

**Minutes of the 950<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 21 March 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mrs J Davies(Vice-Chair)  
Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mrs S Crawshaw, Mr M Daniels,

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Action

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mr Jeremy Padfield, Mr K Fosdike, Mrs H Murtagh, Mr E Hall

**2. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15 February 2016 were approved and signed.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Action Points – From the Meeting of 15 February 2016**

	Action by Date	Name
1. Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed. 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.	pending	Cllr Daniels
2. Also 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. <b>Minuted Item 15</b>	Site meeting held 25/02/16	
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>Cllr Crawshaw arrived at this point 8.00 pm</b>	Complete	
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</b> <b>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 number</b>	Chase H/ways	Clerk

	Report that the rubbish bin at the entrance to the Community Gardens at the top of Middlemead has not been emptied.		
5.	<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.	Sign on Nettlebridge footpath missing. Emailed footpath officer awaiting response.		Trevor Letcher
7.	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 Mar/Apr	Clerk
8.	Request a gutter sweep especially around the pinch-points & drains. Also request to empty drains. Emailed awaiting response.	Pending Chase	Clerk
9.	Draw up new Contract for the Lengthsman	complete	
10	Remove details of Toddler Group from Web-site	complete	
11	Bank Cheque from Duchy of Cornwall & send letter of thanks	complete	

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:**

Harvey Siggs was not in attendance, but he forwarded a Report; a summary of which follows:

- The repair of “dangerous defects” (immediate & 24hr priority) for January 2016 was 79% on time(881 defects, 697 repaired on time, 184 late)
- 15,504 potholes has been identified for repair since 1 April 2015. This compares to 16,309 potholes for the same period last year.
- 2016 Surface Dressing programme funded from the Repair and Resilience fund has been awarded to Keily-£1.5m
- Reconstruction scheme at the A39, Street Causeway, has been moved into October 2016/17 to allow detailed consideration of works timing and programme. Consultation and Communication strategy has commenced.
- Other Works programmes (resurfacing, drainage and earthworks) continue in line with delivery targets and to budget.
- A strategy has been developed for the 2013/14 Pothole Fund which includes broadening the surface treatment toolbox.
- The Government gave Somerset County Council and the five district councils the power to raise a shadow precept of up to 1.25% for the purpose of funding the SRA in 2016/17. All councils have agreed to support the SRA. The SRA’s budget for 2016/17 funded by council tax payers, is £2.7 million. The Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium has also agreed to contribute £20,000 for 2016/17.

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:**

- 6.1 Dist Cllr John Carter reported that the third quarterly report had given the Council a clean bill of health. Mendip District Council had received 16 reported complaints and 23 reports of praise.
- 6.2 Mendip District Council was still negotiating with other Councils with a view to combining services.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

No Report received.

**8. PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications:

**Ref:** 2016/ 0333/FUL

**Location:** Former Stratton Motor Services, Fosse Way, SOF

**Proposal:** Erection of 4 off dwellings on the site of a redundant vehicle repair garage  
*Mr Ian Appleyard's email was read out, in which he stated that Mendip District Council wanted a commercial build on the above site and therefore was against this planning application.*

*After discussion, it was decided that the Parish Council should approve this planning application and the Clerk to forward the following:*

*The Parish Council would like to unanimously support the submission of the re-application from Orchard Crest Development Limited. The Parish Council is amazed that Mendip District Council wish to consider it to be used as commercial premises. In view of the fact that the premises were advertised as a commercial site for 2 years with no interest, we consider that this site should receive planning permission for 4 off dwellings as it is an ideal in-fill.*

**Ref:** 2016/0554/FUL

**Location:** The George at Nettlebridge, Bath Road, Oakhill

**Proposal:** Change of use of a redundant public house to 2 off residential dwellings  
*It was noted that there was no intention to alter the outside appearance and therefore Councillors saw no reason to object. The Clerk to forward the Parish Council's approval of this planning application.*

**Ref:** 2016/0570/HSE

**Location:** Beech Tree House, Fosse Way, SOF

**Proposal:** Single Storey side extension at first floor level.

*Councillors saw no reason to object to this planning and the Clerk to register the Parish Council's approval with MDC*

**Ref:** 2016/0568/HSE

**Location:** Sunningdale, Fosse Way, SOF

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached annexe building to rear garden.

