2010/0129 Location: Fosse Farm SOF Proposal: Erection of new silage clamp & extension to cow shed. <i>Approved with conditions.</i></p>	

7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Clerk presented Broadband/Telephone charges amounting to £111.56 for the period 13 Jan–12 April 2010. All Councillors present agreed for this to be paid. Cheque No.000787</p> <p>7.2 The Annual subscription to SALC amounting to £159.25 from 01 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000788</p> <p>7.3 The Annual subscription to the Community Council for Somerset amounting to £30 for the period 01 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No. 000789</p> <p>7.4 The contribution to the Lengthsman Scheme amounting to £1,000.00 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No. 000790</p> <p>7.5 The hire of the Village Hall for the period April 2009 – March 2010 (22 hours at £7.50 per hour) amounting to £165 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No. 000791</p> <p>7.6 The Clerk reported that the Audit Return had been received from Moore Stephens, the external auditor, which was due to be completed by 01 June2010. The Notice of Inspection had been placed on the Notice Board and Mr Keith Cockroft had agreed to perform the Internal Audit – the Clerk would contact.</p> <p>7.7 The Insurance renewal had been received, which would be on the Agenda to discuss at the next meeting.</p> <p>7.8 The Bank Statements to the end of March were reconciled and signed.</p>	Clerk Agenda
8	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>8.1 The Clerk reported that Jeff Bunting of Highways had stated that Mendip was not in favour of erecting traffic flashing lights other than the speed control signs that were part of Mendips parish scheme as already advised at a previous meeting. Neighbouring parishes had erected their own signs on private land, but this was frowned upon by Highways. The reason being that if motorists were bombarded with such signs, complacency would prevail and little notice would be taken of such signs.</p> <p>8.2 Councillors were still keen to purchase traffic flashing speed signs, but thought that the parish scheme run by Mendip was too costly. Therefore the Clerk was requested to make enquiries from the neighbouring villages, that had erected their own signs, regarding purchase and price.</p> <p>8.3 The Clerk was asked to report pot holes outside Beech Tree House at the last but one pinch- point going towards Shepton Mallet.</p> <p>8.4 The Clerk to report a sign in need of erecting at Bainsbury View. Councillors found this on the Litter Pick exercise and it is being held at Church Farm.</p> <p>8.5 The Clerk stated that Highways had inspected the reported uneven pavement outside number 1 at The Mead, and found no damage. Councillors confirmed that this was at Link Mead – the Clerk to notify Highways.</p> <p>8.6 The Clerk to report subsidence at the kerb-side on the A367 ½ mile out of the village towards Shepton Mallet.</p> <p>8.7 The Clerk reported that the missing road sign at Killings Knapp had gone missing but was waiting to be replaced when similar signs were updated in the district.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
9	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>Cllr Quinn handed his report to Councillors, the main points being:</p> <p>9.1 The installation of a new stile, after permission from the landowner at Manor Farm.</p>	

	<p>This was a difficult 2 –man job (Cllr Quinn spent the day helping Chris), which involved removing a hedge and negotiating a stone wall.</p> <p>9.2 Jobs also undertaken were: Cleared litter etc from the Village Hall car park Secured a traffic warning sign at the 1st chicane at the north end of the village. Secured arms on the signpost at the top of Green Lane and painting parts at home. Cleared branches and growth around the millennium tree in the RBL car park. Cleared branches that had been deposited in the new burial ground from a nearby property.</p> <p>9.3 Cllr Quinn reported that a start would be made on the new burial ground and the resiting of the parish Notice Board, hopefully before the busy time of year begins.</p>	
10	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Gittings reported that footpath SM19/26 was now fully open with the new stile installed by the Lengthsman.</p> <p>10.2 The footpath at Mogg Hill had been visited by Downside pupils, but Cllr Andrew Hobbs reported that the ground was too hard and the only result was broken tools. Councillors would investigate this again.</p>	Cllrs
11	<p>WAR MEMORIAL:</p> <p>11.1 The Chairman stated that past information from Stone Masons was that the monument, being of Doultling Stone, could only be cleaned with water. Cllr Jeremy Padfield confirmed that he had cleaned it with a pressure hose approximately 2 years ago.</p> <p>11.2 Councillors agreed that the monument should be cleaned as before, but nearer the Remembrance Day in November.</p>	
12	<p>PARISH NOTICE BOARD:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no reply had been received to date from Downside regarding the request to re-site the Notice Board. Cllr Daniels would make enquiries from Downside.</p>	Cllr Daniels
13	<p>ADOPT A BT KIOSK:</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Stock reported that the Community Gardens Scheme would be delighted if the BT Kiosk was moved to the gardens, as suggested by Cllr Gittings. The practicalities and cost of this suggestion had not been investigated and it was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.</p> <p>13.2 The Clerk reported that a letter had been received stating that BT would now pay all power bills in short term and disconnect at BT expense in the future. BT would notify the Parish Council when this is to happen and if the PC wish to retain the power it can do so at its own expense.</p>	Agenda
14	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</p> <p>The Clerk passed information to Cllr Gittings regarding 2 meetings taking place at Shepton Mallet. The first was taking place tonight 19 April and the second taking place on Wednesday 21 April 2010 which Cllr Gittings hopes to attend.</p>	Cllr Gittings
15	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <p>15.1 Cllr Daniels reported that the first phase of the Parish Web-site was almost 90% complete.</p> <p>15.2 Councillors had been asked to submit a short piece on themselves to include with their photo on the site.</p> <p>15.3 Cllr Daniels had applied for a Licence to include maps on the site – the Clerk signed the application.</p>	

16	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly: 8. Given to Cllr Gittings. 9. E mail HSE Basic Health & Safety Law to Cllr Daniels.</p>	Cllr Daniels
17	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: 17.1 Cllr Gittings reported that SCC had received a petition asking for the footpath adjacent to Mogg Hill to be re-opened. An Enquiry will be opened next week. Cllr Gittings asked if the Parish Council would support the request to re-open the footpath – there would be no cost unless the findings of the Enquiry were contested. Councillors present questioned whether the Parish Council did support this action in the past – the majority thought not – also whether this was a recognised footpath, as it was not numbered, or a permissive footpath. The Clerk was instructed to check the Minutes, to ascertain the Parish Council’s past decision, as a meeting of petitioners was to take place on Monday 26 April 2010. The Clerk to inform the Chairman and Cllr Gittings of the contents of the relevant Minutes. 17.2 As the RBL was closing, the Chairman asked Councillors’ views on the Parish Council retaining the RBL car park? Cllr Jones stated that it would be useful to keep for the village and ideas for its use could be sought at a later date. The Chairman suggested writing to the Duchy from whom it was leased to register the Parish Council’s interest. 17.3 Discussions took place regarding moving the Village Hall to the vacant RBL building. Although the Village Hall Committee had already voted on not moving the Hall from its present site, it was suggested that the decision should be opened up to the parishioners to decide. 17.4 Councillors thought the Pub and the Village Hall were the place to display the Police Newsletter that Cllr Gittings had received. 17.5 Apologies were given to the Clerk for the next meeting by Councillors R Jones, M Daniels and Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide.</p>	Clerk Clerk Agenda
18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 17 May 2010 at 7.45 p.m. 18.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 7.27 p.m. 18.3 Followed by the APM at 7.30 p.m.</p>	

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____