

**Minutes of the 961st Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 20 March 2017**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr John Padfield(Chairman), Mrs J Davies(Vice-Chair),
Mr D Stock, K Fosdike, Mr A Norris, Mr Jeremy Padfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr J Carter, Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mr M Daniels, Mrs H Murtagh, Mrs C Downes, Mrs S Crawshaw
Dist Cllr R Carter, C C Harvey Siggs

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 20 February 2017 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	Cllr Jeremy Padfield to engage a person to weed spay around the village. Downside unable to help – SCC does not perform this task anymore. <i>Cllr Jeremy Padfield had contacted a tree surgeon (Nicki Tibbs) with a Certificate for weed Spraying and was in possession of a quote for £180 plus Vat (£216) for 3 times per year of spraying. It was proposed by Cllr Jeremy Padfield and seconded by Cllr Davies to engage the tree surgeon.</i>	pending	Cllr Padfield
3	Somerset CC Highways Jobs: Sunken Inspection Cover opposite 9 Middlemead Road Label U2741/10 Water Valve sunk southside of junction to Middlemead Road Label A367/6	Ongoing	Cllr Fosdike
4	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. Letters sent to: Police Commissioner, James Heapy MP, David Fothergill - Cab Minister for H/ways & Transport, Alan Jones - GIS Mapping. Response to date from Police Commissioner & Police Inspector. <i>Minuted at Item 16</i>	Ongoing	Chair Clerk
5	A request to the Bus Company to reinstate the bus to stop at this point. Site – opposite Bath View at south end village (SM) Clerk contacted bus company – bus stop always there & now cleared – elderly have to walk to the middle of village – will contact within 14 days with decision after inspection. Clerk further reported behaviour of some bus drivers (rude gesture given to MOP). Confirmation that ALL drivers stop. Plus stop at North of village below Bath View on Kings Arms side of road - room to pull-in and stop. <i>Clerk reported by 2 phone calls and 1 letter and was informed that this was still being investigated. Meanwhile the local paper reported the bus stop being re-instated, c/w picture, with credit going to the paper.</i>	Completed	Clerk
6	Contact Downside to increase lease of Community Gardens. <i>Decided on 25 year lease request. Clerk & Chair to liaise to write letter.</i>	March Mtg	Clerk

7	To obtain 2 more quotes re painting finger-posts within the parish The Clerk was asked to contact Chilcompton PC for info on its sign re-painting	April Mtg Clerk	Cllr J P
8	Adopt Rules and Regulations for Church Burial Ground- Minuted at Item 13	Feb Mtg	Cllrs
9	Light at Middlemead out Number 2 – Reported. Still not working.	Chase Clerk	Clerk
10	Contacted PCSO camper-van parked in the VH carpark – No reply to date	Chase	Clerk
11	BT Telephone box in need of repair: Glass replaced and painted	asap	L/man
12	Bark for the Community Gardens to be ordered (Monies from £600 budgeted Grant -£180)	Asap Clerk	Clerk
13	Dog Foul Bin to be re-sited by L/Man - When received Damaged need to purchase new Quote Minuted at Item 10.2 10.3	asap	L/man
14	Letters requesting sponsorship to be sent to: St Benedicts, St Vigors, VH Trust Letters to local companies, inviting sponsorship to be organized.	Asap Asap	Clerk/Chair JP
15	Speaker for APM – Trevor Letcher was suggested. Minuted at 20.2	Asap	Chair
16	Grit Bin – prices. Minuted at	Pending	Clerk

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None received.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Dist Cllr John Carter gave the following Report:

Shepton Mallet library has moved to the Shape Mendip compound. This will save money and improve the service

You will probably know that the Phoenix lottery was launched this morning. This will benefit local good causes and voluntary organizations.

Following Mendip's decision to extend its borrowing limit to £40m if necessary a cross party Transformation Board has been set up. It met last week for the first time. It has 36 projects under consideration. Projects are expected to generate an income and at the same time enhance local services.