*Councillors thought this planning should be encouraged and the Clerk to register, with MDC, the Parish Council's approval of this application.*

Permission granted by MDC

None received.

Permission refused by MDC

None received.

Temporary Road Closure

Bakers Lane, Chilcompton – Closed from 14 March 2016 expected to last 5 days.

South Street, SOF – Closed from 26 April 2016 expected to last 3 days.

## **9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- 9.1 The Clerk's salary for the period **Jan-March 2016** amounting to **£699.90** was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001069**
- 9.2 An Invoice for the Notice Board and magnets, amounting to **£365.22** paid by the Clerk, was presented and agreed by all Councillors present for the Clerk to receive reimbursement. **Cheque No.001068**
- 9.3 Parish On-line Annual fee amounting to **£33.60** was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001067**
- 9.4 It was agreed by all Councillors present to pay Wayne Palmer for Lengthsman duties completed amounting to **£250**. **Cheque No.001070**
- 9.5 The maintenance grant for the Community Gardens was to be placed on the next Agenda.
- 9.6 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

## **10. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD:**

The new Parish Notice Board and magnets had been purchased and received. The Chairman to contact Barbara Jones, as she may know someone who could fix the new Notice Board.

## **11. CAR SCHEME:**

- 11.1 Cllr Crawshaw stated that Chilcompton Parish Council would like to amalgamate with Stratton on the proposed car scheme, but like Stratton had not received any response to an article about the scheme placed in its magazine.
- 11.2 Dist Cllr Rachel Carter and Cllr Davies asked to be placed on the Volunteer's List, also Cathy Downes.
- 11.3 It was suggested that a leaflet drop was the best way to receive a response. Also that the APM would be a good opportunity to advertise the scheme.
- 11.4 It was agreed by all Councillors present, that the Parish Council would support this scheme; with a Working Party set up. It was estimated that £100-£200 would be the start-up cost to include the cost of insurance and mobile phone. Public Liability was thought to be covered already by the Parish Council's insurance – if the provider was informed.

## **12. BURIAL GROUND:**

- 12.1 The Chairman reported that the Burial Ground grass had been cut by Brian Bailey.
- 12.2 The Chairman suggested that a meeting of the Burial Ground Working Party was arranged in the near future.

Chair  
MD

### **13. COMMUNITY GARDENS:**

- 13.1 Cllr Stock presented the Clerk with the playground inspection Report, which James had inspected; it was noted that nothing needed attention this month. This would be his last inspection, but Josh Bartucca would take over this task; also painting the football goal posts.
- 13.2 It was suggested that the wording be changed to “receive Playground monthly report” on the Agenda – so as not to be confused with the Annual Inspection Report. All agreed and the Clerk to implement.

Agenda

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

- 14.1 Regarding the new Lengthsman contract; Cllr Jeremy Padfield had agreed with Wayne Palmer that the Lengthsman’s hours and payment would remain the same as the previous year.
- 14.2 Regarding the weed spraying, Wayne did not hold the correct qualifications and the cost of taking the necessary exams would be too expensive for either party. Therefore Jeremy would investigate hiring a person already licensed to spray.
- 14.3 It was decided that the Annual litter-pick would be held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 6 pm. The Clerk to contact Mendip District Council to book the borrowing of pickers and tabards and arrange pick-up and drop-off of the equipment.

