

**Minutes of the 953<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 20 June 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Mr Jeremy Padfield, (acting Chairman), Mr M Daniels, Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mr K Fosdike, Mrs S Crawshaw, Mrs H Murtagh.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk, Mr Steele-Perkins, Mr Thompson, 4 Members of the Public.

The Clerk asked for nominations to Chair the Meeting, as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not able to attend. Cllr Daniels proposed Cllr Jeremy Padfield for acting Chair which Cllr Norris seconded. The Clerk asked for any other nominations – there were none. The proposal for Cllr Jeremy Padfield to act as Chairman was unanimously agreed by a show of hands. Cllr Jeremy Padfield was then invited to take the Chair.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

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*Councillors Crawshaw arrived at 8.01 pm and Cllr Murtagh arrived at 8.15 pm.*

The Chairman introduced Mr Simon Steele-Perkins (developer) and Mr Mark Thompson (School representative) and invited any questions from the floor in connection with the application for Outline Planning for land north of the White Post Inn.

A discussion, on a question and answer basis, took place between Councillors, members of the public, the developer (Mr Simon Steele-Perkins) and the school representative (Mr Mark Thompson).

Matters under discussion were mainly the volume of traffic the proposed development would create, especially in the already congested peak commute times. Silver Street (B3355) was especially a concern.

It was noted that Westfield and Midsomer Norton Councils had objected to this application

Another point raised was that the proposed development would change the village of Stratton, with the inhabitants of the proposed development having a voting right within the parish. On this point a boundary change was suggested by Dist Cllr Carter; making the proposed development under Banes Council. The developer thought that boundaries should be ignored in an ideal world and that local authorities have to work together and have dialogue.

The Chairman thanked Simon Steele-Perkins and Mark Thompson for their time and appreciated their comments and contribution to the Meeting.

The public were invited to leave, or welcomed to stay, for the formal Meeting to follow; where Councillors would take a vote on the proposed Outline Planning at land to the north of the White Post Inn.

*The Public Forum ended at 8.46 pm. A short break was taken before the Meeting progressed.*

*All members of the public and Mr Simon Steel-Perkins and Mark Thompson left the Meeting at this point.*

*The Meeting started at 8.51 pm*

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mrs J Davies(Vice-Chair),  
Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, CC Harvey Siggs.
2. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16 May 2016 were approved and signed.
3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**  
There were none.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

<b>Action Points – From the Meeting of 16 May 2016</b>		<b>Action by</b>	<b>Name</b>
		<b>Date</b>	
1	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed. 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. <i>H/ways(Derek) will speak to tree surgeon 3/2/16</i> <i>Clerk contacted tree surgeon direct; stated not responsible for cutting trees on opposite side of road (maybe Carnival Club).</i>	pending	Cllr Daniels
2	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>Clerk had contacted call centre and reported again.</b> <b>It was noted that when the tress were in full leaf it was a problem</b> <b>Grass was in need of cutting at this junction also.</b>	Chase H/ways  pending	Clerk
3	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 next mtg	Clerk
4	Send letter from PC to resident re hedge cutting spilling onto the pavement; ongoing problem in the last few years. <b>Need address &amp; name</b>	Asap	clerk
5	Speak to resident in connection with dog fouling in the Community Gardens.	Asap	Jeremy
6	Declaration of Officer to be signed by Chairman	July Mtg	Clerk Chair
7	Councillors to check Declaration of Interests were up-to-date and correct (insert any organization belong to eg Rotary Ramblers etc – also any land owned/rented) Email to MDC	completed	
8	Local Plan Part II. PC given until 10 June 2016 to register its comments. To be forwarded to MDC <b>Completed &amp; sent to MDC also forward to Councillors</b>	completed	
9	Forward Cheque for Insurance premium to Came & Co after ascertaining if charges are incurred if change/add items	completed	
10	Audit Notice of Inspection 1 July – 11 August 2016 Notice Board & web-site & Auditors	completed	

	Cllr Jeremy Padfield to engage a person to weed spay around the village.		
1	<b>Cllr Jeremy Padfield stated that he would contact the Bursar at Downside to ask if its groundsman could weed spray the village on a permanent basis.</b>	Asap	Cllr Jeremy P
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1	To be placed on the L/man's List: Bus Shelter clean, attention given to the Old Telephone Kiosk	On list	Cllr Jeremy P
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	Report to Highways: Manhole Sunk opposite 9 Middlemead, Water valve sunk southside of junction to Middlemead.		
1	The above give considerable vibration to house and complaints received from residents.	Reported	Clerk
3	<b>Acknowledged with reference numbers.</b>		
1	Purchase Flag for use by PC – <b>Cheque to forward Erected for Queen's Birthday.</b>	completed	
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1	Meeting to discuss Car Scheme		
5	Cllr Crawshaw will Email Councillors before Meeting of the outcome of discussion.	completed	
	Car scheme to be placed on June Agenda		

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Nothing received.

