

**Minutes of the 949<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 15 February 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,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk,

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Action

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr K Fosdike, Dist Cllr Rachel Carter.

**2. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 January 2016 were approved and signed.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

<b>Action Points – From the Meeting of 18 January 2016</b>		Action by Date	Name
1.	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed.	pending	Cllr Daniels
2.	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. <b>Site Meeting Minuted Item 15.2</b>	Feb	Chair
3.	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. <b>Minuted Item 10</b>	To Order asap	Clerk
4.	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. <b>H/ways(Derek) will speak to tree surgeon 3/2/16 Clerk contacted tree surgeon direct; stated not responsible for cutting trees on opposite side of road (maybe Carnival Club). Inspection undertaken and declared not a hazard. Suggested contacting Call Centre to report and ask for another inspection of site and get ref no.</b>	Chase H/ways	Clerk

**Cllr Crawshaw arrived at this point 8.00pm**

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| 5. | Report that the rubbish bin at the entrance to the Community Gardens at the top of Middlemead has not been emptied.<br><b>Reported that had been emptied and asked to confirm all bins on list held by MDC. Councillors confirmed all on list. BUT bin had not been emptied.</b>         | To Chase            | Clerk          |
| 6. | Report to SCC 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.  | completed           |                |
| 7. | Sign on Nettlebridge footpath missing. Emailed footpath officer awaiting response.   |                     | Trevor Letcher |
| 8. | 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.   | Pending until March | Clerk          |
| 9. | Compile a list of organizations and groups for newcomers to the village and forward to Cllr Daniels to place on Web site.<br>Cllr Helen Murtagh distributed a Welcome Pack for New Residents to Councillors that she had compiled.<br>The Clerk to print off copies and return to Helen. | completed           |                |
| 10 | Application Form (Full Planning & Change of Use) given to Chairman to complete and forward to MDC<br><b>Gave copies of burial ground correspondence to Chair.</b>  | Not needed          |                |
| 11 | 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.<br><b>Site meeting organised for 18 February 2016</b>                        | Thurs 18/02/16      | Chair          |
| 12 | Request a gutter sweep especially around the pinch-points. Emailed awaiting response.<br><b>Emailed again 26/01/16 plus Stratton Road in need of attention Mud left by contactors.</b>   | pending             | Clerk          |

## 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No Report received.

## 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- 6.1 Dist Cllr John Carter stated that the Council Tax had still to be set.
- 6.2 Cllr Carter reported that he had looked at the A367 at Nettlebridge near the junction to Stoke Bottom and chevrons might be put in place. Councillors stated that old railings were in need of removing and drains were in need of attention.
- 6.3 Cllr Carter might attend the meeting scheduled with Rob Davey and suggested that Councillors make a list of items needing attention to present to Rob.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

No Report received.

**8. PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications:

**Ref:** 2016/0108/HSE

**Location:** Mendip View, Green Lane to Bath Road, SOF

**Proposal:** Removal of existing outbuilding & side extension for a kitchen & garage with bedroom over.

*It was unanimously decided to recommend approval for this planning application. Councillors could see no reason for objection and thought that it would enhance the property without impinging on anyone else.*

Permission granted by MDC

**Ref:** 2015/2033/LBC Carpark behind St Benedicts.

**Ref:** 2015/2953/HSE Old Rock Farm.

Permission refused by MDC

**Ref:** 2015/2740/LBC Downside.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

9.1 **BT/Broadband** amounting to **£133.97** was agreed to be paid to the Clerk by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001066**

9.2 The Chairman was in receipt of a cheque from the **Duchy of Cornwall** Clerk amounting to **£250**, which was towards the recent work completed on the **War Memorial**.

9.3 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

**10. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD:**

Councillors adjourned to the entrance porch to look at the proposed siting of the new Notice Board. The site was measured out and it was agreed to purchase the 12 off A4 size. The Clerk to order at the price of £263.95 plus Vat. Also to order magnets.

**11. CAR SCHEME:**

11.1 Cllr Crawshaw reported that Chilcompton Parish Council would like to join in the proposed car scheme and will be in contact after discussing at its next meeting. Holcombe Parish Council had confirmed that it had received the email from Cllr Crawshaw, but to date nothing further had been received.