JP

Clerk

### **15. HIGHWAYS:**

- 15.1 Regarding the Sid installation; it was noted that the first Sid would be installed at the end of March 2016 and the second Sid at the beginning of October 2016.
- 15.2 A site meeting had taken place with Rob Davey (25/02/2016) to discuss the maintenance of the traffic calming scheme and the problem of speeding traffic on the A366 at the junction to Stoke Bottom. Rob Davey emailed that he would feed the outcome of these discussions to the relevant departments within Somerset County Council, as well as add the traffic management aspects to a programme of works for commencement in the financial New Year.
- 15.3 At the above meeting, a request for the village entry signs to incorporate some mention of the Abbey to boost awareness of its location to passing motorists was discussed with Dist Cllr John Carter. Rob Davey confirmed that there are no plans for any major schemes in the village and, as such, a new proposal for the village signs will need to be created if the desire for the alterations is still present.
- 15.4 Cllr Stock stated that vehicles parking near the pinch points made the road narrow and therefore a hazard for passing vehicles. The question was raised on how many yards from a giveaway sign a vehicle was legally allowed to park. The Clerk to check.

Clerk

**16. FOOTPATH:**

Nothing to report.

**17. WEB-SITE:**

17.1 Councillor Daniels stated that he had performed a general update to the Web-site.

17.2 It was confirmed that Mogg Hill Nursery had been removed from the site, along with Little Angels.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| 1  | SCC<br>Dave Grabham                     | Sid's now scheduled for installation week commencing 10 October 2016.  |
| 2  | Ian Appleyard                           | Letter re Planning – site of old garage  |
| 3  | Waddington<br>Park Ltd                  | Land a White Post –Public Exhibition of Development proposals –wed 23 March 2016 at Centurion Hotel 1-8pm<br>Plans of new Norton Hill Primary School and new homes on land near White Post will be on display. |
| 4  | Harvey Siggs                            | Report   |
| 6  | MDC                                     | The Built Environment Group Newsletter Local Plan Part 2 document.   |
| 7  | CAB                                     | Notice for volunteers<br>Free IT Workshops 16/3/16 20/4/16 18/5/16 at Highfield House Shepton Mallet between 2-4 pm  |
| 8  | MDC                                     | Parish Information Bulleting forwarded to Councillors  |
| 9  | Campaign to<br>Protect Rural<br>England | Invite for Parish Council to join organization £36 per year.   |
| 10 | A Passion for<br>Somerset               | Celebration of Somerset Day Wed 11 May 2016. Events planned also for w/end of 14/15 May 2016<br>Will be contacting soon with ideas on ways to participate.   |
| 14 | Somerset<br>Waste<br>Partnership        | Newsletter March 2016<br>Refuse & Recycling Collection Timetable   |

**Planning Application:** Ref:2016/0333/FUL Former Stratton Motor Services,Fosse Way  
2016/0554/FUL The George Nettlebridge,Oakhill  
2016/0570/HSE Beech Tree House, Fosse Way, SOF  
2016/0568/HSE Sunningdale, Fosse Way, SOF

**Road Closure:** Bakers Lane, Chilcompton  
South Street, SOF

**Permission granted:** None

<b>Bank Statements:</b>	Business Reserve A/C	Jan	16,767.67	Feb	16,997.34
	Current A/C		50.00		50.00

**Letters/Emails sent:** Duchy

<b>Cheques:</b>	Parish On-line	33.60
	V Attwood( Notice Board & Magnets)	365.22
	V Attwood	699.90

**19 MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

19.1 Cllr Davies enquired if anything was to be done about the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday? It was thought by all those present that it was now too late to organize anything.

19.2 Cllr Stock offered his apologies for the next meeting due to other commitments.

19.3 The Clerk to send invitations to the various group/organizations to attend the APM Also to invite Mr Simon Steele-Perkins to attend to inform the meeting of plans of the proposed development on land at White Post.

Clerk

**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

20.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 18 April 2016 at 6.30 pm**

20.2 This would be followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm**

20.3 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.19 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**