

**Minutes of the 959<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 16 January 2017**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dist Cllr R Carter, Dist Cllr R Carter, Mr Trevor Letcher, Mr Clive Setter  
(Heatsafe), Clerk.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Action

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr K Fosdike, CC Harvey Siggs.

**2. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 19 December 2016 were approved and signed.

**3. DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**

There were none.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

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. <i>Clerk to invite Mr Clive Setter of Heatsafe to a Meeting</i> <b>Mr Clive Setter gave information and a demonstration Minuted at Item 10</b>	Completed Attended meeting	Clerk
3	Send letter from PC to resident re hedge cutting spilling onto the pavement; ongoing problem in the last few years. Letter sent to Residents at numbers 12 & 14 Middlemead stating if help needed to get in touch with PC It was suggested that the l/man should be asked to do this – Chair would as Wayne first. <b>Wayne had been left a message to contact for details to be given.</b>	pending	Clerk
4	Cllr Jeremy Padfield to engage a person to weed spay around the village. Downside unable to help – SCC does not perform this task anymore.	pending	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	Ongoing	Somerset Highways
6	Drains blocked throughout village. <b>Clerk to request SCC to clear pavement first and then drains, which are completely blocked.</b>	Pending	Cllr Padfield
7	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 <b>Minuted at 16.1</b>		Cllr Daniels

8	<b>Chair contacted Charltons and will pick up the bench in the week. Cheque will need to be re-issued as original is now out of date.</b>	pending	CLlr Stock
9	A request to the Bus Company to reinstate the bus to stop at this point. Site – opposite Bath View at south end village (SM) <b>Clerk to contact bus company – bus stop always there &amp; now cleared – elderly have to walk to the middle of village.</b>	Feb Mtg	<b>Clerk</b>
10	Investigate other Broadband/Telephone packages to obtain a cheaper price.	Feb 17	Clerk
11	Contact Downside to increase lease of Community Gardens – when?	Feb Mtg	Clerk
12	Report to Highways: Electric Post opposite Bainsbury View by the pinch point leaning dangerously. The overgrown bank behind the post to be cut back. <i>Contact western Power.</i> <b>Western Power would inspect and would contact BT if their responsibility</b> Damaged Chicane light/post on entering the village from Radstock. Concrete slabs (drainage solution) at Nettlebridge damaged- Reported	Chase	Clerk Clerk
13	To obtain 2 more quotes re painting finger-posts within the parish	Feb Mtg	CLlr Jeremy Padfield
14	Forward PC's Precept request (10k) to MDC- <b>Confirmed receipt</b>	completed	Clerk
15	Adopt Rules and Regulations for Church Burial Ground- <b>Minuted at Item 13</b>	Feb Mtg	CLlrs
16	Light at Middlemead out Number 2 – Reported. <b>Still not working.</b>	Chase	Clerk

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

None received

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

- 6.1 Dist Cllr John Carter stated that Mendip District Council will have to seek ways of saving money in the next Financial Year. Ideas at the moment were to invest in projects which are income generated and benefit communities.
- 6.2 Also a decision has to be made whether to cut services or to increase revenue. This is a work in progress and will take time.

#### 7. POLICE REPORT:

7.1 No Report received.

7.2 The Clerk had reported, to PCSO Housley, the van parked outside the house of Cllr Davies, but had not received a reply to date. It had been established since that it is in fact taxed and insured and had moved, but is now back making the road narrow at this point. The Clerk would make enquiries to the legality of this and of the Campervan parked permanently in the Village Hall carpark, which has a foreign number plate.

Clerk

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS:

### Applications:

There were none.

### Permission granted by MDC

There were none.

### Planning Board:

Former Stratton Motor Services, Fosse Way, SOF

Application will be considered on 18 January 2017 at 6.00pm at Mendip District Council Chambers, Shepton Mallet.

The Clerk had informed MDC that Cllr Daniels will attend this Meeting to give the Parish Council's support to this planning application. Also Dist Cllr John Carter would be in attendance and Dist Cllr Rachel Carter is also on the Planning Board – both are in favour of this application.

