

**Minutes of the 897th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 18 April 2011**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Cllr Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mr R Jones (Vice Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mr M Daniels, Mr D Stock, Mr W Quinn, Mrs L Gittings,		
IN ATTENDANCE:	Clerk, Dist Cllr Steven Priscott., Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide.		
	<i>The Lord's prayer was said</i>		ACTION
	PUBLIC FORUM: There was no discussion.		
1	APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs J Davies, Mr Jeremy Padfield, PCSO Housley, PC Darren Pearson.		
2	MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 March 2011 were approved as a true record and duly signed.		
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none		
4	MATTERS ARISING: 4.1 The Clerk stated that, after liaising with Cllr Jones, the Dog Fouling Bin had been ordered in green. 4.2 The Clerk was awaiting a response from the dog warden at Mendip regarding signs in connection with the bin. 4.3 All other items covered on the Agenda.		
5	POLICE MATTERS: PCSO Housley and PC Darren Pearson hope to attend the APM which follows.		
6	PLANNING MATTERS: 6.1 <u>Applications:</u> Ref:2011/0512 Location: 8A The Mead, SOF Proposal: Demolition of conservatory & erection of a replacement rear single Storey extension & associated alterations. <i>All Councillors present agreed to recommend approval.</i> 6.2 <u>Notified of Approval by MDC:</u> None		
7	TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS: The final adjustments to the Standing Orders had still to be made; therefore a decision to adopt them at the next meeting was taken.		Cllr Daniels
8	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report received.		

<p>9</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>9.1 The Annual Subscription for SALC amounting to £174.10 was agreed by all councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000822</p> <p>9.2 The Annual Subscription for the Community Council for Somerset amounting to £35 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.000823</p> <p>9.3 The Clerk presented BT/Broadband costs for the period April-July 2011 amounting to £116.28 and all Councillors present agreed for this to be paid. Cheque No.000821</p> <p>9.4 The Clerk reported that the Year End 2011 Audit Return was being prepared and that Keith Cockcroft would be overseeing the internal Audit as in past years. The Notice of Inspection had been placed on the Notice Board.</p> <p>9.5 The Bank statements for the end of March 2011 were signed and reconciled.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <p>10.1 A meeting between Cllr Daniels, Cllr Quinn and David Blanchflower from Highways, to discuss the placement and design of grit bins had taken place. Cllr Daniel handed Councillors a report listing the sites agreed. A suggestion to fix-down the bins when placed was thought to be a good idea, also a notice declaring not to be used for private paths or drives. Although residents in Pitcote Lane had asked for a grit bin in the past, it was decided to defer this decision and revisit at a later date. A request for a grit bin from residents in Nettlebridge, at the border with Ashwick Parish Council, had since been met by Ashwick Council. It was proposed to budget for 8-off and defer any other purchases for future discussion. Cllr Daniels will look at various suppliers and the Clerk would supply a suitable catalogue.</p> <p>10.2 Cllr Jones reported that 2 signs denoting “not suitable for HGV’s” measuring 30”x35” were on order, at no cost. A decision on how to fix them will be made when received and the Chairman declared that he would be able to obtain a post, which the lengthsman could then fix in place.</p> <p>10.3 Dist Cllr Gus Halfhide suggested highlighting the issue with rubbish bins being left on the narrow pavement with Waste Partnership, as a health and safety issue. Cllrs stated that 8 houses were involved, stretching from the telephone kiosk to the war memorial The Clerk to contact MDC and e-mail Dist Cllrs Halfhide and Priscot with details.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <p>11.1 Cllr Quinn supplied Councillors with his report, giving an account of jobs performed by the Lengthsman.</p> <p>11.2 Cllr Daniels suggested that Chris clean 2 road signs. Which he pointed out would save MDC £150 to clean, therefore Mendip was saving money with the Parish Lengthsman scheme.</p> <p>11.3 The Clerk reported that Mr Errington had been contacted regarding the litter-pick equipment and that she would collect tomorrow and leave with Cllr Padfield in time for the scheduled Tuesday evening litter collection. Cllr Padfield would supply bags, which when full would be left at Church Farm for collection by Mendip District Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Quinn</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Letters/e-mails sent: Downside – re rubbish adjacent to VH – Linkmead properties. Mendip Ramblers – Speaker Invites to Clubs/Organizations Invites to County Councillor & District Councillors Invite to PCSO MDC – re broken sign Aon Insurance- to add property damage to policy (Community Gardens) confirmed that public liability extended at no extra cost (PC responsible for the maintenance & upkeep of play park) Glasdon – Order for Dog Fouling Bin – Green Retriever 50</p>		
17	<p>MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: 17.1 Cllr Norris observed that Downside had repointed a section of its wall, but that the workmanship was very poor. Cllr Norris suggested that Downside was notified of the Parish Council’s disapproval to avoid a repeat on future repairs. Councillors however thought that this was Downside’s property and was outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. 17.2 Standing Orders to be placed on the Agenda to be adopted at the next meeting.</p>		Agenda
18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 16 May 2011 at 7.45 p.m 18.2 There being no other business the meeting finished at 7.30 p.m.</p>		

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____