

**Minutes of the 957th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 21 November 2016**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr John Carter, 2 Members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. APOLOGIES: Mr D Stock, Mrs R Carter, PCSO Housley.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 17 October 2016 were approved and signed.

3. DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:

There were none.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Action Points from the meeting of 17th October 2016

1	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed.	Pending	Cllr Daniels
2	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. <i>Clerk to check funding available or other avenues. Defer to next Meeting.</i>	Pending	Clerk
3	Send letter from PC to resident re hedge cutting spilling onto the pavement; ongoing problem in the last few years. <i>Letter to be sent to Residents at numbers 12 & 14 Middlemead stating if help needed to get in touch with PC</i>	sent	Clerk
4	Cllr Jeremy Padfield to engage a person to weed spray around the village. Downside unable to help. <i>SCC do not weed spray(not for last 4 years) due to cost cutting.</i>		Clerk Cllr Padfield
5	Somerset CC Highways Jobs: 294729 Sunken Inspection Cover opposite 9 Middlemead Road Label U2741/10 294730 Water Valve sunk southside of junction to Middlemead Road Label A367/6 <i>Minuted 16.7</i> <i>Cllr Fosdyke arrived at this point</i>	Ongoing	Somerset Highways
6	Drains blocked throughout village. Lengthsman asked to be asked to clear grids	Asap	Cllr Padfield
7	After the site Meeting held with Charlie Higgins of Highways, re issues with A367, it was noted that the issue of lorries through the village had not been addressed in the follow up correspondence. <i>Cllr Fosdyke stated that he had forwarded comments and awaiting reply. Minuted 16.7</i>	Dec Meeting	Cllr Fosdyke

8	Certificate of Insurance to be placed on Web-site	On Web-site	Clerk Cllr Daniels
9	A meeting of the Finance working Party to discuss the Budget to be arranged. Meeting held and Budget details forwarded to Councillors To be discussed at December Mtg	Meeting held Dec Mtg Discuss	Clerk Cllrs. Daniels Fosdyke Murtagh
10	The gap in administration, with the police not being aware of accidents as they were seemingly not reported, would be taken up by Cllr Daniels with the Police Commissioner and Highways Supervisor. Thought letter should come from Parish Council Minuted at 16.3	Dec Meeting	Clerk Cllr Daniels
11	Purchase Plaque for Bench	pending	Cllr Stock

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None received

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

6.1 Dist Cllr John Carter stated that more businesses was coming into the area and also more affordable housing was being built.

6.2 Dist Cllr Carter commented on the work completed on the new drainage at Nettlebridge; that during the torrential rain recently, (2ft 8inches rain fallen today), the road was in a drivable state and therefore much safer.

7. POLICE REPORT:

The Chairman read out the Police Report received from PCSO Nikki Housley, which contained the following information:

04/11/2016 2 calls of a road traffic collision on A367 Nettlebridge Hill. Motor bike verse van.

11/11/2016 Call relating to a parking issue in Middlemead.

8. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

Ref:2016/2643/FUL

Proposal:Former Stratton Motor Services, Fosse Way, SOF

Location:Erection of 4 off dwellings on the site of redundant vehicle repair garage.

Councillors thought the plans were good, with significant changes made, and could see no reason to refuse this application. At the moment the site was an eyesore and in a hazardous state. Councillors were of the opinion that the proposed planning would only improve this part of the village.

All Councillors agreed to fully support this planning application and recommend approval.

Clerk

Permission granted by MDC

Ref:2016/2194.VRC Bainsbury View,SOF

Garage to have pitched roof & roof above master bedroom slightly raised. On planning permission 2015/1426/FUL

Ref:2016/2347/APP Green Lane Farm Bungalow, Green Lane to Bath Rd

Details reserved by condition 3(Tree protection)on permission 2015/2048/FUL

9. BUS STOP:

9.1 The Chairman introduced 2 residents that were concerned about buses not stopping now at Bath View. This was causing older, less mobile, residents not being able to journey out of the village unless by taxi. Buses had stopped here in the past, in fact there was still a Bus-stop Sign, although it was now overgrown by vegetation. It was thought that, if the Sign could be cleared, the bus company could be asked again to stop at this point.

