

**Minutes of the 934th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 20 October 2014**

PRESENT:	Councillors: Mr John Padfield (chairman), Mrs J Davies (Vice-Chair), Mr A Norris, Mr D Stock, Mr E Hall, Mr I Jackson, Mrs H Murtagh, Mr M Daniels.	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, Beat Manger L Bagnowiec, Clerk.	
	PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing to report	ACTION
1.	APOLOGIES: Mr Jeremy Padfield, PCSO Housley, CC Harvey Siggs.	
2.	MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2014 was approved by all to be a true record and duly signed.	
3.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.	
4.	CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS: The Chairman stated that although Cathy Bushill was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor she was unable to attend this Meeting.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING:	

5.1 The Clerk reported on the following action taken since the last meeting:

Action Points	Action by Date	Name(s)
1. Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed.		Agenda
2. Dog Fouling Signs Clerk established No Dog Fouling signs can be obtained from MDC FreeOfCharge when dog bin positioned Notify MDC Also when positioned let MDC know to empty Downside had been consulted about the position of the dog fouling bin – and it was confirmed with Dist Cllr Carter that it was to be on the wall 10 yards from the pinch-point in Green Lane. The lengthsmen & Jeremy Padfield will arrange to fix.	Inform Clerk When fixed	Clerk Cllr Jeremy Padfield L/Man
3. The purchase of chain & Lock for Playground large gate.	completed	CllrJeremy Padfield
4. The purchase of petrol can & gloves for use with strimmer.	Nov Mtg	CllrDaniels
5. Letter sent to Downside regarding the collapsed fence onto the pavement at the North end of the village. Downside will look at. Cllr Jackson will forward photo of damage to Bursar	pending	D/side
6. Notify H/ways that drains blocked in Church Lane On H/way's list to unlock drains throughout village within next 2 months	pending	H/ways
7. Notify H/ways that vegetation on the white Post Roundabout is in need of cutting. On H/Way's list for 2nd Cut	Completed	H/Ways
8. Contact Highways to query the procedure after an accident and why it takes so long to replace signs after damage as a Health & Safety issue. H/ways's replied that it was the responsibility of the police to notify h/ways after an accident if it was necessary to repair signs. Clerk to write to CC Harvey Siggs cc h/ways to ask why the Signs are taking so long to replace after the damage caused by the recent accident and highlight the Health & Safety issue cause by the lack of permanent signs. Reply stated that the traffic signs would be cleaned 22/09/14 and the damaged signs replaced by 6/10/14	Completed pending	Clerk H/ways
9. A small sub-committee, to decide on which quote to take-up if/when the grant from the war memorial Trust was successful, would consist of the Chairman and Cllrs Hall, Jackson, Norris.	pending	Chair Cllrs Hall, Jackson Norris
10. Suggestion for Memorial for Richard Jones to be placed on the next Agenda to be further discussed at next Meeting. Cllr Stock will ask the Village Hal Committee if it is its intention to open up the front doors of the Hall. Discussed at Minute No 12 – to be given further thought.	pending	Agenda Cllr Stock
11. Telephone Box was in need of painting and window repair – thought that these might be a job for the Lengthsmen?	pending	L/man Jeremy
12. Thank you letter sent to Suzanna Kingsberry & Sue Bartucca	Completed	Clerk Chair
13. To inform SCC the position of SID's	Completed	Clerk
14. Contact Lucy Bagnowiec Beat Officer to invite to meeting	Completed	Clerk

Clerk
Cllr
Daniels

5.2 The Clerk reported that Laura Miller had been contacted regarding the parking for the CAB Mobile,
which would make its first visit to the village on 18 November 2014. It was verified that the Village Hall car-park would be the best place for parking.

