

<p>7</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Internal Audit fee amounting to £25 plus photocopying totalling £26.16 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid to Mr Keith Cockroft... Cheque No.000800</p> <p>7.2 The Invoice from Future-interactive for Hosting the Parish Web-site from 13 May 2010 to 14 May 2011 amounting to £58.80 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No. 000799</p> <p>7.3 The Clerk had received a letter from Emily Malik returning the cheque from the Parish Council requesting that the invoice for the Village Hall be paid in lieu. The Clerk had contacted Mrs Malik to state, from the Clerk's prospective, that this request was not viable, but that it would be put on the Agenda and she would be notified of the Parish Council's decision. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Mrs Malik, stating that the Parish Council was happy to support the Toddler Group by way of a grant but were not prepared to be involved with its overheads. If the group did not have a bank account, then as a special concession, the cheque could be re-issued to an individual within the Group. Cllr Daniels stated that he would be prepared to give the Group details of a bank account that he used that that incurred no charges. The Clerk to report this to Mrs Malik.</p> <p>7.4 The Clerk's salary for the period April-June 2010 amounting to £ 519.66 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid Cheque no. 000798 The Clerk stated that this was still at the old rate as new instructions had not been forward from SALC as yet. Also that, whilst completing the Audit, it had been noted that the correct rate for the past year had not been paid – the Clerk would report the discrepancy at the next meeting.</p> <p>7.5 The Bank Statements were signed and reconciled.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>8.1 The Clerk to report to Highways subsidence at the south end of the village approximately a quarter of a mile out towards Shepton Mallet. Markings had been made around one area of subsidence but not around another are of equal damage. Clerk to copy CC Gloria Cawood.</p> <p>8.2 The vegetation at the junctions to Watery Lane, Norton Down Cross roads and Green Lane were overgrown and presenting a danger. The Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>8.3 Cllr Gittings questioned whether Green Lane could have a weight restriction put in place, as large vehicles were constantly using it as a short-cut which presented a danger to other road users. The Clerk to contact Jeff Bunting.</p> <p>8.4 The Chairman read from CC Gloria Cawood's report information regarding the red routes and the intention of removing unnecessary road signs.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>9.1 Cllr Quinn handed his report to Councillors, the main tasks undertaken being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing branches and growth obstructing road warning signs. • Strimming grass blocking the entrance to the football field at Middlemead. • Clearing access to footpaths at Mogg Hill, Pi8tcote Lane, Green Lane, White Post and around the 2 gates on the path through “the copse” towards Chilcompton. • Cleared overgrowth around signs at Church Lane, the bank opposite Fosse Cottages • The bank around the millennium tree in the RBLK car park was strimmed and overgrown vegetation cleared away. • Brambles overhanging the pavement towards the 1st chicane at the north end of the village cleared. • Weed killer placed around the village hall to control the growth of weeds. • Signpost painting is continuing. <p>9.2 Cllr Quinn reported that the burial ground was in urgent need of attention. The Chairman suggested that it should first be strimmed and then weed killer could be applied when it starts growing again. The Chairman stated that he would apply the weed killer. Cllr Quinn stated that he would ask Chris to strim on his next parish visit.</p> <p>9.3 Cllr Quinn reported that although a grant had been promised from SCC for the Lengthsman scheme, it now looked uncertain.</p>	<p>Chair Cllr Quinn</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Gittings reported that she had attended a meeting at Batcombe for footpaths in this area. It was stated that SCC were grateful for the Parish Council log of jobs completed on footpaths and were interested in the fact that Chris (the lengthsman) completes many of the tasks.</p> <p>10.2 There was now an easy access Website to report defects of footpaths – this will be passed to Cllr Daniels as useful information for the Parish Web-site,</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT: There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <p>12.1 Cllr Daniels reported that the Parish Web-site now held information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The History of Stratton • Refuse Collection & Garden Waste information including schedules. • 184, 776, 684 Bus schedules also Frome Coaches that go to work & back. • Little Angels information – to be completed. • The Lengthsman Scheme- explanation of scheme, contacts, work schedule • CC Report – pending (awaiting confirmation that this can be placed on the web-site) <p>12.2 Cllr Daniels reported that he was still awaiting 2 photos complete with brief descriptions from two Councillors (Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Davies).</p>	<p>Cllrs Hobbs Davies</p>

13	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p>	
14	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>14.1 Cllr Jones reported on the progress of the Community Gardens, stating that both solicitors need to make contact. Cllr Jones stated that there were still a few matters causing concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downside’s insistence on stock proof fencing being erected between the playing field and the Community Gardens forming a boundary. • A fence and gate at the Village Hall car park making it separate. Cllr Stock raised an objection at this point to the main entrance being at the end of Middlemead. The Chairman queried who would be responsible for the maintenance of fencing • The lease made to the Parish Council. Cllr Jones stated that before the Parish Council committed itself to this that it needed to be viewed and thoroughly checked. <p>The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had committed to paying for the solicitors and the maintenance of the equipment. The Chairman and Cllr Jones would meet to discuss the above points raised.</p> <p>14.2 Cllr Stock reported that some of the gardens at Link Mead were in a neglected state. Cllr Hobbs offered to consult Downside on the Parish Council’s behalf to establish whether it was Downside’s or the tenant’s responsibility.</p> <p>14.3 Donation to Village Day Funds to be placed on the next Agenda.</p>	<p>Cllrs Padfield Jones</p> <p>Cllr Hobbs</p> <p>Agenda</p>
15	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>15.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 19 July 2010 at 7.45 p.m. 15.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 8.50 p.m.</p>	

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____