11.2 It was noted that there had not been a single response to the advert for volunteers. It was thought that 10-15 volunteer drivers were needed to run the scheme successfully. This was the first item to be in place before the scheme could progress further. Cllr Downes wife has volunteered to help organize and to find volunteer drivers.

**12. BURIAL GROUND:**

- 12.1 The Clerk had forwarded a copy of Holcombe's Burial Regulations to the Chairman for the Burial Working Party's information.
- 12.2 Whilst meeting with Carlton Manford at MDC Planning Department, on a separate matter, the Chairman queried a few things for completing the Planning Application Form for the Burial Ground. It transpired he had dealt with the original planning application for the gate and fence for the Burial Ground and stated that the Parish Council did not need *any* planning permission to use the land as a burial ground.

**13. COMMUNITY GARDENS:**

- 13.1 Cllr Stock presented the Clerk with the Playground inspection Report, which James had inspected. Cllr Stock reported that other youngsters want to become involved.
- 13.2 Cllr Daniels confirmed that the wild flower garden had been planted with yellow rattle. It had been staked, but all sticks had since been pulled out by persons unknown.
- 13.3 Items raised by the Annual Playgournd Inspection Report, (ie loose gate fittings, topping-up surface areas), were to be implemented.

**14. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

A new contract was needed for the Lengthsman. Cllr Jeremy Padfield would be asked to complete this and Cllr Daniels volunteered to help if needed.

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**15. HIGHWAYS:**

- 15.1 The Chairman and Cllr Norris would have a site meeting with Dave Grabham on 18 February 2016 at 10.30 am in the Kings Arms carpark to discuss the installation of SID's.
- 15.2 The Chairman would also meet with Robert Davey at the Kings Arms carpark at 11 am on 25 February 2016 to discuss traffic signs and the disrepair of the pinch-points in the Village. Also the problem of speeding traffic on the A367 especially at the junction to Stoke Bottom.
- 15.3 A large pot-hole was reported by Cllr Norris at the South side of the village. This would be mentioned to Rob Davey when he met with the Chairman.

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**16. FOOTPATH:**

The footpath SM 19/40 had temporarily closed whilst the bridge was repaired.

**17. WEB-SITE:**

- 17.1 Cllr Daniels stated that he had been busy with end of year changes.
- 17.2 Cllr Crawshaw stated that the Toddler Group needed to be removed as it was no longer running.

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## 18. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 MDC Parish Information Bulletin  
**Forwarded to Councillors.**
- 2 Somerset Monthly briefing Feb 2016  
Waste Kerbside collection changes possible – proposals for extra recycling materials; plastic pots, tubs, trays, beverage cartons, small electrical items, household batteries, to be collected weekly. Therefore exploring if the refuse collection could be reduced to 3 weekly, but food waste still collected weekly. Any changes would be introduced in stages over 2 years.  
Partnership
- 3 “Get up to Faster Broadband  
Speed”
- 4 SCC Installation of bus stop at Nettlebridge this would enable First Service  
Transport 174 to serve the village. Site Meeting held 11 Feb 2016. Whether  
Officer representative from PC able to attend. Dist Cllr Carter could not –  
Tom Martin forwarded to Councillors for response.
- 5 SCC Site meeting arranged for 11 am Monday 22 Feb 2016 to look at  
Rob Davey signs and discuss problem of speeding traffic on A367.
- 6 SCC Site meeting arranged to discuss location of SID’s on 18 Feb 2016  
Dave at 1030 am.  
Grabham
- 7 Sue Emailed to report Litter Bin at entrance to Community Gardens not  
Churchill emptied.  
MDC Replied that it had been emptied. Also asking if list of bins held correct?  
**Councillors confirmed all bins noted on list held by MDC. Also that to date the bin reported not emptied.**

**Planning Application:** Ref:2016/0108/HSE

**Permission granted:** Ref: 2015/2033/LBC Carpark St Benedicts  
Ref:2015/2953/HSE Old Rock Farm

**Permission refused:** Ref:2015/2740/LBC Downside

**Bank Statements:** End January: Business Reserve A/C 16,767.67  
Current A/C 50.00

**Letters sent:**

**Emails sent:** Rob Davey, Dave Grabham, Sue Churchill

**Cheques:** V Attwood £133.97

## 19. MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

There were none.

## 20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 20.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 21 March 2016** at **7.45 pm**
- 20.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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