## 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- 9.1 Invoice amounting to **£33.60** for **On-line Mapping** – all Councillors present agreed for this to be paid. **Cheque No. 001103**

*Cllr Jeremy Padfield left the Meeting 8.10 pm*

- 9.2 Cllr Daniels stated that although this service was not used much at the moment the on-line mapping would be very useful when fully implemented for instance to report an accident or traffic problem.

*Cllr Jeremy Padfield re-joined the Meeting at this point 8.15 pm*

- 9.3 Invoice from **JD & JS Padfield** for Grass Cutting (Football Field)£20 and £120 for Mole removal in Community Gardens amounting to **£140** was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. **Cheque No.001104**
- 9.4 A cheque to **Charltons** amounting to **£180** for a bench was agreed by all Councillors present to be re-issued as the original cheque (001079) had expired. **Cheque No. 001105**
- 9.5 The Chairman collected £20 (£2 per Councillor) for the cost of RBL Remembrance Wreath.
- 9.6 Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

## 10. PRESENTATION ON DEFIBRILLATORS:

- 10.1 The Chairman introduced Mr Clive Setter from Heartsafe who had been invited to give Councillors a talk and demonstration of defibrillators.

*Mr Trevor Letcher arrived at this point 8.19 pm*

- 10.2 Mr Setter stated that Heartsafe's defibrillators were British made and that in his opinion locked cabinets were the best option.

*Cllr Murtagh arrived at this point 8.24*

- 10.3 Heartsafe offered several different types of defibrillators but the one Mr Setter recommended had a specific part that can tell if the person is giving compressions correctly, plus the following:

- It has a 10 year warranty.
  - It also talks throughout the procedure clearly and loudly.
  - It has a greater range than others – which is crucial to the weight of the person to be used on.
  - It has a cartridge battery which has a life of 4 years if not used.
  - A replacement (if not used) cost £99
  - It is better to have a spare, although Pads can be replaced within 4-5 days.
  - If used, recorded and downloaded, then sent to manufacturer a replacement will be received free-of-charge.
  - If the defibrillator “saves a life” then a defibrillator is given FOC to the person saved to give to use in their community.
  - The Adult Pad can be used for person 25 kilo upwards ( eg 8years old)
  - It could also be used on a 1 year old by placing one Pad on the front of child and one Pad on the back.
  - Distance for the South West Ambulance is 200 metres – an access code will be asked for.
- 10.4 It is important that parishioners know that the village has a defibrillator and that they can ask for the access code, although the Ambulance service has given assurance that they will prompt the caller.
- 10.5 Notices should be placed to inform villagers that have a defibrillator.
- 10.6 Some villages give out the access code, for instance by placing on the web site.
- 10.7 A power supply is needed.

*Cllr Stock left the Meeting at this point 8.45*

- 10.8 Mr Clive Setter continued to explain the Maintenance of such a defibrillator.
- A Green Light flashes when defibrillator was operational.
  - The Defibrillator needed a “Guardian” who every 2 weeks goes to the cabinet with phone/computer and completes a check-list (yes/no).
  - This data needs to be sent each month to the Ambulance trust to complete an Audit Trial.
  - This scheme is Free of Charge for the first year and thereafter £49 per year.
  - An email will be sent as a reminder if not done every 2 weeks.
- 10.9 Mr Clive Setter then answered Councillors questions which included the following:
- How many Heartsafe had distributed – 900 at the present time.
  - How often defibrillators were used – a phone call received every other day to state one had been used.
  - Mobile phone signals a problem in the village – Most calls were from home using a landline, although he had managed to get a signal outside the Village Hall.
  - Electricity costs – Approximately £5 per year.
  - Most suitable positions – Central to village, Village Hall, old BT telephone box.