6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Dist Cllr Carter reported on the following:  
 There was a re-organization of senior management at Mendip District Council.  
 At the moment everyone was preparing for the Referendum.  
 The forthcoming Glastonbury Festival brought in 35 million to the local economy.

7. **POLICE REPORT:**

No Report received.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications:

**Ref:** 2016/0980/OTS

**Location:** Land to the North of White Post Inn Midsomer Norton

**Proposal:** A three form entry primary school up to 188 residential dwellings & associated public open space, landscaping & infrastructure Outline – some matters reserved.

Councillor Daniels had compiled a lengthy document, taking a great deal of time and effort, which had been emailed to all Councillors. This document stated facts about the proposed above mentioned outline planning application, which Cllr Daniels read out in full to those present and after each subject/point there was a high lightened statement to which Councillors were asked to agree or disagree.

**Note:** Anyone wishing to inspect the full document, as presented and considered at the Parish Council Meeting, can do so by going to Mendip District Council Website and Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council's comments on the Planning Ref No 2016\_0980\_OTs.

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*The relevant statements on which Councillors were asked to vote were as follows:*

***Travel considerations:***

This Council has little confidence in the Framework Travel Plan. It considers that more detailed plans need to be defined rather than proposed. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Stratton Parish Council believe that the likelihood of many people using these routes for walking is very small. We have to be realistic and recognize that people do not walk these distances and that cars will be used for such journeys, thus increasing traffic. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

This Parish Council believes that the roads are in the main unsuitable for cycling in this area, being too busy, too steep and too dangerous. There is little evidence that cyclists use these routes at the present and there seems no compelling reason as to why that would change despite any promotion by the site. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council has little confidence in the Traffic Analysis as far as roads are concerned. Much of this is contradictory to the experience of people who have lived in the Parish of Stratton for a great many years. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

This Parish Council is not at all convinced of the arguments put forward as to the facilities provided and the regulation of traffic near to the school. It regrets that it seems that the developers promote the use of the already totally inadequate B3355 to the site and say that they do not believe there is an absolute requirement for any upgrading works on Silver Street directly associated with this development. Finally, the Parish Council contends that many parents drop children off on their way to or back from work. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council consider that there needs to be much more of an outline agreement with the bus companies and local councils to provide better services before the public are likely to use them. Many of the services are hourly and that does not encourage people to use them. To say that it is proposed – is not sufficient and some sort of basic agreement needs to be made with the other parties before this kind of facility can be promoted. We believe that much more work needs to be done before the plan can be recommended. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Planning Statement & Planning History:***

Stratton Parish Council firmly believes the current application justifies the same comments from the Planning Board. Further, it is allowed then there will be a precedent set which will make another refusal for this eastern site much more

difficult to justify. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Planning Policy Framework:***

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council would point out that at this stage neither Banes Local Plan, Banes, Draft Placemaking Plan, Mendip District Plan or Mendip Planning Board, support any development outside of the current settlement boundary of Midsomer Norton/Radstock. It cannot be right to presuppose the result of the consultation on Mendip Local Plan Part II which is formed in legal obligation. It therefore rejects the plan outright on these grounds alone. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Other Considerations:***

Stratton on the Fosse agree with the Mendip Housing Assessment in that, other than houses already being built of those for which planning permission has already been agreed, less than 100 house per year are required up until 2020. This target will certainly be achieved by small developments if the current rate of planning continues and therefore as far as Mendip Housing need is concerned. NO development on the south side of Midsomer Norton or Radstock is needed or indeed wanted. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***General Approach and Consultation:***

Stratton Parish Council regrets that misleading statements were published in the school's/developer's advertorial. It also regrets that it was not fully consulted at a much earlier state of the planning. It also disagrees with statements published before the end of March that suggest that full consultation had taken place with Town and Parish Councils. It wished to register the fact that the developers had to be invited to give their time for consultation as late as 18 April 2016. It also strongly objects to the fact that the development is continually referred to by the developers as being Midsomer Norton. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Developer's Statements:***

“A family orientated neighbourhood which allows a strong sense of community to develop. A positive contribution to the character of Midsomer Norton. A place where community needs, including a primary school, can be provided for, to increase pedestrian activity and reduce car use in the local area. A place which minimizes its impact on the existing community and provides additional resources for existing residents.”