	<p>5.3 The Clerk to forward details to Cllr Daniels to place on the Parish Council Website.</p>	
6.	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: No Report received.</p>	
7.	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:</p> <p>7.1 Dist Cllr Carter reported that CC Harvey Siggs had confirmed that he would push for the drains to be cleared in the village.</p> <p>7.2 The re-cycling issues, with disrupted collections, had now been sorted by Mendip. This had been due to the lack of drivers. Dist Cllr Carter stated that if anyone had a problem with refuse not being collected after 24hours, to contact Mendip District Council who would arrange a collection.</p>	
8.	<p>POLICE MATTERS:</p> <p>8.1 PCSO Housley had offered her apologies and sent a Report to Cllr Daniels – the Clerk had requested that she also still be sent a Report.</p> <p>8.2 There had been an accident in the village on 20 August 2014 involving a motor cycle.</p> <p>8.3 PCSO Housley was now back at work although at the moment on light duties.</p> <p><i>Beat Office arrived 20.26</i></p> <p>8.4 The Chairman welcomed Lucy Bagnowiec, Stratton’s new Beat Officer, who was Nikki Housley’s supervisor. Lucy had been in the force for 14 years in London and Bristol, but was happy now to be employed in a rural district.</p> <p>8.5 Lucy gave an update on the police Report for Stratton: 5 October 2014 An accident at the White Post Roundabout. 8 October 2014 A problem on Downside property.</p> <p>8.6 Councillors queried whose responsibility it was to inform Highways after an accident -Lucy confirmed that it was the police. Councillors were still concerned however that at 4pm on the day of the accident, when Cllr Daniels contacted SCC Lighting Department, the matter had not been notified.</p> <p>8.7 The Chairman asked if the structure of policing had altered. Lucy explained that at the end of July the structure had been changed with Somerset as a pilot scheme. This meant that a larger area was covered (Taunton, Minehead, Bridgewater, Western-Supermare), which cut out management and had more PC’s on paper in this area. Although shifts had changed and it is not recommended to alter shifts to attend PC Meetings. It was confirmed that there was no incentive to give PCSO’s any extra powers.</p> <p>8.8 Lucy stated that another PCSO (Sheila) was brought in to help when Nikki was absent from work and Lucy was fighting to keep this extra help.</p> <p>8.9 Lucy was working with farmers at the moment with Farm Watch, which had been a great success in the Frome area. Also the education of officers in rural things such as lamping, red diesel etc.</p>	<p>PSCO</p>

	<p>8.10 Front-line officers come from Wells, although it was confirmed that, as Stratton was on the edge of the district/border, then Radstock police would co-operate and share information. Although Radstock Police Station was expected to close, there might be a re-think as it was one of a few Stations in the area to be “secure”</p> <p>8.11 Lucy stated that the best way to contact her was by email or phone and that she worked opposite shift times to Nikki Housley.</p> <p><i>Lucy Bagnowiec left the meeting at this point 20.40</i></p>	
9.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>9.1 <u>Applications:</u> None received.</p> <p>9.2 <u>Permission granted by MDC:</u> Ref:2014/1681/AP Beaumaris, Fosse Road – Approval of roof tiles.</p> <p>9.3 <u>Road Closure:</u> (Carnival) A367 from a position from Charlton Road MSN towards the White Post Public House and part of the Fosseway beyond this. Diversion for light vehicles for Stratton via the B3355</p> <p>9.4 <u>Road Name clarification:</u> Fosse Road or Fosseway. <i>The Clerk had received a query from MDC about the naming of the main road through the village. Whether the whole length of the road was known as Fosse Road or whether part of it was known as the Fosseway. After discussion it was decided that it was called Fosse road its entire length. The Clerk to report this back to Mendip District Council.</i></p> <p><i>This was discussed and noted.</i></p>	
10	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>10.1 The Clerk presented an Invoice for BT/Broadband amounting to £120.77 which was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. Cheque No.001006</p> <p>10.2 An Invoice from Wayne Palmer for Lengthsman duties amounting to £240 was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. Cheque No.001009</p> <p>10.3 Cllr Daniels suggested that the best time to stand-down the Lengthsman would be during the 3 months of December, January, February, commencing again in March. The reason being that there would be more work during November with leaves to be cleared, than in February. This was agreed by all Councillors present.</p> <p>10.4 It was pointed out that this would increase the recent Budget figure by another payment of £240 therefore the figure for Lengthman duties would increase from £940 to £1,180</p> <p><i>Dist Cllr Carter left the Meeting at this point 20.50</i></p> <p>10.5 The Chairman stated that Jeremy would establish the cost of the Weed-kill Course from Norton-Radstock College. It was suggested that Mr Wayne Palmer (Lengthsman) should be approached to consider taking the weed-kill training course. The Parish Council would pay for the time taken to perform the weed-kill, the knap sack sprayer and the chemical to perform the task.</p> <p>10.6 Cllr Daniels wished to point out that the Parish Council would not come in</p>	Cllr Jeremy Padfield