Finding potential Gypsy traveler sites in the district is proving a problem. There is a statutory obligation on Somerset County Council to provide sites and Mendip must take its share. Without sites there is the danger of illegal sites developing. Does Stratton have a potential site??

Economic development is going well in the area. Dulcote quarry has just started to build the factory to produce Charlie Bingham's products, Street Business Park has started and more firms are going into Wells Business Park. One of the main problems is a lack of enough skilled workers in the district.

Roundabout proposed at junction of Bath Road and B3135 (Burnt Wood).

7. POLICE REPORT:

No Report received.

8. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

Ref: **2017/0378/FUL**

Location: St Wulstans Abbey Road, Chilcompton

Proposal: Single storey extension.

All Councillors present agreed to register a recommendation of approval to MDC.

Ref: **2017/0551/CLE**

Location: Bainsbury House, Green Lane, SOF

Proposal: Application for a lawful development Certificate for an existing use of garage as additional accommodation for Bainsbury House.

No objections were raised to this and the Clerk to inform MDC.

Permission granted by MDC

Ref: **2016/2643/FUL** Former Stratton Motor Services, Fosse Way, SOF

Erection of 4 dwellings on site of redundant vehicle repair garage

Temporary Road Closure

Frome Road (A362) Kilmersdon & Hemmington: From 23/03/17 for 2 nights.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

An Invoice from **Pitchcare** for bark for the Community Gardens amounting to **£432.60** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No 001109**

The Clerk's Salary for the period **January – March 2017** amounting to **£722.46** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001107**

Petty Cash amounting to **£26.04** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001108**

The Clerk reported that a BT/Broadband payment of £135.89 at the beginning of the year had been missed; this would now have to be included in Yr Ed 2018.

Bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

10. GRIT BIN & DOG FOUL BIN:

10.1 The purchase of a Grit Bin was decided by all Councillors present to be deferred until the Autumn.

10.2 The Clerk was instructed to place an order for a Retriever 50 Dog Waste Bin from Glasdon.

Clerk

10.3 The Clerk suggested asking Downside to contribute to the cost as it was not redeemable from insurance.

Clerk

11. DEFIBRILLATOR:

11.1 The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's decision to purchase a defibrillator and asking for sponsors from local businesses had been placed in the Village Newsletter. Cllr Jeremy Padfield would contact the NFU and Fosse House.

Cllr
Jeremy P

11.2 The Village Hall Trust and St Vigors and St Benedicts have already stated that they would contribute towards the purchase.

12. CAR SCHEME:

12.1 It was noted that Roddy Mellotte was no longer manning the phone and that Cllr Sarah Crawshaw had taken this on for now.

12.2 The idea of Oakhill joining the Stratton scheme was still pending.

13. BURIAL GROUND:

13.1 The Chairman reported that he had contacted Father Leo and was awaiting a reply.

13.2 The Fees/Charges and Rules and Regulations would be adopted at the next Meeting.

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

14.1 The Monthly playground Report was received by the Clerk from Cllr Stock; with nothing to report.

14.2 A problem of dog waste being placed in the Rubbish Bin in the Community Gardens was discussed. It was decided to place a laminated sign requesting dog owners to place dog waste in the appropriate bin.

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14.3 It was decided to place the purchased bench at the entrance to the Community Garden.

14.4 It was further decided that the Lengthsman could concrete it in place and also attach the plaque.

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14.5 The Clerk to send a thankyou letter to Charltons.

Clerk

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

There was nothing to report.

16. HIGHWAYS:

16.1 The Clerk had forwarded Police Inspector, Kevin Thatcher, dates of PC Meetings which he was invited to attend, but he had replied that he was leaving the Baner area and would ask his successor to make contact.

16.2 The Clerk was then contacted by Inspector Mark Nicholson, stating that Cllr Daniels original letter had been directed to the wrong department and that he was the correct person to contact.

