

**Minutes of the 948^h Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 18 January 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mrs J Davies (Vice-Chair)
Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mrs S Crawshaw, Mr M Daniels, Mrs H Murtagh,
Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr G Downes.

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO, Clerk,

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs: Mr M Daniels, Mr K Kristoff, Dist Cllr John Carter, CC Harvey Siggs.

2. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 December 2015 were approved and signed.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Action Points – From the Meeting of 14 December 2015		Action by Date	Name
1.	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed.	pending	Cllr Daniels
2.	Contact Dave Grabham to arrange a site visit to discuss SID's positioning - early in New Year Dates given Minuted Item 16.1	completed	
3.	Arrange a site meeting with Rob Davey to discuss state of pinch- points, which are in disrepair and also to consider removal of some traffic calming signs, which are repetitive. Emailed awaiting reply	pending	Clerk
4.	Check on-line for Parish Notice Boards and costings. Prices ranged from £400-£700 magnetic & weatherproof. Suggested to purchase portrait design. Details distributed to Councillors. Needs more research and Cllr Daniels will pursue further. Agreed to purchase at £263 plus Vat plus £15 delivery charge. Further discussion at next Meeting.	To Order pending	Cllr Daniels
5.	Report to Highways that signs at North end of village were obscured by trees. Also that the White Post Roundabout was in need of cutting. Clerk to chase this item. Minuted at Item 16.3	Chase Highways	Clerk
6.	Seat – make enquiries of Charltons to ascertain whether willing to sponsor. Charltons agreed to give good discount. Will need to meet Charltons to discuss requirements, also Cllr Stock discussed with parishioners about positioning. Agreed to purchase Mahogany 5ft seat at £150 plus Vat	Ordered completed	
7.	Voluntary Community Transport Scheme in the Village. Dist Cllr Rachel Carter to insert a piece in the Village Newsletter with a view to obtaining a list of volunteers. Cllr Crawshaw to compile draft advert to bring to the December Meeting for inserting in the Journal in the New Year. To contact Holcombe & Chilcompton PC	Completed	Sara C
8.	An error on the definite footpath map was to be reported to MDC. Cllr Daniels to confirmed the footpath number as SM1915 Clerk will inform SCC Minuted at Item 17	Completed	

9.	Contact Holcombe Clerk to ascertain if Stratton could adopt its Churchyard plan. Received Rules & Regulations & confirmation ok to use.	completed		
10	Report that the rubbish bin at the entrance to the Community Gardens at the top of Middlemead has not been emptied. Message left awaiting reply	To Chase	Clerk	
11	Report to MDC that the pavement on the Main Road to the south of Bath View had not been swept in the recent sweep of the village. Email sent awaiting response.	To chase	Clerk	
12	Report to Highways: Hedge needs cutting back next to pavement leading to Nettlebridge - Cllrs reported this had been dealt with Reflection on Pinch Point missing – Cllr reported this had been dealt with Sign on Nettlebridge footpath missing. Emailed footpath Officer – awaiting response.	Completed To Chase	Clerk	
13	Bus Route 174 – Dist Cllr John Carter was investigating Cllr Daniels suggested that a letter was sent to voice the Parish Council's concern over the cutting of Bus Routes 776 & 184. Also to object to concessions, as this would affect the old and disabled of the Parish.	completed		
14	Forward Precept Request of £9k to MDC	completed		
15	BHF (PADS) Make further enquiries as to what training given and how much time this involved. Funding run out – new scheme to run in March Minuted at Item 11	Pending until March	Clerk	
16	Compile a list of organizations and groups for newcomers to the village and forward to Cllr Daniels to place on Web site. Cllr Helen Murtagh distributed a Welcome Pack for New Residents to Councillors that she had compiled. Councillors were impressed by its content and congratulated Helen on its completion. The Clerk to print off copies and return to Helen		Cllr Murtagh Clerk	
17	Application Form (Full Planning & Change of Use) given to Chairman to complete and forward to MDC	Pending	Chair	
18	Complete the Condition Survey tab on the War Memorial Trust web-site to demonstrate the PC's commitment to maintenance of the memorial and fulfil the obligations within the Contract relating to work done.	completed		
19	Contact Dave Grabham to raise the PC's concern over the junction at Stoke Bottom (A367). PC thought traffic needed to be slowed down on approaching this junction by speed restriction and/or double lines. Informed Rob Davey was the person to contact regarding this issue – emailed and awaiting response.	pending	Clerk	
20	Request a gutter sweep especially around the pinch-points Emailed awaiting response	pending	Clerk	
21	Clerk to send a letter of thanks on behalf of PC to James Kingsley who has volunteered to inspect the playground on a weekly basis.	Completed		

