

**Minutes of the 927<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall 20 January 2014**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors: Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mr R Jones(vice-Chairman), Mr M Daniels, Mrs J Davies, Mr D Stock, Mr W Quinn.											
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Dist Cllr R Carter, Clerk,											
	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b>		ACTION									
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr A Norris, Mrs I Duggan.</p> <p>A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Mrs Linda Gittings, which the Chairman read to the Meeting. The reason being that Linda was relocating to another County and all Councillors present were of the opinion that she would be hard to replace, especially in connection with footpath representation. The Chairman was to forward a letter of thanks for her work as a Councillor on behalf of all Councillors.</p>											
2.	<p><b>MINUTES:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16 December 2013 were approved as a true record and duly signed.</p>											
3.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>											
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported on the following action taken since the last meeting:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">ACTION POINTS</th> <th style="width: 15%;">ACTION BY DATE</th> <th style="width: 25%;">NAME</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <p>1. Contact Charlie Higgins at Highways to establish why the planned alterations to the Chicane had not happened and why the alternative work had taken place without the PC's opinion sought before work completed. Clerk had emailed letter re above with cc to Harvey Siggs Jeff Bunting emailed stating that: "The width of the kerbed build-out was reduced to encourage vehicles to take a different path through the chicane; the kerbing on the footway opposite was raised to reduce the problem of vehicles over-running. By reducing the width of the build-out the amount of lateral clearance between vehicles and the kerb line is increased and therefore a consequent reduction in collision risk between pedestrians and vehicles should follow. After careful reflection, I believe that the new arrangements have achieved this and whilst I note that your council's concern on this matter the site constraints that exist at this location make any other form of improvement difficult to achieve within budget."</p> <p><i>Councillors were still unhappy that the Parish Council had not been consulted before the new design was implemented. CC Harvey Siggs will look into this matter.</i></p> </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: bottom;">Still awaiting response</td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: bottom;">Harvey Siggs</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>2. Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site <i>Clerk &amp; Cllr Daniels held meeting to discuss Forwarded Councillors Draft financial Regs Propose to Adopt at Meeting</i></p> </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: bottom;">February Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: bottom;">Agenda</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			ACTION POINTS	ACTION BY DATE	NAME	<p>1. Contact Charlie Higgins at Highways to establish why the planned alterations to the Chicane had not happened and why the alternative work had taken place without the PC's opinion sought before work completed. Clerk had emailed letter re above with cc to Harvey Siggs Jeff Bunting emailed stating that: "The width of the kerbed build-out was reduced to encourage vehicles to take a different path through the chicane; the kerbing on the footway opposite was raised to reduce the problem of vehicles over-running. By reducing the width of the build-out the amount of lateral clearance between vehicles and the kerb line is increased and therefore a consequent reduction in collision risk between pedestrians and vehicles should follow. After careful reflection, I believe that the new arrangements have achieved this and whilst I note that your council's concern on this matter the site constraints that exist at this location make any other form of improvement difficult to achieve within budget."</p> <p><i>Councillors were still unhappy that the Parish Council had not been consulted before the new design was implemented. CC Harvey Siggs will look into this matter.</i></p>	Still awaiting response	Harvey Siggs	<p>2. Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site <i>Clerk &amp; Cllr Daniels held meeting to discuss Forwarded Councillors Draft financial Regs Propose to Adopt at Meeting</i></p>	February Meeting	Agenda
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3.	Dog Fouling Bin Needs to be erected When positioned notify MDC who will place sign FOC When positioned notify MDC who will arrange to empty	asap As/when As/when	Clerk Clerk	
4.	Traffic signs obscured by vegetation - Highways have cut around sign, but vegetation obscuring motorist view is the responsibility of landowner. Landowner being Downside. The work on the overgrown vegetation at Green Lane junction had been completed. Chairman reported that Downside had made an excellent job of cutting back at the junction, but wondered if a further 50 yards along the main road toward the lay-by could be cut back also.  <i>Downside acknowledged letter but stated that because it was now term time the work might be delayed. Harvey Siggs will request that Highways completes the job Dist Cllr Carter would ascertain if/when D/side will do.</i>	phoned letter  asap asap	Clerk  Harvey Siggs DC Carter	
5.	Rubbish collected at Pinch Points - left message not got back Needs digging out.	Completed		
6.	Reported to MDC - drains along A367 and Green Lane blocked	Completed		
7.	Contact Dog Warden MDC to ask advice and/or extra signs denting consequences to dog fouling on Playing Field Contacted Dog Warden stated that would look at and report back. <i>Clerk had not been contacted by Dog Warden and is difficult to contact. Clerk to chase</i>	Chase	Clerk	
8.	Meet to discuss future Contract for Lengthsman Duties <i>Obtain list of tasks from Cllr Quinn</i>	Next Committee Mtg	Com. Gardens Committe	
9.	New Lamp Post erected in middle of traffic calming island. Notify Western Power/SCC as Health & Safety issue. Contacted SCC(Phone& email)who will report back- <i>No contact to date</i>	Chase	Clerk	
10.	Letter to Downside re ivy encroaching ivy on pavement. <i>Downside replied that would hand job to its gardener.</i>			
11.	Precept request of £8,500 to be forwarded to MDC	completed		
12.	Pone/email MDC Planning re RBL development - f/wd letter	Completed		
5.	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:</b> No Report received.			
6.	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:</b> 6.1 Dist Cllr Carter reported that the litter-picking by Downside pupils will commence again after the Christmas break.  6.2 Dist Cllr Carter reported on a fund, obtainable from her, for something to benefit the community, with a form to be filled out as soon as possible (bid to be made within 1 year). Form given to Cllr Daniels. The Parish Council to discuss and decide when the result of the bid for the strimmer had been received.  6.3 Dist Cllr Carter would chase Stratton's bid for a strimmer.			Parish Council  DC Carter
7.	<b>POLICE MATTERS:</b>			

