

**Minutes of the 890th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 20 September 2010**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mr D Stock, A Hobbs.		
IN ATTENDANCE:	Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, Clerk, prospective Dist Cllr candidate.		
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Cllrs Jeremy Padfield, Linda Gittings, Richard Jones, Malcolm Daniels, Judy Daniels, CC Gloria Cawood.		
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 19 July 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.		
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none		
4	MATTERS ARISING: There were none.		
5	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Housley was not present and there were no matters to report.		
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p><u>Applications:</u></p> <p>Ref:2010/1655 Applicant Mr J Addicott Location: The Barton & The Stables, Manor Farm, Manor Courtyard,SOF Proposal: Demolition of internal wall between meeting rooms. <i>The Planning Committee had already looked at this and recommended approval as it was a sensible modification to suit needs.</i></p> <p>Ref:2010/1860 Applicant: The Trustees of Downside Abbey Location: St Cecilians, Downside, SOF Proposal: Demolition of existing lean to extension & erection of sittingroom extension <i>Councillors agreed on recommending approval as this was a very sensible proposal, using existing materials, for an excellent reason. It will interfere with no-one.</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/1665 Applicant: Mr H Coles Location: Pitcot Farm,Pitcote Lane,SOF BA3 4SX Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building <i>It was reported by MDC that Prior Approval is not required.</i></p> <p><u>Refusal</u></p> <p>Ref:2010/1563 Location: 2 South Street, SOF Proposal: Non material amendment to approval 2009/1726 Finish the extension in render. Proposed light tunnel at the rear elevation. <i>Refused - The use of render instead of natural stone not considered as a non-material amendment as this would alter the appearance of the dwellinghouse and would need a full planning application. The light tube in inconsequential as would not have a material impact upon the area and is considered acceptable.</i></p>		

	<p><u>Approval</u> Ref: 2010/0865 Location: Stoke Bottom Farm, Stoke St Michael BA3 5HW Proposal: Erection of Livestock collecting yard building. <i>Approved with conditions: Begun before 3 years. No external lighting unless approved by MDC. Surface water drainage works carried out prior to works starting.</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/1655 Location: The Barton & The Stables, Manor Courtyard, SOF Proposal: Demolition of internal wall between meeting rooms <i>Approved with conditions: Work to be carried out before expiration of 3 years. All existing external & internal architectural details shall be retained unless indicated on the approved drawings.</i></p> <p>Ref: SM 19/38 & SM 19/50 Location: Public footpath in the parish of SOF Proposal: Authorisation of a kissing gate(A). The gate is require for the purpose of stock control. <i>Approval given after a full investigation.</i></p>	
7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 The Clerk’s salary for the period July-Sept 2010 amounting to £519.66 was agreed by all councillors present to be paid. The Clerk stated that this was not based on the current rate of pay and that adjustments would be presented at the next meeting. Cheque No.000806</p> <p>7.2 The Audit Return for the Year End 2010 had been returned. The Auditors had found everything in order and had made no additional comments.</p> <p>7.3 The Invoice from Moore Stephens for this service amounting to £141.00 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000807</p> <p>7.4 A re-issued cheque for Little Angels amounting to £165.00 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000808</p> <p>7.5 The Clerk reported that a VAT Refund amounting to £721 had been received for the years 2007 – 2010. Ref UB4432</p> <p>7.6 The Bank Statements for the period of July and August 2010 were reconciled and signed.</p>	
8	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>8.1 The Chairman read Councillors the e-mail received from Jeff Bunting regarding the Parish Council’s concern about large vehicles using Green Lane. Jeff thought that the imposition of a weight restriction is costly and unlikely to be progressed further. Although the installation of advisory NO HGV Signs might be considered, but highways would need to ascertain the extent of the problem first. Details of offending vehicles would be useful.</p> <p>8.2 After discussion, it was decided that the Clerk should make enquires about cost of erecting a sign “unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles”. Councillors also raised concerns over coaches using this lane and that there were no drop off points for unloading.</p> <p>8.3 The issue of installing speed flashing lights had been left to CC Cawood to investigate, regarding cost etc.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CC Cawood</p>