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

The District Councils' Report had been forwarded to Councillors and a summary follows:

- A reminder that the Health & Well Being fund must be in before the end of January.
- The repair of highway dangerous defects for November 2015 was 97% on time (immediate and 24hr Priority). 11,983 potholes have been identified for repair since 1 April 2015 compared to 12,659 potholes for the same period last year. Next year's surface dressing programme has been issued and is around £2.5m. Mild winter so far with only 3 winter service actions back in November first action on 20 November 2015.
- Somerset Waster Partnership considered a draft Business Plan for 2016-21. This contained proposals to explore the benefits of recycling more through adding plastic pots, tubs and trays, cartons, small electrical items and batteries to the range of materials already collected at the kerbside. This could be made affordable through changing the frequency of refuse collection to three weekly, an option successfully trialed in Taunton Deane 12 months ago. The Board have agreed to receive a detailed report on the option which is expected to come to their meeting in March 2016.
- Maintenance of the 8km dredge undertaken last year has commenced with a contractor appointed by the Drainage Board.
- Decisions have still to be made by Full Council as regards to Council Tax. Somerset has not raised its Council Tax for a number of years, but will consider whether the 1.99% allowable without a referendum should be taken.
- Council Authorities with the responsibilities for Adult Social Care have been granted permission to raise an additional Council Tax by 2% specifically for support to Adult Social Care.
- The Secretary of State has also agreed to allow a 1.25% rise to support the funding of the Somerset Rivers Authority.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- 6.1 The Chairman gave Dist Cllr Rachel Carter a copy of the Parish Newsletter in which Cllr Crawshaw had inserted a piece covering the proposed car scheme.
- 6.2 With the cold weather coming a leaflet (WISH), concerning help for high heating bills, was given for the Notice Board.
- 6.3 Dist Cllr Carter stated that she would look into the road sweep and drain clearing issues.

Dist
Cllr
Carter

7. POLICE MATTERS:

7.1 PCSO Housley was in attendance and gave the following Report:

- 1812/15 Vehicle on its side
- 07/01/16 Accident Church Lane – no one hurt
- Report of 4x4 on Padfields land

7.2 Cllrs Downes stated that a Tesco van had disappeared into a hedge in Watery Lane.

PCSO left the Meeting at 8.10pm

8. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

Ref: 2015/ 2953/HSE

Location: Old Rock Farm SOF

Proposal: Single Storey Extension.

It was unanimously decided to recommend approval for this planning application. Councillors could see no reason for objection.

Permission granted by MDC

Ref: 20152554/LBC

Location: Manor Farm, SOF

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 The Maintenance Grant for the Community Gardens was deferred.

9.2 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

10. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD:

Cllr Daniels was not able to attend tonight's Meeting and had asked for the purchase of the Notice Board to be delayed; to be discussed again at the next Meeting. Agenda

11. BHF for Public Access Defibrillator(PADS):

11.1 The Clerk stated that enquires had been made regarding obtaining a Defibrillator, but due to an outstanding demand, the current offer had been withdrawn.

11.2 The Clerk would be contacted when the proposed new scheme started; probably in March. This scheme would not unfortunately be completely free of charge; with the Parish Council contributing half the cost.

Cllr Murtagh arrived at this point 8.20 pm

12. CAR SCHEME:

12.1 Cllr Crawshaw had inserted an article in the Parish Newsletter regarding the intention of setting up a car scheme and inviting interest from users and providers of the proposed scheme.

12.2 The proposed scheme would convey people to hospital, doctors and dentist appointments where no other public transport was available. Trips for shopping and A& E visits were not to be included in the scheme. Cllr Crawshaw reported that keen interest had been shown by professionals ie doctors, careers, dentists, who perceived there was a need for such a scheme. Although there had been less interest from volunteers to drive.

Cllr
Crawshaw

12.3 After discussion it was felt that such a scheme would benefit from having 2-3 villages involved. Cllr Crawshaw would contact Chilcompton and Holcombe Parish Clerks to ascertain if their parishes would be interested in participating in such a scheme.

13. BURIAL GROUND:

13.1 The Clerk had received Holcombe's Burial Ground Rules and Regulations and had been given permission to use and/or adapt these for Stratton's own use. The Clerk had forwarded these to the Burial Working Party.

13.2 The Planning Application needed for the Churchyard was almost complete and would shortly be forwarded to Mendip District Council.

