

**Minutes of the 887<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 17 May 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings, Mrs J Davies.												
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Clerk.												
<b>1</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:</b> <i>The Clerk opened the Meeting by asking for nominations for a Chairperson.</i></p> <p>1.1 Cllr Davies nominated John Padfield which was seconded by Cllr Norris. 1.2 The Clerk asked for any other nominations and there were none. 1.3 All Councillors present agreed unanimously, by a show of hands, for Councillor John Padfield to continue as Chairman.</p>												
<b>2</b>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:</b> Cllr John Padfield signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p> <p><i>Cllr Padfield, as Chairman, now presided over the Meeting. The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i></p>		ACTION										
<b>3</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllrs R Jones (Vice-Chair), M Daniels, Jeremy Padfield, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, CC Gloria Cawood, PCSO Housley.</p>												
<b>4</b>	<p><b>MINUTES:</b> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 19 April 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.</p>												
<b>5</b>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b> There were none</p>												
<b>6</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF VICE-CHARIMAN:</b> Cllr Jones nominated by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Davies was agreed by all Councillors present to be Vice-Chairman.</p>												
<b>7</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS:</b> It was agreed by all Councillors present for the Councillors to oversee the following:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Planning</td> <td>Judy Davies, Alan Norris, Richard Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highways</td> <td>Clerk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lengthsman</td> <td>Bill Quinn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footpaths</td> <td>Linda Gittings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Signatories</td> <td>John Padfield, Judy Davies, Richard Jones</td> </tr> </table>	Planning	Judy Davies, Alan Norris, Richard Jones	Highways	Clerk	Lengthsman	Bill Quinn	Footpaths	Linda Gittings	Bank Signatories	John Padfield, Judy Davies, Richard Jones		
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<b>8</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> <b>12.1</b> Cllr Quinn asked about the progress of the re-siting of the Parish Notice Board. The Clerk reported that no communication had been received from Downside. The Chairman will phone Richard Rossiter to clarify the position. <i>Other matters/updates follow as they appear on the Agenda.</i></p>		Chair										
<b>9</b>	<p><b>POLICE MATTERS:</b> PCSO Housley was not in attendance, but hoped to be back at the next Meeting. The Crime Report from last month up to 15 May as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report of noise/loud music from the British Legion Club.</li> <li>• A van broken into at the back of the Village Hall – no known if anything was taken.</li> </ul>												

10	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> None received.</p>																
11	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b></p> <p>11.1 Councillors discussed what charities to donate monies to this Financial Year. It was decided by all Councillors present that the following charities/groups would benefit for the Year End 2011:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Air Ambulance</td> <td>£100</td> <td><b>Cheque No.000792</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAB</td> <td>£50</td> <td><b>Cheque No.000793</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victim Support</td> <td>£50</td> <td><b>Cheque No.000794</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age Concern</td> <td>£50</td> <td><b>Cheque No.000795</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Angels</td> <td>£165</td> <td><b>Cheque No. 000791</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Letter to state that Insurance should be taken out of this</p> <p><b>Total                    £415 Charities Donation</b></p> <p>11.2 An Invoice for the Wine at the APM amounting to <b>£18.28</b> was received from Cllr Jones and all Councillors agreed for this to be paid. <b>Cheque No.000797</b></p> <p>11.3 The Annual Insurance policy with <b>Allianz due on 01 June 2010</b>, was reviewed (risk factors and cover) and all Councillors present agreed for the premium to be paid. This amounted to <b>£484.55 Cheque No.000796</b> Administration now with Aon Limited.</p> <p>11.4 The Clerk and the Chairman read out Section 2 of the Audit Return and all Councillors agreed with responses recorded.</p> <p>11.5 The Clerk stated that after the Internal Auditor (Mr Keith Cockroft) had checked the Account, the Audit Return would be forwarded to the External Auditors Moore Stephens.</p> <p>11.6 The Bank Statements: Reserve A/C £19,906.42 and Current A/C £50 were reconciled and signed.</p>	Air Ambulance	£100	<b>Cheque No.000792</b>	CAB	£50	<b>Cheque No.000793</b>	Victim Support	£50	<b>Cheque No.000794</b>	Age Concern	£50	<b>Cheque No.000795</b>	Little Angels	£165	<b>Cheque No. 000791</b>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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12	<p><b>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</b> Cllr Quinn handed his report to Councillors, the main tasks undertaken being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured the direction sign at the T junction to Watery Lane and Holcombe</li> <li>• Also the road warning signs at the South end of the village above Bath View.</li> <li>• Cleaned signs making them more visible to motorists.</li> <li>• Fixed the newly panted finger post to the signpost at the top of Green Lane. (Leaving one to paint on site, as it is impossible to remove.</li> <li>• Cleaned the window of the Village Hall inside and out, also the window ledges.</li> <li>• Cleared weeds and debris from outside of the hall and trimmed grass at rear. (both of the above prior to Polling Day)</li> <li>• Strimmed the bank opposite Fosse Cottage. (The occupants of which were very appreciative)</li> </ul>																
13	<p><b>FOOTPATHS:</b></p> <p>13.1 The Chairman read out the letter received from SCC regarding a footpath application from Mr Smith for a modification of the County Council Definitive Map and Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>13.2 The Clerk had also been contacted by Wendy Burge of SCC who requested past Minutes (from 1900 to 1960). The Clerk had understood these to be at Taunton in the archives, but this had already been investigated and no records for Stratton</p>																