9.2 The Parish Council stated that it was happy for residents to organize the Sign to be cleared, (Cllr Crawshaw offered her help), which it was hoped to be cleared by January 2017. The residents requested to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to review the situation and asked for this item to be placed in the Parish Newsletter.

Parishioners
Cllr
Crawshaw

The 2 Members of the Public left the Meeting at this point 8.15 pm.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

10.1 An Invoice for **BT/Broadband** mounting to **£160.19** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001994**

10.2 An Invoice for **Ink and Paper** amounting to **£70.72** was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. **Cheque No.001095**

10.3 An Invoice from **Wayne Palmer (Lengthsman)** amounting to **£250** for work completed was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001093**

10.4 An Invoice amounting to **£151.87** (for **Bark for Community Gardens** £91.90 and grass cutting **Football Field** £59.97) was agreed by all Councillors to be paid to **JD & JS Padfield. Cheque No.001097**

10.5 An Invoice from the external Auditors **Grant Thornton** amounting to £120 was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001096**

10.6 The Clerk reported that the **Annual Audit Return for the Year End 2016** had been returned from the External Auditor and was found to be correct with nothing to report. This would be placed on the Parish Web-site.

10.7 The Clerk was in receipt of the **VAT Refund** from **HRMC** amounting to **£1,077.13** (Parish Council £ 9,955.87and Community Gardens £1.76) **Vendor no.288902**

10.8 The Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

Cllr Helen Murtagh arrived at this point 8.20 pm

11. PRECEPT:

- 11.1 The Clerk had emailed details of Budget Forecasts to Councillors, which had been discussed at a meeting held by the Finance Working Party. Items still to be paid for/purchased were highlighted and a Bank Reconciliation, up to the end of October, was included.

Cllr Jeremy Padfield arrived at this point 8.28pm

- 11.2 Topics yet to be decided upon included the purchase of a Defibrillator, Sign Post maintenance. It was noted that the Government was proposing to cap the Precept in future years.

- 11.3 Councillors were asked to study the figures with a view to setting the Precept at December's Meeting. Cllrs

- 11.4 The Clerk would endeavor to put the figures in Spread Sheet form in the next Financial Year. Clerk

- 11.5 The Clerk to investigate changing from BT to a cheaper provider of Phone/Broadband. Clerk

12. CAR SCHEME:

Leaflets giving details of the car-scheme were to be delivered to every household in the village before Christmas.

Cllr
Crawshaw

13. BURIAL GROUND:

- 13.1 The Chairman stated that St Vigors had given permission to utilize its Rules, which would be printed and brought to the next Meeting for approval. Chair

- 13.2 It was confirmed that the land did not need to be consecrated.

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 14.1 The Monthly Inspection Report, although undertaken, would be received at the next Meeting. Cllr
Stock

- 14.2 The lease for the Community Gardens was confirmed to have been for 10 years – with only 3 years left.

- 14.3 It was thought that 10 years was too short a period and a period of 20-25 years should be re-negotiated.

- 14.4 After discussion, a vote was taken as to whether Downside should be approached now, with a view to extending the lease, or to defer this matter until nearer the expiry date. The vote to approach Downside now was carried by a majority, although this will not be undertaken until the New Year. Clerk
January

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

15.1 The following list of tasks completed by the Lengthsman over the last 2 months:

To be listed at next meeting.

L/man

16. HIGHWAYS:

16.1 Items to be reported to Highways:

The electric post opposite Bainsbury View by the pinch-point was leaning dangerously. Also the bank was overgrown at this point and should be cut back behind the post.

Clerk

Damaged Chicane light/post on entering the village from Radstock.

16.2 Councillors were in receipt of the latest SID results.

16.3 Cllr Daniels will write to the Police and Somerset County Council to flag-up the deficiencies in the current system in regard to the information given about accidents.

Cllr
Daniels

16.4 At the moment the various agencies do not communicate with each other, plus the police do not divulge any information on accidents stating that this is due to the Data Protection Act – which is not correct.

16.5 The Clerk to forward to Cllr Daniels the past correspondence from Somerset County Council, regarding suggestions from the Parish Council about gates/roundels, which had been turned down

16.6 Cllr Daniels would take-up the issue of the safety barrier requested by a resident and turned down by SCC. This was at an accident blackspot in Nettlebridge where holes were made in the hedge from 3 accidents this year.