- Sponsors – Several villages had procured sponsors from businesses or quarries, for a donation towards a defibrillator they could receive 10 years of advertising. Also an electrician might also be willing to donate to have his services advertised.
- 10.11 Councillors thought that likely businesses to approach for sponsorship might be Jacksons Fencing, Kings Arms and Reynolds. Sponsors already interested in contributing were St Vigors and St Benedicts Churches and the Village Hall Trust.
- 10.12 Mr Clive Setter then gave a demonstration on a manikin and talked through procedure that a person would undertake if using the Defibrillator.
- The Defibrillator prompted each step in a clear, loud voice; confirming if compressions were correct; the speed/force of compressions.
  - If used quickly (within 8 minutes) the survival rate went from 9% to 50% or 70%.
  - Success was when the person starts breathing, but the pads would be kept on in case needed again.
- 10.13 Mr Clive Setter stated that, if a Defibrillator was ordered then a more thorough demonstration would be given at no extra charge.
- 10.14 A Green Bulk Headlight was also given and maintenance information was inside the cabinet.
- 10.15 The cost of £200 plus electrician over the life of the Defibrillator was he thought a good investment making it approximately £49 plus electricity per year.

## **11. CAR SCHEME:**

- 11.1 Cllr Crawshaw reported that six trips had been made with the car-scheme already since started at the end December. Although the scheme was struggling to find volunteer drivers.
- 11.2 Cllr Crawshaw had been approached by Gordon Jackson from Oakhill Surgery asking whether Stratton's car-scheme could be extended to Oakhill. All Councillors had been emailed, prior to the Meeting, documents received from Mr Jackson giving details. The Oakhill practice was trying to encourage people to attend clinics at the surgery rather than have home visits. A voluntary group was attached to Oakhill surgery which would mean help with volunteer drivers. Councillors present all agreed that this would be a good idea.
- 11.3 The Clerk established that the budget for the car-scheme would be shared between the parishes and all present agreed to incorporate Oakhill in the scheme.

*Dist Cllr John and Rachel Carter, Cllr Crawshaw and Mr Clive Setter left at this point 9.37 pm.*

## **12. DEFIBRILLATOR:**

- 12.1 Councillors discussed more fully, the possible purchase of a defibrillator for the parish. All Councillors present thought the Parish Council should install a defibrillator - a suggestion was made that 2 might be a good idea - and siting should be discussed with this in mind.
- 12.2 The Parish Council would seek sponsorship; although the Village Hall Trust, St Benedicts and St Vigors had already agreed to contribute. Mr Trevor Letcher confirmed that St Benedicts would contribute a third of monies towards the purchase of a defibrillator.
- 12.3 The cost of a defibrillator from Heartsafe would be £2k approximately. The Clerk made the Councillors aware that other quotes were in her possession - both of which were slightly cheaper than Heartsafe. It was thought however, that the other suppliers were national concerns and Heartsafe was a local business, which made it more desirable eg any problems/advice would be quicker to solve/obtain.
- 12.4 It was therefore proposed by Cllr Murtagh and seconded by Cllr Daniels to purchase a defibrillator from Heartsafe.
- 12.5 The Clerk to contact Mr Clive Setter to confirm the Parish Council's intention to purchase; having first sought sponsorship. Also to ask about a demonstration and whether he could attend the APM in April.

Clerk

## **13. BURIAL GROUND:**

The Chairman stated that he was awaiting St Benedicts to look-over the Rules and Regulations before bringing them before the Parish Council for adoption.

## **14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:**

- 14.1 The Monthly playground Report was received by the Clerk from Cllr Stock; with nothing to report.
- 14.2 Cllr Jeremy Padfield stated that work had been done on the raised border.

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

It was decided to await MDC response to a pavement clean before adding this to the Lengthsman tasks – who will be employed again at the end of March 2017.

Clerk

## **16. HIGHWAYS:**

- 16.1 A letter detailing the Parish Council's concerns over the lack of interaction between the Police and Highways, with regard to accidents, had been drawn up by Cllr Daniels and forwarded to all Councillors. After the Chairman had signed, the Clerk was asked to forward to all relevant parties (Police Commissioner, James Heappy MP, David Fotthergill-Cabinet Minister for Highways & Transport, Alan Jones-GIS Mapping).
- 16.2 The Clerk had received a complaint, by email, regarding the state of the footpath from Norton Down to White Post which was overgrown and slippery from decaying leaves, presenting a safety hazard. The Clerk to contact Highways to alert them to this problem.