Chair

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 14.1 Cllr Stock gave the Clerk the monthly Report of the Community Gardens play-park, completed by James Kingsbury. Everything was in order. File
- 14.2 It was reported that James Kingsbury had received the letter of thanks from the Parish Council, and was pleased to be participating as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
- 14.3 Cllr Stock reported that parishioners wished to thank the Parish Council for its intended purchase of a bench.
- 14.4 Cllr Jeremy Padfield stated that the bark to be replaced in the Gardens, (as reported in the Annual Inspection), had not yet been done due to the wet weather; this would be completed as soon as weather permitted. Also seeds of Yellow Rattle had been planted, by Cllr Daniels, to enable wild flowers to be planted in the Spring.

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The Clerk had received a reply from Highways (MDC) regarding the blocked gullies within the village, in which it was stated that gullies in the village would be inspected (ref 292006) and any remedial works carried out.

16. HIGHWAYS:

- 16.1 Dave Grabham of Somerset Highways had supplied the Clerk with dates when he was available to discuss the positioning of SID's.
- 16.2 It was decided that the Chairman and Cllr Norris should meet with him on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 10.30am at the Kings Arms pub car-park. The Clerk to relay this date to Dave Grabham. Clerk
- 16.3 The trees obscuring motorists view towards the White Roundabout, although mentioned on several emails, has still not been dealt with. The Clerk to chase Clerk
- 16.4 The Clerk to report to MDC that mud was causing a hazard to motorists along the length of Stratton Road after it had been dug up recently and request a clean-up. Clerk

17. FOOTPATH:

The footpath officer, Clare Haskins, stated that the error reported on the footpath SM/1915 is not correct. This is still a public footpath even though it runs along a tarmacked road. Abbey Road is not designated as a public highway – it is a private road probably belonging to the Abbey.

18. WEB-SITE:

There was nothing to report.

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 SCC Dave Grabham Reply to email re site meeting for SID positioning. Will be free on Weds or Fridays 2nd half of January. Further email giving dates in February.
Forwarded to John
- 2 SCC Clair Haskins In reply to reporting error on definite footpath: Still a public footpath even though it runs along a tarmacked road. Abbey Rd is not designated as public highway – it is a private road, probably belonging to Abbey.
- 3 MDC Charlie Response to email chasing list of outstanding items.

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| 4 | CC Harvey Siggs | | Report |
| 5 | MDC | | Heritage at Risk Register – 2016 Re-survey.
A Pro-forma included to complete if PC want any listed building included. Should be returned by 5 Feb 2016 |
| 6 | Sia
Spinal injuries
association | | Fish & Chip Supper - Friday 20 May 2016 – Notice N/B
Fundraising pack 01908 208541
Email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk
www.siafishandchips.co.uk |
| 7 | CAB | | Notice – Discussing consumer & budgeting issue 19 January 2016
Highfield House, Mendip Citizens Advice N/B |
| 8 | Mendip
Transport | Community | Requesting a Grant |
| 9 | Somerset
Council | County | The future of hubs and libraries – From 17 December 2015 starting
8 week engagement activity with residents about shared buildings
(hubs) and the library service.
www.somerset.gov.uk/hubsandlibraries |
| 10 | SCC | | Somerset Choices-short film to help you get started. To help you
access a world of local care and support.
www.somersetchoices.org.uk/about-this-site/help |
| 11 | MDC | | Count of Gypsy & Traveler Caravans and Sites to take place on
Thursday 14 January 2016. Completed Form to be submitted by 26
February 2016 |
| 12 | SCC | | The Stream – progress update January 2016 Somerset Rivers
Authority |
| 13 | MDC
Issue 07 Jan 2016 | | The Built Environment Group Newsletter. Information for Landlord
and Tenant.
Rough Sleepers in Mendip
Local Plan Part II Issues & Options consultation – Final chance to
have your say on Development in Mendip.
Documents & Maps can be found online at
www.mendip.gov.uk/localplanpart2
Information/advice email planingpolicy@mendip.gov.uk
Tele:0300 303 8588 |
| 14 | Somerset Waste
Partnership | | Newsletter Jan 2016 |

Planning Application: Ref: 2015/2953/HSE Old Rock Farm SOF Single storey extension.

Road Closure: Foss Road to Silver Street, SOF From 25/01.2016n for 10 nights (21.00-6.00)

Permission granted: None

Bank Statements: Business Reserve A/C 16,822.55
Current A/C 50.00

Letters sent: SCC bus cuts/concessions - James Kingsley

Emails sent: H/Ways, SCC, Footpaths, Dave Grabham, Rob Davey.

Cheques: None.

20. MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 20.1 It was reported that the Village Hall Committee has agreed to engage an electrician to deal with the light which is currently out in the VH car-park.
- 20.2 Agenda Items;
To further discuss new Notice Board.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 15 February 2016 at 7.45 pm**
- 21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____