16.3 In his absence, Cllr Daniels had forwarded an email, regarding the above failure of the Parish Council's Report arriving at the correct department and also pointing out that no response as yet had been received from Councillor David Fothergill. It was suggested that Sue Mountsevens and Inspector Nicholson should be contacted requesting that someone of Authority should attend the Meeting.

Clerk

17. FOOTPATH:

There was nothing to report.

18. BROAD-BAND SPEED:

Cllr Daniels was hoping to receive more information on this item and would report at the next meeting.

19. WEB-SITE:

There was nothing to report.

20. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Charlie Highways Re Missing Give Way Sign A367 Fosseyway (by War Memorial). Inspection of site arranged (ref 298442) & Area Superintendent will arrange for necessary remedial works to be carried out.
- 2 Mr James Heappy MP Re letter received about road safety. Although has no role in law-enforcement or road safety in the County, James asks if the PC wishes him to take any specific action on their behalf regarding this issue?
- 3 Frome Town Council Proposed Market Place improvements, Frome. Invitation to a special consultation event – Wed 29 March 2017 at 7 pm at Selwood Academy Berkley Rd Frome BA11 2EF
RSVP to Rebecca Krzyzosiak at krzyzosiakr@frometowncouncil.gov.uk
Any queries re proposals contact Peter Wheelhouse 01373 465203
- 4 SCC Elections – Thursday 4 May 2017. 2 Posters to help advertise.
Contacts: MDC 011749 341590
Find out how to vote: yourvotematters.co.uk
Register to vote by Thursday 13 April 2017: gov.uk/register-to-vote
- 5 MDC Parish Info Bulletin – March 2017
- 6 Somerset Local Authorities Civil Contingencies Unit Somerset prepared – Newsletter
Contact: www.SomersetPrepared.org.uk
- 7 Somerset Waste Partnership Feb 2017
- 8 PCSO Housley Notification of new Beat Manager Heater Anderton PC 2571 will be covering Rural Beats Contact details
Heather.Anderton@avonandsomerset.police.co.uk
- 9 Writhlington Sports Centre Opportunity to run fun & inclusive tennis activities during Summer Fair to encourage health & fitness amongst children & families. Inflatable tennis court brought to Summer Fair FOC. Also provide staff to ensure a stress free & enjoyable event. To pursue this opportunity contact Melissa Reeves, Sports Coordinator, Writhlington Leisure.
mreeves@writhlington.org.uk

- 10 Kevin Thatcher Chief Inspector Request to attend PC Meeting re above concerns. Clerk forwarded dates of Feb and March Meetings. Further email received stating that he could not attend 20 March as leaving the BANES area at end of month, but would ask successor Steve Kendall to attend. Request further dates.
- 11 Inspector Mark Nicholson Mendip Neighbourhood Manager Email stating that the initial enquiry went to BANES policing District and has now found its way to himself at Mendip.
- 12 MDC Planning Application – received 20/03/17

Planning Application: 2017/0378/FUL St Wulstans AbbeyRoad,Chilcompton
Planning permission: None
Temporary road closure: Frome Rd(A362)Kilmersdon & Hemington from 23/03/17 for 2 nights

Bank Statements: January: Business Reserve A/C £ 20,037.43
 Current A/C 50.00

Letters/Emails sent: First Bus/ Downside(Lease)/Downside (Dog Bin)

Cheques: V Attwood £722.46
 V Attwood £ 26.04
 Pitchcare £432.60

20 MATTERS OF REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 20.1 The date for the Annual Parish Meeting, due to the Easter break, had been moved to 24 April, but the Chairman was not available on that date. Therefore it was decided to hold the **APM on 15 May after the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm.**
- 20.2 It was confirmed by the Chairman that Mr Trevor Letcher would be available to speak on this date.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 21.1 The date of the next Meeting will be on **Monday 24 April 2017**
- 21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____