	PCSO Housley was not in attendance and no Report had been received.	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b></p> <p>8.1 <u>Applications:</u> None</p> <p>8.2 <u>Permission granted by MDC :</u> None</p> <p>8.3 Cllr Daniels stated that the Planning web-site at Mendip District Council had not been accessible since last September, which was thought to be unacceptable. Dist Cllr Carter would make enquiries to find out what was happening.</p>	DC Carter
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b></p> <p>9.1 An Invoice for BT/Broadband (<b>Oct 2013-Jan 2014</b>) amounting to £1 and the new BT Hub amounting to £49 totalling <b>£163.05</b> was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. <b>Cheque No.</b></p> <p>9.2 An Invoice from Syd for work completed on the Community Gardens amounting to <b>£5,136.00</b> was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. <b>Cheque No.</b></p> <p>9.3 An Invoice from Mendip Signs for two signs for the Community Gardens amounting to <b>£700.92</b> had already been paid. <b>Cheque No.</b></p> <p>9.4 Bank Forms were reconciled and signed.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:</b></p> <p>The Financial Regulations to be placed on the February Agenda</p>	Agenda
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY GARDENS:</b></p> <p>11.1 Cllr Stock gave the Clerk his weekly Inspection Report of the Play-Park conducted since the last PC Meeting. There was nothing to follow up.</p> <p>11.2 It was confirmed that the Community Gardens Committee would discuss the Annual Playground Inspection Report at its next meeting on 24 January 2014.</p>	Comm Gardens
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</b></p> <p>A meeting was still to be held to discuss details of the Lengthsman Contract. It was decided that this should be discussed at the Community Gardens Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 24 January 2014.</p>	Comm. Gardens
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS:</b></p> <p>There was nothing new to report.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>FOOTPATH:</b></p> <p>14.1 It was noted by all Councillors present that, with Cllr Gittings resignation, a new footpath officer would have to be found.</p> <p>14.2 It was agreed that it did not need to be a Councillor and a parishioner Trevor Letcher was suggested. The Chairman would approach him to ask if he would be interested.</p>	Chair
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</b></p> <p>There was nothing to report and the next Meeting would not be until next Year.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>WEB-SITE:</b></p>	



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