

**Minutes of the 896th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 21 March 2011**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors: Cllr Mr R Jones (Vice Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mr M Daniels, Mr D Stock, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings, Mrs J Davies,		
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Clerk, Dist Cllr Steven Priscott,		
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said</i>		ACTION
	<i>As Cllr John Padfield (Chairman) was absent, Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chairman) took the Chair.</i>		
	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> There was no discussion.		
1	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllr John Padfield(Chairman), A Hobbs, CC Gloria Cawood PCSO Housley, (belated) PC Darren Pearson. (belated)  <i>An e-mail received from Cllr Paul Phibben, tendering his resignation, was read to Councillors. This was accepted.</i>		
2	<b>MINUTES:</b> The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 February 2011 were approved as a true record and duly signed.		
3	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b> There were none		
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> All other items covered on the Agenda.		
5	<b>POLICE MATTERS:</b> No PCSO in attendance and no Report received.		
6	<b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> 6.1 <u><i>Applications:</i></u> <b>Ref:2011/0536</b> Downside Abbey & School Internal refurbishment listed building <b>Ref:2011/0491</b> Downside Abbey & School Internal refurbishment listed building <i>All Councillors present agreed to recommend approval to the both of the above.</i>  <b>Ref 2010/3082</b> Heathercott House, Stoke St Michael, Radstock BA3 5HW Extension to house to enlarge kitchen & bedroom Detached garage. <i>Comment returned to MDC from the Planning Committee, after the PC meeting:</i> <i>Leave the decision to the Planning Officer, following consultation responses.</i>  6.2 <u><i>Notified of Approval by MDC</i></u> Ref:2010/3082 Heathercott House, Stoke St Michael,RadstockkmB3 5HW <i>The Proposal by reason of its design, scale and layout would be in keeping with is surroundings.</i>  6.3 <u><i>For Information</i></u> <b>Ref: 2010/2281</b> Application for Confirmation of Condition Compliance		



	<p>10.5 Cllr Stock reported that vehicles parked opposite St Benedict's Church were causing a traffic problem, with cars queuing to pass by at times. This was thought to be a matter for the PCSO and it was suggested that the Clerk contacted PCSO Housley to arrange a site meeting perhaps when on early shift, ie 9.00am</p> <p>10.6 The Clerk to report the broken pointer sign post at the Green Lane triangle. The Lengthsman could fit if forwarded to the Parish Council.</p> <p>10.7 The Clerk to report the grass encroaching the pavement from the last pinch point to the lay-by out of the village towards the White Post and Radstock</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</b></p> <p>11.1 Cllr Quinn was pleased to report that the scheme is now up and running again, with Chris Perkins commencing duty in Stratton on 23 February 2011. Duties performed so far being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleared branches that were obstructing a traffic sign near Norton Down crossroads and the Tunnel Lane sign on the B3355.</li> <li>• Re-aligned a speed restriction sign at the top of Green Lane towards Chilcompton.</li> <li>• Fixed and secured a traffic warning sign on the A367(north)</li> <li>• Cleared various blocked drains on the main road including ones opposite Sunnymead and below the Village Hall. Also drains by Downside entrance, but has still to deal with the one near Green Lane.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Quinn's intention is to deploy Chris when possible to assist with jobs within the Village Hall, although, with the growing season almost here, he will soon be busy with his strimmer.</p> <p>11.2 The Clerk had e-mailed Mr Errington regarding the unsuccessful road sweep, (due to the pavement being swept after the roadside and therefore the drains becoming blocked), but had received no feed-back to date.</p> <p>11.3 Cllr Quinn suggested painting the adopted telephone kiosk and after discussion it was decided to keep it red. Also the inside needed to be stripped. An idea for its usage was for a map of the village for visitors and the Electoral Role displayed. Cllr Quinn suggested having a site meeting to discuss, but Chris the Lengthsman could spruce it up in the meantime.</p> <p>11.4 The litter problem in the village was discussed, with Killings Knapp and Green Lane being particularly bad. Councillors agreed to a <b>litter-pick on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 6.00pm</b>. Cllr Gittings had to give her apologies, due to work commitments. The Clerk to organise with MDC to collect litter pickers, bags and tabards.</p> <p>11.5 The litter left by the re-cycling contractors was still being looked into by Dist Cllr Steven Priscott, who would report at the next meeting.</p> <p>11.6 Ian Parkman, at Environmental Health, had responded to the Clerk's enquiry about what could be done about the rubbish adjacent to the Village Hall as follows: After a second site visit on 15 March 2011 he found that, although the heap is extensive, he could not see any putrifiable or noxious waste. He stated that he only had powers to deal with the rubbish if it did hold any of the aforementioned</p>	<p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>Clerk Cllrs</p> <p>Dist Cllr Priscott</p>