	<p>under Budget for the Year End 2015</p> <p>10.7 A cheque for petrol, for the cutting of the Football Field, amounting to £20 was agreed to be paid to M Daniels by all Councillors present. Cheque No.001007</p> <p>10.8 The Annual Subscription to Cam Valley Wildlife Group amounting to £5 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. Cheque No.001010</p> <p>10.9 An Invoice amounting to £25.44 for a lock and chain for the Community Gardens was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. Cheque No.001008</p> <p>10.10 The Invoice for equipment (gloves) to use the strimmer to be placed on the next Agenda.</p> <p>10.11 Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.</p>	
11	<p>WAR MEMORIAL:</p> <p>11.1 The Chairman read out the War Memorial Newsletter, which stated that there was £3 million available to boost its grants scheme and expand the conservation team in anticipation of an increase in grants activity.</p> <p>11.2 On contacting the War Memorial Trust, to ascertain the progress of the Parish Council's grant submission, the Clerk had been informed that this was still being assessed. Decisions were taking longer, due to the Trust having received a larger than average number of applications and staff numbers down.</p> <p>11.3 The Chairman stated that he would forward forms to request a grant for restoration of the war memorial to the Sperring Trust, who met every quarter to make decisions.</p> <p>11.4 It was noted, by the Chairman, that the Parish Council could afford to cover the cost of restoring the war memorial from its funds, but that any grants available should be explored first.</p> <p>11.5 It was pointed out that the area around the memorial needed to be tidied ie trees and bushes cut-back. It was suggested that the Lengthsman could perform this task.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>L/man</p>
12	<p>MEMORIAL FOR RICHARD JONES:</p> <p>12.1 The family of Richard Jones were unsure how much the Parish Council were in a position to spend on the suggested Memorial to Richard. The Chairman stated that after investigation, the cost of stained glass windows for the Village Hall was £1,000</p> <p><i>Cllr Davies left the Meeting at this point 20.55</i></p> <p>12.2 Cllr Norris stated that he thought Richard would want to do something constructive with the Village Hall and suggested sorting the front door area and inserting ordinary glass. Cllr Stock stated that the Village Hall Committee had contacted John Reynolds for a quote for tidying the front and were also intending to remove the fencing now that the Nursery was no longer in residence. Cllr Daniels suggested renaming the Village Hall the "Richard Jones Memorial Hall".</p> <p>12.3 It was decided to give this matter more thought, as the intention was to create a Memorial and not just undertake maintenance. It was thought that Richard's sons might have some input when at home for Christmas.</p>	

13	<p>COMMUNITY GARDENS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.1 Cllr Stock gave the Clerk the monthly Report of the Community Gardens playpark, in which everything was okay with nothing to report, other than mole hills which were in abundance. As moles were less active at this time of year, it was decided to wait and see if they disappear. 13.2 Cllr Daniels stated that the Community Gardens Committee had decided to purchase a rubbish bin in the Silver Birch seating are of the playpark. Also a quote was being obtained for topping up the surface in this area. 13.3 The Clerk confirmed that the playground Annual Inspection was taking place in October 2014. 	
14	<p>STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.1 The Lengthsman had performed the following duties since the last Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Grass Cutting Community Garden. [Strim around young trees in Community Gardens. [Clear laybys of Beech nuts and leaves. [Spray weeds. 14.2 It was decided that, rather than Cllr Daniels and Cllr Padfield dealing with the lengthsman, Jeremy would solely distribute the tasks. 	
15	<p>HIGHWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.1 Cllr Norris reported that the pavement at Bainsbury View, although already narrow, had been made worse by vegetation spilling onto the pavement. It was agreed to place the cutting back of the brambles and bushes on the Lengthsman list of jobs. 15.2 Cllr Daniels read out a list of lights on the traffic calming signs which were not working. Cllr Daniels would email the list to the Clerk to forward to Somerset County Council – Lighting Department. 15.3 Cllr Stock reported that vehicles parked outside St Benedicts on Sundays around 6pm was an on-going problem. Cllr Daniels would arrange for the Parish Council’s concerns to be included in the St Benedict’s Newsletter. 	<p>L/man</p> <p>Cllr Daniels Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Daniels</p>
16	<p>FOOTPATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman stated that Mr Dawe-Lane had previously locked the gate on a footpath by Claire cottage (SM 12/1), as he had pheasants in the field. He had now inserted a small (unlocked) gate for walkers. 	
17	<p>PARISH FORUM REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was nothing to report. 	
18	<p>WEB-SITE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.1 Cllr Daniels reported that he still did not receive any information to place on the web-site. 18.2 Cllr Daniels would shortly place old photos on the Parish web-site. Cllr Murtagh stated that she would email old photos of the Cenotaph and Public House which might be of interest. 	<p>Cllr Murtagh</p>