Clerk

Clerk

## 17. FOOTPATH:

- 17.1 The Chairman had received a complaint about a footpath located between Green Lane and A367. The landowner had not rolled the designated footpath after it had been ploughed. Mr Trevor Letcher agreed to look at the problem.
- 17.2 Mr Trevor Letcher (parish footpath warden) reported that the bridge in Locombe wood had been repaired although he had reported another wooden bridge in need of maintenance. Many new footpath gates had been installed within the parish.

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Letcher

## 18. WEB-SITE:

Cllr Daniels reported that he had now completed the update to 2017.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1  | V Plummer   | Request to use Community Gardens for private use – duck herding activity. Date 6 May 2017 mid to late afternoon for a few hours.   |
| 2  | SCC   | Somerset Prepared Newsletter – 1 <sup>st</sup> edition. Giving news, advice and support 4 times per year.<br>A Somerset Emergency Community Contact (SECC) is a person nominated by the local parish council as a known point of contact for emergency responders in the event of an incident. The initiative is run by the Civil Contingencies Unit and provides communities with a reliable channel for information in and out of a community.   |
| 3  | Somerset Waste Partnership                          | December Newsletter.<br>Green light for Recycle More: adding new kerbside recycling materials – plastic pots, tubs & trays, household batteries, small electrical equipment – to the 3 weekly pick-ups of the re: recycle every bit of food, double bag smelly waste, rinse all containers, keep waste bins, boxes & bags in the shade.  |
| 4  | Get Mapping   | Parish On-line Invoice for Annual Subscription   |
| 5  | SCC<br>Tradingstandards Service<br>Nicola LJ Pearce | Avian Influenza(Bird Flu) Outbreak in the UK. Prevention Zone declared for whole of UK in December now extended to 28 February 2017. Means that all poultry keepers – whether on a commercial scale or simply a small backyard flock – now required by law to house them (keep under over) or otherwise keep separate from wild birds.<br>Request to put message on PC Website and Notice Board also leaflet “How to keep your birds safe from Avian Influenza”<br>Defra state that risk to human health is very low and bird flu does not pose a food safety risk |
| 6  | Cllr Daniels<br>a/b                                 | Draft Letter and Report regarding lack of communication between police, PC and Highways. Also traffic issues within the parish.  |
| 7  | Cllr Crawshaw<br>a/c                                | Car-scheme – letters and documents sent by Gordon Jackson(Chair Oakhill Surgery Patient Participation Group) – to discuss at Meeting   |
| 8  | Debbie Stevens                                      | Email re state of pavement from Norton Down to White Post – has also notified MDC  |
| 9  | Heartsafe<br>Mr Clive Setter                        | Defibrillator Quote and information. Attending Jan Meeting to advise and answer questions.   |
| 10 | Community<br>Heartbeat Trust                        | Community Defibrillators: Quotation – Technical Information – A Guide for Councillors.   |
| 11 | MDC   | Gypsy & Travellers Caravans & Sites at 16 Jan 2017 A nil return would also be appreciated.   |
| 12 | MDC<br>Planning                                     | Neighbourhood Planning Conference on Wed 25 Jan 2017 Free event at Guildhall Bath. Limited to 4 off per Council. Bookable.   |

**Planning Application:** None

**Planning Board:** Ref 2016/2643/FUL Former Stratton Motor Services, SOF

**Bank Statements:** Business Reserve A/C £ 20,895.28 December 2016  
Current A/C 50.00

**Cheques:** Getmapping Plc £33.60  
JD & JS Padfield £140  
Charltons £180 (Cheque re-issued)

Cost of RBL Remembrance Wreath to be collected from Councillors £2 each.

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

20.1 It was noted that the Grit Bin at Bath View was in need of replacing. Also Cllr Norris reported that the Grit Bin at the post box could not be opened due to it being too close to the telegraph pole.

Clerk  
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20.2 It was also noted that the Telephone Box was in a poor state of repair and needed attention; the broken glass needed to be replaced or plastic glued in, a coat of paint and a good clean.

L/man

20.3 Agenda Items:

- Purchase of Grit Bin

**21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 20 February 2017**

21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.21 pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**