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council totally disagrees with the above statements. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Landscape and Visual Context:***

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council regrets what it sees as misrepresentation of the facts in the above. It does not recognize the statements made by the developers on this subject. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council regrets that doctor's facilities are not mentioned in the developer's statement about Local Facilities. It further regrets the statement from the Interim Planning Team Manager. This sort of statement is meaningless without commitment and how often have we seen this lacking especially under current spending controls. For this to be meaningful, there need to be concrete proposals not vague intentions. If one cannot hire doctors due to national shortage, there is no prospect of solving the issue by an injection of cash or providing new facilities. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Site Appraisal:***

"Provide habitat features such as areas of shallow water in SUDs basins, log piles and species rich grassland around this site. Retain moderate and high quality trees if at all possible."

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council is concerned about both of these environmental issues particularly the safety of the children on this site. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Heritage:***

Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council is not happy with these proposals listed under 04 Design Approach and would want satisfactory answers before even outline planning approval. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council strongly opposes any damage or alteration to the historic boundary between Midsomer Norton and Stratton on the Fosse Parishes. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Flooding and Drainage:***

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council considers that local knowledge suggests that this is a larger problem than the developers accept. There is also the safety aspect to children on the site as discussed under Site appraisal, Environment. Specific proven proposals should be provided before any sort of development is even considered. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***Land Contamination:***

Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council cannot agree that a survey concerning Land Contamination is not needed for those reasons given. **All Councillors present agreed unanimously by a show of hands.**

***A proposal by Cllr Norris, for Cllr Daniels to take away the above comments and forward to Mendip District Council, was seconded by Cllr Murtagh. A vote was taken, by a show of hands, and this proposal was carried unanimously.***

In conclusion, all Councillors present voted, by a show of hands, in favour of all of these statements and the vote was unanimous. Cllr Daniels would forward the comments to MDC, stating Stratton-on-the-Fosse Council was firmly and forcefully against the proposed planning at land at the White Post.

Permission granted by MDC

Ref:2016/0108/HSE Mendip View, Green Lane.  
2016/0456/FUL Vereker House, Pitcot Lane  
2016/0782/LBC The Stokes House, Downside  
2016/0568/HSE Sunningdale, Fosse Way  
2016/0570/HSE Beech Tree House, Fosse Way  
2016/0968/HSE The Cottage, Nettlebridge

Permission refused by MDC

None received.

Planning Board

2016/0333/FUL Former Stratton Motor Services, Fosse Way(15/06/2016)  
***This planning was allowed, but MDC were not happy with the design. The developer will have to alter some of the design and go back to the planners at MDC.***

***Cllr Norris left the Meeting at 10.30 pm***

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- 9.1 The **Clerk's Salary** for the period **April-June 2016** amounting to **£699.90** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001076**
- 9.2 The Annual Fee for **SLCC** amounting to **£77** was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No. 001078**
- 9.3 An Invoice from **Charlton's** for a bench amounting to **£180** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001079**
- 9.4 It was agreed by all Councillors present to reimburse **Mr R Mellotte** with **£64.80** for the purchase of a **Union Jack Flag** on behalf of the Parish Council. **Cheque No.001077**
- 9.5 The Clerk reported that Council Tax Support would be discontinued from Yr End 2016. To be noted for future budgeting.
- 9.6 The Clerk presented Section 2 of the Audit Return and stated that Variences had been recorded and would be forwarded to the External Auditors along with the Audit Return and date of Notice of Inspection – to be received by 01 July 2016. Section 2 was then signed off and signed by the acting Chairman Jeremy Padfield.
- 9.7 The Notice of Inspection had been placed on the Notice Board and a copy

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given to Cllr Daniels for the Web-site.

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9.8 The Clerk stated that copies of the relevant documents to be placed on the parish Web-site by 01 July 2016 would be forwarded to Cllr Daniels shortly.

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9.9 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

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**1 CAR SCHEME:**

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10.1 Cllr Crawshaw reported that CRB checks were be applied for and that the four people volunteering were Rachel Carter, Cathy Hay, Roddy Mellotte (Co-Ordinator) and herself.

10.2 Public Liability was needed, but SCC were looking into this on the scheme's behalf and would advise. Cllr Jeremy Padfield would give details of the NFU to enquire about public liability insurance.