19	CORRESPONDENCE	
1	M Daniels	Invoice Petrol grass cut football field £20
2	Cam Valley Wildlife Group	Annual subscription £5
3	MDC Abigail Hamblin	Road Name query - Fosse Road or Fosse Way
4	SCC Harvey Siggs Letter 15/10/14 Email 23/09/14	Reply to letter sent re Traffic Signs replacement. Circulated to all councillors
5	Jeremy P Email	List of lights out Lights reported to SCC and email/letter sent Harvey Circulated response to all Councillors
6	MendipCommunity Transport	Dial a Ride now known as Slinky – active in this area. Request for donation. <i>The Clerk to enquire how much this service is used in SOF</i>
7	War Memorials Trust	Update 8 October 2014 Funding details – Decisions taking longer as greater volume of applicants and number of staff down. <i>Clerk to copy/ forward cleaning quotes to Cllr Hall.</i>
8	SCC Harvey Siggs	Well- being Grant - Application Form & Example <i>Given to Cllr Hall to complete and forward.</i>
9	Somerset waste Partnership	Monthly Briefing October 2014 Dates for Holiday Refuse Collections –Christmas & New Year ! Monday 22 – Wed 24 December – No Change Monday 29 – Wed 31 December – No Change
10	Chilcompton Clerk	Chairman contacted by Clerk of Chilcompton PC, regarding Chilcompton’s its intention of requesting an extension to the speed limit outside of the village. Chilcompton Parish Council was concerned about the speed from Norton Down towards Westfield. <i>After discussion, Councillors were in agreement to support Chilcompton PC’s request for an extension to the speed limit in the Norton Down area. The Clerk to write to Chilcompton PC confirming Stratton’s support.</i>
Magazines/ Brochures:		
Planning:		
Application: None		
Permission granted: Ref:2014/1681/APP Beumaris, Fosse Rd – approval of roof tiles.		
Road Name clarification: Fosse Road/ Fosse Way		
Road Closure:(Carnival) Monday 10/2/14		
A367 from a position from Charlton Road MSN towards the White Post Public House and part of the Fosseway beyond this.		
Diversion for light vehicles for Stratton via the B3355.		
Bank Statements:		
	Business Reserve A/C	Sept £17,224.04
	Current A/C	50.00

	<p>Letters sent: Suzanne Kingsberry Harvey Siggs</p> <p>Emails sent: Beat Officer Lucy Bagnowiec (Invite meeting) A Turner (SIDS)</p> <p>Cheques: Valerie Attwood £120.77 Wayne Palmer Jeremy Padfield (Lock) M Daniels (Strimmer Equipment) M Daniels(Petrol) £20 Cam Valley Wildlife Group £5</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>·</p>	<p>MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>20.1 The Chairman stated that any submission to the Health & Wellbeing Grant had to be submitted by end November 2014.</p> <p>20.2 Councillors were asked for ideas and it was stated that a cycle path, or pedestrian path, from the end of the village to the White Post Roundabout was an idea brought up before but with no success. The Application Form for the grant was handed to Cllr Hall to fill-out and submit with this idea.</p> <p>20.3 Cllr Daniels stated that if a name of a house was needed, it could be found by Googling “know your place” in Bristol when you can zoom in and show the name of houses.</p> <p>20.4 Items for the Agenda: Contributions to the War Memorial Wreath.</p>	<p>Cllr Hall</p>
<p>21</p> <p>·</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on Monday 17 November 2014 at 7.45 pm</p> <p>21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____</p>	