Cllr
Daniels

16.7 The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Somerset County Council and Councillors before the next meeting in regard to signs and safety barrier at Nettlebridge.

Clerk

16.8 Cllr Daniels will email Councillors a draft document in relation to the above for comment at the next Meeting.

Cllr
Daniels

16.9 Cllr Fosdyke stated that he had sent a further letter to SCC, raising all the issues that had still not been dealt with in connection with earlier correspondence relating to the A367 through Stratton.

17. FOOTPATH:

Nothing to report.

18. WEB-SITE:

Nothing to report.

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 H/ways Grit Bins – if need topping-up MUST notify by Friday 02 December 2016. Need to identify which ones.
Jeremy to get L/man to check.
- 2 SCC G.I.S. Mapping Systems for Public Footpaths & rights of Way. New online interactive map has been launched by SCC to allow residents to report potholes & other issues on Highways.
Report a Problem on Highways – contacts.
Email :highways@somerset.gov.uk
Website:www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/
Public Footpaths & Rights of Way
Website www.roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map
Information given to Trevor Letcher
- 3 MDC Sue Churchill E-mail re Rubbish Bins at The Mead and Bainsbury View in need of attention.
Asked Jeremy if Lengthsman could look at?
L/Man will repair at Bainsbury. The Mead – contact Aster
- 4 SCC NHS organizations & Somerset County Council have been working together to develop a way forward for health & social care services in the County.
Strategic plans known as Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STP) are being produced across the country.
- 5 Rivers Authority Newsletter
- 6 Surviving Winter Surviving Winter is an award-winning campaign that encourages people to donate some or all of their unwanted Winter Fuel Payments to other people in their community.
Further info at www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter
To Place on Web-site?
- 7 Groundwork South Funding available for Community Projects through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. 3 projects will be short-listed & go forward to public vote each month
at each of the Tesco regions. More info at
www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2
- 8 PCSO Response to email sent re youths at Community Gardens – will keep an eye on situation.
- 9 MDC Parish Info Bulletin – November
- 10 Somerset Waste Partnership Newsletter: Residents reminded that if arrive at Recycling Centres in cars without trailers on Sat/Sun less congested as permit holders cannot use them
(ie Trade waste)
Reminder that SWP collect plastic bottles – rinsed with tops discarded – including fizzy drinks, milk and cleaning products.
Recycling & Refuse Collections – Bank Hol dates
- 11 Somerset Community Foundation Christmas Concert Sat 10 December 2016 at Wells Cathedral. Free of Charge and open to all.
- 12 SCC Latest SID's Reports for 12 October 2016-01 November 2016

- 13 MDC Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Marketing & Business Evidence to Support Planning Applications – consultation will run between Mon 21 Nov and Mon 19 Dec 2016. Documents submitted available at www.mendip.gov.uk/spd or at Council offices Shepton Mallet.
- 14 CDS Connecting Devon & Somerset programme running a voucher scheme to ensure all premises have access to at least 2 Mbps. Offering anyone with a broadband speed of less than 2Mbps a voucher worth up to £500 towards the cost of a new broadband connection. Closing to applications on 30 November 2016, but can still use vouchers until March 2017.
 Details www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme To place on Web-site?
Not thought necessary as everyone in Stratton will have 2Mbps

Planning Application:

Ref:2016/2643/FUL Erection of 4no dwellings on site of redundant vehicle repair garage
 50.00 50.00

Letters/Emails sent: Letter SCC Highways re condition of A367 through SOF

Bank Statements: Business Reserve A/C Sept 22,459.08 Oct £21,323.19

Cheques: W Palmer £250.00
 V Attwood 160.19
 V Attwood 70.72
 Grant Thornton 120.00
 J D & JS Padfield 151.87

Received HRMC Vat Refund 1,077.13

20 MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 20.1 Three quotes should be obtained for the finger post re-painting – the Clerk had one already and Cllr Jeremy Padfield would obtain a further two. Cllr JP
- 20.2 Cllr Jeremy Padfield stated that rubbish had been left after the Carnival between Manor Farm and the White Post, also there had been fly-tipping in Watery Lane. Cllr Jeremy Padfield will report the above issue. Cllr JP

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 19 December 2016**
- 21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.31 pm

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____