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10.3 Cllr Crawshaw stated that funding would be needed from the Parish Council although some funding would be received from the Village Day profits. Funding would be spent on insurance, a mobile phone and contract/pay as you go.

10.4 Cllr Crawshaw would bring insurance quotes and phone and contact details to the next meeting. An Agenda item.

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10.5 Cllr Crawshaw was very keen to launch the scheme on Village day in September.

**1 BURIAL GROUND:**

**1.**

11.1 The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Burial Working Party should be arranged in the near future.

11.2 Cllr Jeremy Padfield stated that a new gate needed to be purchased to provide access for a mini digger. This item for the next Agenda.

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**1 COMMUNITY GARDENS:**

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12.1 Cllr Stock gave the Clerk the Monthly Inspection Report of the playground; everything was in order.

12.2 A Notice had been placed in the Community Gardens about penalties for allowing Dog Fouling. Cllr Jeremy Padfield would also talk to the continuous offender in this matter.

12.3 A complaint had been received over the lack of bark at the bottom of the slide and this would now be topped up.

**1 STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

**3.**

The following items to be placed on the Lengthsman's list of duties:

- ! Remove debris at the back of pinch points.
- ! Clean the BT Kiosk.

! Clean the Bus Shelter.

*1* **HIGHWAYS:**

- 4.* 14.1 It was reported that the sign was obscured at the south end of the village. It was decided that the Lengthsman would be asked to attend to this, as it should be dealt with quickly as Glastonbury Festival was imminent. L/man
- 14.2 Drains throughout the village were blocked – the Clerk to report to Highways. Clerk
- 14.3 On the B3355 on the bend at the rugby Club trees were in need of cutting back. The Clerk to report to Highways. Clerk

*1* **FOOTPATH:**

- 5.* Nothing to report.

*1* **WEB-SITE:**

- 6.* Nothing to report.

*1* **CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME:**

- 7.* 17.1 The Chairman read out an invitation from the Centenary Fields Programme to nominate a recreation field in remembrance of WW2.
- 17.2 The Clerk to make enquiries if the Community Gardens was eligible due to the field being on a lease from Downside. Clerk

*1* **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| 1 | Somerset<br>Waste<br>Partnership | Monthly Briefing June 2016   |
| 2 | SCC<br>Highways                  | Acknowledgement of:<br>Sunken Inspection Cover Ref 294729<br>Sunken Water Valve Ref 294730   |
| 3 | NHS England                      | Dudley Taylor Pharmacies Ltd applied for a pharmacy license to open within Coleford. The doctors' practice strongly oppose this application and ask for PC's help in opposing it by writing to NHS England with a copy to David Warburton MP for Somerton and Frome. Letters to be received before 18 June 2016  |
| 4 | SCC                              | SID's reports A367 April & May 2016  |
| 5 | MDC                              | Parish Info Bulletin June 2016<br>Community Radio – Glastonbury FM on107.1FM<br>Frome FM 96.6FM  |
| 6 | Somerset<br>Rivers Authority     | The Stream – progress update June 2016<br>Information leaflet  |
| 7 | MDC                              | Council Tax Support Grant stopped from April 2017<br>Therefore this is the last year PC will receive.  |
| 8 | MDC                              | Affordable Housing Day Event Thursday 21 July 2016 at<br>Wells Town Hall 3.00pm-7.00pm<br>Poster for Notice Board  |
| 9 | SCC                              | Listening, Learning, Changing engagement initiative seeking the public's views about the Council's priorities & other key issues.<br>Survey available online <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/listening">www.somerset.gov.uk/listening</a><br>Also invite Parish Councils to give views – survey online <a href="https://somerset.typeform.com/to/hKE73v">https://somerset.typeform.com/to/hKE73v</a> Response needed by Friday 30 September 2016 |

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2016/0108/HSE Mendip View  
2016/0568/HSE Sunningdale  
2016/0570/HSE Beech Tree House

**Planning Board:** Ref: 2016/0333/FUL Former Stratton Motor Services

**Bank Statements:** Business Reserve A/C May 24,971.98  
Current A/C 50.00

**Cheques:** R Mellotte(Flag) 64.80  
V Attwood (Salary) 699.90  
SLCC (Membership) 77.00

Charltons (Bench) 180.00

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

Agenda Items:

- ! Grant for the Community Gardens
- ! Invoice for timber (Comm.Gardens)
- ! Invoice Petrol (Football field)
  
- ! Cllr Daniels gave his apologies for the next Meeting

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**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

- 20.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 18 July 2016**
- 20.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.00 pm

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