	<p>were held there.</p> <p>13.3 Cllr Fittings reported that Wendy Burge had met with parishioners that wished for the footpath to be reinstated at the Village Hall and had conducted individual interviews to register their views. Wendy Burge would also be meeting with other groups involved (i.e. Downside and the Ramblers) before writing her Report.</p> <p>13.4 The Chairman reported that Downside was to brief Cllr Hobbs to put its position to the Parish Council Meeting, but it was noted that Cllr Hobbs was not present.</p> <p>13.5 A discussion took place, where it was pointed out that it had been closed now for 6 years and there is access via another established footpath to Chilcompton via Mogg Hill House. Councillors voted unanimously <i>not</i> to support the motion to re-open the footpath.</p> <p>13.6 The Clerk to reply to Wendy Burge of SCC regarding the Parish Council's decision.</p> <p>13.7 Funding for upgrading the established footpath at Mogg House would be investigated. Cllr Gittings confirmed that a small amount was left from the Footpath grant from SCC was left but stated that it was doubtful if a Grant would be received this Financial Year. The Clerk to contact Dist Cllr Cawood to seek funding.</p>		Clerk
<b>14</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS:</b></p> <p>14.1 The Clerk read out the e-mail received from Charlie Higgins at Highways confirming the highway matters raised at the last meeting had been noted and given ref numbers.</p> <p>14.2 The Clerk noted that the uneven pavement surface outside of number 1 had been wrongly reported and was in fact in Link Mead. The Clerk to notify Highways of the correct site.</p> <p>14.3 The Clerk had not yet obtained feedback from neighbouring parishes that had installed flashing speed warning signs, but would endeavour to bring information to the next meeting.</p> <p>14.4 An e-mail from Dist Cllr Halfhide was read out regarding MDC street/maintenance. The Clerk had also received information form MDC regarding maintenance which was given to Cllr Quinn.</p>		Clerk  Clerk
<b>15</b>	<p><b>ADOPT A BT KIOSK:</b></p> <p>15.1 The Clerk reported that a contract with a cheque for £1 had been forwarded to BT. A new contract had now to be signed and returned before the adoption could be implemented because of the new provision for Parish Councils to opt to keep the electric supply with BT paying. The new clause was read after which the Chairman signed and the Clerk will forward to BT.</p> <p>15.2 The Chairman thought that a recent suggestion to remove the BT Kiosk to the Community Gardens was not viable and thought it would be preferable to leave it in situ. All Councillors present agreed. Ideas were that it should be used as a community facility such as a swap shop for books or magazines or advertising.</p>		Clerk
<b>16</b>	<p><b>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</b></p> <p>16.1 Cllr Gittings reported that the main topic of discussion was Planning in the Countryside and the numerous rules that MDC consider at an application.</p> <p>16.2 Cllr Gittings stated that MDC were not yet aware of the position of gypsy sites within its district.</p> <p>16.3 It was noted that affordable Housing was under stricter controls ie who is allocated the houses and to be built with no more than 5 houses in a block.</p>		

<b>17</b>	<b>RBL CAR PARK:</b> 17.1 The Chairman reported that the Duchy had officially been told that the RBL relinquished lease. The Chairman reported to the Duchy that the Parish Council would be interested in the car park for the village. The Duchy stated that it was part of Fosse Farm complex and that they would like to keep as part of that.  17.2 At the moment Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council has registered its interest in the car park and therefore to be remembered in any future plans of the Duchy.		
<b>18</b>	<b>WEB-SITE:</b> There was nothing to report – although Cllr Daniels was still waiting for a few Councillors profile report.		Cllrs
<b>19</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:		
<b>20</b>	<b>MATTERS OF REPORT &amp; ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</b> There were none.		
<b>21</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> 21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday <b>21 June 2010 at 7.45 p.m.</b> 21.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.25 p.m.		

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_