

**Minutes of the 909th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 28 May 2012**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Mr R Jones (Vice Chairman), Mr A Norris, Mrs L Gittings, Mrs J Davies, Mr D Stock.	
IN ATTENDANCE:		
	<p><i>The Lord's prayer was said.</i></p> <p>PUBLIC FORUM: There was no discussion.</p>	ACTION
1.	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: The meeting was opened by and chaired by Cllr Jones (Vice-Chair), who asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr John Padfield was nominated by Cllr Stock and seconded by Cllr Norris - all Councillors present were in favour. There were no other nominations. Cllr John Padfield, not being present at the Meeting, would be informed of the election result.</p>	
2.	<p>SIGNING OF DECLARATION: The relevant Declaration Forms would be signed at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
3.	<p>APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mr John Padfield, Mr W Quinn, Mrs I Duggen, Mr M Daniels, Mr Jeremy Padfield, Dist Cllr S Priscott, CC Gloria Cawood, Clerk V Attwood.</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16 April 2012 were approved as a true record and duly signed.</p>	
5.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Gittings declared an interest in the planning application as recorded on the Agenda.</p>	
6.	<p>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Jones was nominated by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Davies with all Councillors present in favour. No other nominations.</p>	
7.	<p>SUB-COMMITTEES: Planning: Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Norris and Cllr J Davies. Street Cleaning/Lengthsman: Cllr B Quinn. Footpaths: Held over to elect from the full Council. Cllr Gittings, (the present holder of the position), will be moving from the village and it would be beneficial if the position was filled whilst help could be given in the role. Bank Signatories: Cllr John Padfield, Cllr Jones, Cllr J Davies.</p>	Agenda
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING: There were none, other than shown as Agenda items.</p>	
9.	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: There was no Report received.</p>	
10.	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: There was no report received.</p>	
11.	<p>POLICE MATTERS: There was no report received.</p>	

12.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS: <u>Applications:</u> Ref: 2012/0846 Applicant: Mr Bendall Location: 3 Sunnymead, SOF Proposal: 2 storey side extension & alteration to access & new drive. <i>The site had been inspected by all members of the Planning Sub-committee and all felt able to recommend approval. Forms returned to MDC within the 21 day requirement.</i></p> <p><u>Notified of Approval by MDC:</u> There were none.</p>	
13.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>10.1 The Clerk was in receipt of the Report from Mr Cockroft, the Internal Auditor, who had inspected the Accounts and had found them to be in order.</p> <p>10.2 The Audit Return – Section 2 – was read to Councillors by the Chairman and was agreed and completed by all Councillors present. The Return was signed by Cllr Jones, Vice-Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>10.3 The Clerk to forward the completed Year End 2012 Audit Return to Moore Stephens, the External Auditors,</p> <p>10.4 It was noted that from Year End 2013 the External Auditors had changed to Grant Thornton UK LLP</p> <p>10.5 The monies given to Charities was discussed and it was decided that as the Precept had not increased for yet another year the total amount given to the various charities should remain the same as per 2011.</p> <p>10.6 The Clerk had obtained 3 quotations for Insurance which was due for renewal on 01 June 2012. AON, the current providers, had re-quoted at £1,159.56 without the added play equipment taken into account. The new quotations did include the added play equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zurich - £1,130 • Public Sector risk Solutions(Eclipse) - £883.23 • Came & Company - £732 <p>10.7 The policy from Came & Company was examined to ensure that it held the same cover as the others and, on being found to give the same amount of cover, it was decided by all Councillors present to choose this Company to be the Council’s insurers for the following year.</p> <p>10.8 The Vice-Chairman wished for the clerk to be congratulated on her hard work to find this cover. The Clerk to forward the cheque. Cheque No.</p> <p>10.9 The Web-site Annual subscription with Future–interactive to be dealt with by Cllr Daniels.</p> <p>10.10 It was noted that Mr Barry Pugsley had stopped cutting the Football Field, due to the cost of fuel for the cutter. Cllr Jones to enquire as to the cost incurred to carry out this work and come back to the Council to discuss possible payment for this service. Awaiting report from Cllr Quinn and the Lengthsman regarding the grass cutting of the Community Gardens.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Daniels</p> <p>Cllr Jones Cllr Quinn</p>

	<p>10.11 The Annual subscription fro the Community Council For Somerset amounting to £35 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.</p> <p>10.12 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed. Current A/C £50 and Business A/C £20,393</p>	
14.	<p>STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME: No report available. Cllr Norris brought to notice the urgent need for the pavement to be cleared throughout the village, be that by way of spraying the weeds or hoeing them.</p>	Cllr Quinn
15.	<p>FOOTPATHS: 15.1 Details had been received concerning gate posts which are rotting on the Mogg Hill footpath. Details passed to Somerset County Council. 15.2 Cllr Gittings reported that she was approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of the way through the “Walk for Health” report she had been asked to complete for the parish.</p>	
16.	<p>HIGHWAYS: 16.1 Cllr Gittings brought up again the issue of the pavement at Nettlebridge Hill, (one of the most dangerous parts of the A367) and asked that Highways be chased as to dealing with the poor state of the pavement at this point. 16.2 Cllr Norris asked if there was any update with regard to the alterations of the chicane system at the Green Lane/Bainsbury location. Cllr Jones state that nothing had been heard and he felt that the Clerk should send a copy the Minutes of the meeting held between Parish Council representatives and Highways to Mr Charlie Higgins and Mr Jeff Bunting at Highways requesting a progress report.</p>	Clerk Clerk
17.	<p>COMMUNITY GARDEN: 17.1 Cllr Stock stated that he had inspected the Play-park weekly and had nothing to report. 17.2 He had, however, spoken to youths who had climbed onto the roof of the bandstand and the following day a piece of wood had been found to be ripped from the roof – this was now in the process of being repaired. 17.3 The garden area was now being worked on with trees being planted and paths laid.</p>	
18.	<p>BT KIOSK: This is awaiting action/report from Cllr Quinn.</p>	Cllr Quinn
19.	<p>WAR MEMORIAL: Awaiting report from Cllr John Padfield.</p>	Cllr Padfield
20.	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT: Cllr Gittings had not received any details of the next meeting.</p>	
21.	<p>WEB-SITE: Awaiting report from Cllr Daniels.</p>	
22.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read and dealt with accordingly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazines: Clerks & Council Direct • All other correspondence was in relation to BANES 	

23.	MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination f Parish Path Liaison Office. • Receive grass cutting quotes. • Discuss cutting of Football Field. 		
24.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 18 June at 7.45 pm 22.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.		

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____