

**Minutes of the 891st Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 18 October 2010**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr R Jones (Vice-Chair), Mr A Norris, Mr W Quinn, Mr M Daniels, Mrs J Davies, Mr D Stock, Mr Jeremy Padfield .	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Clerk, CC Gloria Cawood, prospective Dist Cllr candidate.	
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said as usual.</i>	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Linda Gittings, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, PCSO Housley.	
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 20 September 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none	
4	MATTERS ARISING: 13.1 The matter of the neglected gardens had still not been resolved; in spite of Cllr Hobbs request on behalf of the Parish Council, therefore it was decided to write directly to the Bursar at Downside.	Clerk
5	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Housley was not present and there were no matters to report.	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: <u>Applications:</u> Ref : 2010/2125 Location: 2 South Street, SOF Proposal: Erection of 2 storey rear extension, porch to front elevation, single "off road" Car parking space at front off highway. <i>The Planning Committee had held a site meeting and found the render finish quite acceptable at rear of property. This view had been forwarded to MDC.</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/1841 Location: Beaumaris, Fosse Road, SOF Proposal: Outline application for new bungalow on land adjoining Beaumaris <i>The Planning Committee had already looked at this and forwarded the following comments: Recommend that the decision be left to the Planning Officer following consultation responses. It was noted that permission was given previously for this application.</i> <i>It was noted that Cllr Norris was not included in this decision.</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/1657 Location: Flowers Cottage, Stoke Bottom Proposal: Extension to provide 3 reception rooms & 3 bedrooms. <i>Councillors viewed the plans, but it was decided that the Planning Committee would need to hold a site meeting. Its decision would be forwarded to Mendip and reported at the next Meeting.</i></p> <p>Ref: 2010/1657 Location: Land west of football ground, North of Middlemead SOF Proposal: Change of use of land to recreation area and provision of associated equipment and a community garden <i>Councillors present all agreed to recommend approval. The Clerk to inform MDC</i></p>	

	<p><u>Approval</u> Ref: 2010/1860 Location: St Cecillas, Downside, SOF Proposal: Demolition of existing lean to extension & erection of sittingroom extension.</p>		
7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 A request for Cam Valley Wildlife Group for Annual Subscription amounting to £5 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No. 000809</p> <p>7.2 The Clerk's salary adjustment and petty cash reimbursement was deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>7.3 The Bank Statements for the month o September 2010 were reconciled ad signed.</p>		
8	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>8.1 CC Gloria Cawood reported that Mendip District Council was considering Parish Councils contributing towards the cost of sharing mobile traffic calming signs. This would be on a rota system of 10 weeks. The Chairman stated that a more permanent sign would be desirable. CC Cawood thought that temporary signs were taken more notice of and the cost was less.</p> <p>8.2 Cllr Quinn had requested a strip/rod to monitor traffic, but to date had not been contacted. CC Cawood would contact Jeff Bunting at Highways to arrange for a site meeting to monitor traffic.</p> <p>8.3 The unsuitability of HGV's and coaches using Green Lane was again discussed. Councillors decided that the Clerk should contact Jeff Bunting to ask for Advisory Signs (Unsuitable for HGV's) to be erected.</p>	CC Cawood	Clerk
9	<p>INTRODUCTION TO NOMINATED DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Thomas Buckle, the prospective Lib-Dem candidate for Chilcompton, introduced himself to Councillors. Giving his personal details and outlining his views and objectives.</p>		
10	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</p> <p>10.1 Gloria Cawood confirmed that the Lengthsman Scheme would run to the end of its financial year. However from September 2011 its funding was still uncertain.</p> <p>10.2 A Meeting to be held regarding the monies for the Community Garden Scheme had been postponed. Although the Government was stopping some monies, Gloria thought that smaller grants would still be honoured.</p> <p>10.3 Library services were being re-organised. Four hubs will continue, but others will need volunteers to run them. One mobile library for the whole of Mendip. A grant may be available for groups of parishes to hold a Library Service. Gloria asked the Parish Council to give this some thought and voice its ideas.</p>		All Cllrs

<p>11</p>	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>11.1 Cllr Quinn handed out a report detailing the tasks completed by the Lengthsman – a summary of which follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strimmed the bank and cleared vegetation around the millennium tree. • Cleared brambles and other growth overhanging the pavement at the lower end of Linkmead • Cleared brambles overhanging the pavement by the first chicane (north). • Cut branches obstructing a road sign near Downside School entrance. • Tidied and removed overhanging branches around the War Memorial. • Securely replaced a board covering a broken window on an outbuilding by the Village Hall. • Debris cleared away from drains in the Village. <p>11.2 Cllr Quinn reported that, as a result of monies being short, it had been decided by the Scheme to stand Chris down for the months of December and January and resume in February. Although in the event of an emergency Chris would be available if the Parish Council paid a 1-off amount at the time. This would mean that funds should last until 1 September 2011.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>12.1 The problem of the Mogg Hill footpath – where the width had been reduced in places to 6 inches was discussed. The Chairman reported that himself, Cllr Quinn and the lengthsman had visited the site and decided that it was a major job which would involve a mini digger, earth and rubbish removal. It was thought that this would be a job for a contractor.</p> <p>12.2 This was a public footpath but on privately owned land and although the landowners had been informed initially, they would be contacted again, before work began. Some footpaths were dedicated and SCC were responsible for their maintenance and others farmers maintained by spraying out 1 metre over crop in between stiles. CC Gloria Cawood would investigate if any funding was still available for footpath repair.</p> <p><i>Cllr Stock left the meeting at this point</i> <i>CC Gloria Cawood left the meeting at this point</i></p> <p>12.3 The Chairman suggest that it might be possible to use the farms small digger and it was decided for Cllrs Daniels and Quinn along with the Chairman and Chris the lengthsman to meet on site to try this out on a piece of the path. Wednesday 3 November was the date set for the site meeting.</p>	<p>CC Cawood</p> <p>Cllrs Padfield Daniels Quinn Chris</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <p>Cllr Daniels reported that the Web-site was up-dated with the Village Fun-day and the Police Report.</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>RUBBISH ADJCENT TO VILLAGE HALL:</p> <p>15.1 The large stack of rubbish material (including plastics and furniture) was still in place and causing Councillors concern, especially as the Chairman had been informed that the rubbish was to be burnt on 5 November.</p> <p>15.2 Still a concern was the skip outside the Village Hall. Apart from being an eyesore, the contents of this were uncertain and, as it was situated opposite the entrance used for the Toddler Group, it needed to be investigated.</p>	

	15.3 The Clerk was instructed to contact Environmental Health regarding both of the above items.		Clerk
16	CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly: Life Boat donation request – Keep on file. Cam Valley Wildlife Group - Annual Subscription request – dealt with in Finance.		
17	MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: There were none.		
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 22 November 2010 at 7.45 p.m 18.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.06 p.m.		

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____