

**Minutes of the 892nd Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 22 November 2010**

PRESENT:	Councillors: 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, Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide, Stephen Priscott.		
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said</i> <i>The Vice-chair Richard Jones took the Chair in the absence of John Padfield.</i>		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Linda Gittings, PCSO Housley.		
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 October 2010 were approved as a true record and duly signed.		
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none		
4	MATTERS ARISING: 10.2 The proposed site meeting at Mogg Hill footpath did not take place and has been postponed. <i>CC Gloria Cawood and Cllr Jeremy Padfield arrived at this point.</i>		
5	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Housley was not present, but the Chairman read out the e-mailed Report – details below: A window smashed at a property owned by Downside Abbey at the top of Church Lane. A quad bike was stolen from a locked shed at Barlake Farm.		
6	PLANNING MATTERS: <u>Applications:</u> Ref : 2010/2671 Location: 3 Stratton Court,SOF Proposal: Single storey extension and chimney <i>All Councillors present agreed to recommend approval.</i> <u>Notified of Approval by MDC</u> Ref: 2010/2212 Flowers Cottage, Stoke Bottom Ref: 2010/2225 2 South Street, SOF Ref: 2010/1841 New Bungalow land adjoining Beaumaris (outline planning).		
7	FINANCIAL MATTERS: 7.1 The Clerk presented BT/Broadband costs, amounting to £111.26 for the period Oct-Jan 2010, which all Councillors present agreed to be paid. Cheque No.000810 7.2 The Invoice for printer ink, amounting to £11.90 , was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000811 7.3 The Bank Statements for the month of October 2010 were reconciled ad signed.		

<p>8</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>8.1 The issue of obtaining flashing speed signs was discussed and it was decided that the Clerk would contact Chilcompton’s clerk to ascertain the cost involved.</p> <p>8.2 Cllr Quinn stated that he still had not heard from Highways regarding the request for a “strip rod” to assess traffic volume. The Clerk reported that this request had also been e-mailed to Jeff Bunting, but to date nothing had been arranged. Gloria would also find out if any funding was available.</p> <p>8.3 CC Gloria Cawood stated that after setting up a strip rod control some Parish Councils had been disappointed, as it showed the speed of the traffic was not as high as first thought.</p> <p>8.4 The inappropriate use of Green Lane by large vehicles was again discussed. The Clerk confirmed that Jeff Bunting had stated that Highways would consider the installation of Advisory No HGV Signs if it was proved to be a persistent problem. CC Gloria Cawood reported that Batcombe had erected its own sign, which might be a consideration. Gloria will try to obtain an example of the sign for the next meeting. The Clerk to place this item on the next Agenda</p> <p>8.5 A request for a grit bin from a Nettlebridge resident was discussed. Councillors thought that, if granted, this would set a precedent. The Clerk stated that Gloucestershire Council had installed blue cattle feed bins which would be obtainable from farmers. The Clerk would contact SCC to verify that it would fill the bins if obtained by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CC Cawood</p> <p>CC Cawood Ag</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>9.1 Cllr Quinn handed out a report detailing the tasks completed by the Lengthsman.</p> <p>9.2 Gloria stated that it was hopeful that the funding for the Lengthsman Scheme would not be cut, but it was not certain as yet.</p> <p><i>Cllr Stock left the meeting at this point 8.45 pm</i></p> <p>9.3 A discussion took place regarding the funding of the Lengthsman Scheme. CC Cawood suggested that the Parish Council write to Councils in the scheme to state the case for funding the Scheme. Cllr Quinn will put this suggestion to the Scheme’s lead Council.</p> <p>9.4 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide suggested that the Precept forecast would have to take account of financing the scheme if funding was withdrawn.</p> <p>9.5 The Clerk to place the Precept Budget on the next Agenda</p> <p>9.6 It was brought to the attention of Councillors that it is proposed to close the Coleford recycling tip next April 2011. CC Cawood suggested that those concerned about this proposal should sign the petition against its closure to be found at local post offices or pubs. Dist Cllr Priscott stated that he would talk to MDC to obtain the facts concerning the closure.</p>	<p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>Ag</p>

10	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>10.1 CC Cawood reported that, after all evidence and documents had been viewed, the recommendation was to re-open the pathway adjacent to Downside property running from Abbey Road to the top of Mogg Hill footpath where it joins the wood... This recommendation will be approved within 14 days if no objections are received.</p> <p>10.2 CC Cawood gave a copy of the historical document to Councillors to peruse before sending off her decision. If the Parish Council did not agree with the proposal then CC Cawood would have to inform the Authorities, by 01 December, and the decision would be delayed.</p> <p><i>Gloria left the meeting at 9.10 pm</i></p>		PC
11	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>		
12	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <p>12.1 Cllr Daniels reported that the Web-site continued to be up-dated, with information on the Community Garden scheme being the latest insertion. Information on the Christmas Bazaar needed to be forwarded to Cllr Daniels for inclusion on the site.</p> <p>12.2 Cllr Daniels had forwarded to all Councillors an e-mail site where households could register for an up-dated, faster Broadband service from BT. Councillors were encouraged to sign up for this service (without commitment) as in order for BT to roll-out this service a minimum of one thousand needed to sign up.</p>		
13	<p>RUBBISH ADJCENT TO VILLAGE HALL:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Environmental Health had been contacted regarding the rubbish and the skip adjacent to the Village Hall and, following a site visit by an official, it was not considered a health risk. Therefore no action could be taken by Environmental Health, although the person responsible for the large heap of rubbish would be spoken to in relation to the dangers connected with 5th November.</p>		
14	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refuse Dates – to put on web-site. 2. Gateway – to put on web-site. 		
15	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>15.1 Cllr Norris reported a white car parked at 7 South Street which was causing concern as the front bumper was damaged leaving a large area of rough metal edges. The Clerk was instructed to contact PCSO Housley.</p> <p>15.2 The pavement at the North end of the village was narrowed by overhanging vegetation and a broken down old fence. Councillors thought that this was Downside's responsibility and the Clerk was asked to write.</p> <p>15.3 Steven Priscott was the newly elected District Councillor and would now attend the Parish Council meetings. He would be going to meetings regarding the Community Gardens, and reported that the grant for the 1st stage had been received and needed to be spent by 31 March 2011.</p> <p>15.4 The Clerk to place RBL Wreath on next Agenda.</p>		Clerk Clerk Ag
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>16.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 20 December 2010 at 7.45 p.m</p> <p>16.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 9.41 p.m.</p>		