	<p>8.4 Cllr Norris reported that a drain cover was proud of the road making the road subside. This was situated opposite Green Lane outside the old telephone exchange. The Clerk to report to Highways.</p>	Clerk
<p>9</p>	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>9.1 Cllr Quinn reported that SCC had approved the application for a grant of £5,000 towards the Lengthsman scheme and it is now being processed. Unfortunately, there will be a shortfall in the fund until March 2010 when the next round of subscriptions from the five parishes is due. Cllr Quinn suggested that Stratton stands down Chris during January and February when the workload is much lighter, but this decision will have to be made by all five parishes at a future meeting.</p> <p>9.2 Cllr Quinn handed out a detailed report on jobs that the lengthsman had completed since the last meeting, which are summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleared brambles etc obstructing the footway from opposite the war memorial to Green Lane junction. • Cleared drains of debris from Linkmead to the Kings Arms. • Footpaths and stiles have been strimmed around at Pitcote crossroads towards Stokhill, near the White Post runabout and at Mogg Hill. • The bank and verge opposite Fosse Cottage and towards the British Legion have also been strimmed. • The Direction Signs at Killings Knapp have been cleared of overhanging vegetation and the Stop and Direction Arrow Signs at Norton Down crossroads have been secured and a few other Direction Signs have also been cleared. • Rubbish has been cleared from the lay-by at Killings Knapp. • Litter and weeds were removed from pavements and chicanes in the village. • The car-park and surrounds of the Village Hall were strimmed and tidied in preparation for Village Day. 	
<p>10</p>	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Quinn reported that he had received many complaints about the Mogg Hill footpath. In some places along the route it was only 6 inches wide whereas legally it should be 1 metre wide. This makes it near impossible to travel this route with a pushchair. This path is in constant use by parishioners to access doctors, shop and school.</p> <p>10.2 The Chairman suggested that a few Councillors, along with the lengthsman Chris, meet to inspect the site. It was decided to meet on site on 6 October 2010 at 9.30 am.</p>	Cllrs Chris
<p>11</p>	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT: There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>WEB-SITE: Cllr Daniels has now inserted footpaths on the Stratton Web-site.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>DOWNSIDE – NEGLECTED GARDENS:</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Hobbs reported that Downside had decided that it would initially strim the neglected gardens under its tenancy. After which the tenants themselves would be asked to take responsibility.</p> <p>13.2 Cllrs thought that there were other Downside properties where vegetation was left to overhang pavements which needed addressing.</p>	Cllr

	13.3 Cllr Hobbs would ask for this work to be done as soon as possible.		Hobbs
14	<p>RUBBISH ADJCENT TO VILLAGE HALL:</p> <p>14.1 The Chairman reported that there was a large heap of rubbish adjacent to the Village Hall car-park which was a health hazard. Also of concern was a skip. It was suggested that Environmental Health should be contacted, but before proceeding the</p> <p>14.2 Chairman would first speak to the person responsible. Cllr Stock to supply the Chairman with the contact name.</p>		Cllr Stock Chair
15	<p>INTRODUCTION TO NOMINATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:</p> <p>15.1 The nominated Conservative District Councillor – Mr Stephen Priscott – introduced himself to Councillors. Stating that he had lived in Oakhill, had children and worked in Bristol.</p> <p>15.2 This position was now vacant, as Maxine Oxford had now resigned. The Clerk had placed a Notice detailing the forthcoming election on the Notice Board.</p>		
16	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p> <p>16.1 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide reported that the re-cycling of plastics and cardboard would not star until February 2011 in this area.</p> <p>16.2 A meeting to be held at Frome Library on 5 October 2010 between 7-9 pm to discuss future Library services.</p> <p>16.3 An enquiry from the Community Council for Somerset regarding Parish Plan information was to be taken up by the Clerk.</p>		DS Clerk
17	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>17.1 Cllr Stock reported that Village Day was a success, with £2,000 raised towards the Community Gardens. On reflection, it was thought that more local sponsorship could be collected for next year's event. Cllr Quinn stated that the Downside boys were very helpful on the day.</p> <p>17.2 Cllr Stock gave the Clerk the Design Brief for the Community Gardens.</p>		File
18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>18.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 18 October 2010 at 7.45 p.m</p> <p>18.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.</p>		

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____