

**Minutes of the 962<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall on 24 April 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Mrs J Davies (Vice-Chair) Acting Chair, Mr M Daniels, Mrs H Murtagh, Mrs S Crawshaw Mr D Stock, K Fosdike, Mr A Norris, Mr Jeremy Padfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dist Cllr J Carter, Dist Cllr R Carter, Clerk.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Action

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr John Padfield, C C Harvey Siggs.

**2. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 20 March 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
3	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>Jeremy Padfield had contacted a tree surgeon with a certificate for weed spraying and was in possession of a quote for £180 plus VAT (£216) for 3off spraying. It was proposed by Cllr Jeremy Padfield and seconded by Cllr Davies to engage the tree surgeon.</i>	pending	Cllr Jeremy Padfield
4	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	Included in the mtg with H/Ways	
5	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 Heappy MP, David Fothergill-Cab Minister for H/ways & Transport, Alan Jones-GIS Mapping. Response to date from Police Commissioner & Police Inspector.  <i>Site Meeting held on 6 April 2017 with Chris Betty and Jeff Bunting of Somerset Highways. Notes distributed to Councillors. Minuted at Item 15.2</i>		Clerk Chair Cllr MD Cllr KF
5	Contact Downside to increase lease of Community Gardens. <i>Decided on 25 year lease request. Letter sent no response to date</i>		Clerk Chair
6	To obtain 2 more quotes re painting finger-posts within the parish  <i>The Clerk was asked to contact Chilcompton PC for info on its sign re-painting</i>	May Mtg Clerk	Clerk

7	Adopt Rules and Regulations for Church Burial Ground. <b>Minuted at Item 12</b>	Completed	Cllrs
8	Light at Middlemead out Number 2 – Reported. <b>Still not working.</b>	Chase	Clerk
9	BT Telephone box in need of repair: Glass replaced and painted	asap	l/man
10	Dog Foul Bin to be re-sited by L/Man - When received Purchased new bin (50 Retriever) from Glasdon. <b>Awaiting response from D/Side for permission to re-site. Jeremy Padfield to contact.</b>	Asap	Jeremy P
11	Letter Downside - Request to contribute to bin cost. <b>Awaiting response – Jeremy P to contact.</b>	Asap	Jeremy P
12	Letters, regarding sponsorship for a defibrillator, to be sent to: St Benedicts, St Vigors, VH Trust Letters to local companies, inviting defibrillator sponsorship sent. <b>Awaiting response</b>	Asap Asap	Clerk Chair
13	Letter inviting sponsorship to Fosse House – <b>No response</b> <b>NFU – Consider in Nov/Dec contact again</b>	pending	Jeremy P
14	Place bench and attach bench	asap	l/man
15	Contact Insp Mark Nicholson to arrange a visit <b>Meeting held Minuted at Item 19.11</b>		

#### 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:

None received.

#### 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:

Dist Cllr John Carter stated that all attention was now on the forthcoming Election on 4 May.

#### 7. POLICE REPORT:

No Report received.

#### 8. PLANNING MATTERS:

##### Applications:

Ref:2017/0551/CLE Bainsbury House, Green Lane Convert garage into annex.  
**It was noted that this had been dealt with at the last Parish Council Meeting and the view of No Objection was recorded with MDC.**  
**The Clerk was asked to Minute Cllr Daniels objection to this application as it was thought by him to set a precedent with future planning.**

##### Permission granted by MDC

Ref: 2017/0378/FUL St Walstons, Abbey Rd Single storey extension.

##### Temporary Road Closure

Kilmersdon Hill to Frome Rd, Junction with Knobsbury Lane to junction with Hoares Lane.

**Cllr Sarah Crawshaw arrived at this point 8.10p.m.**

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

All Councillors present agreed for the **BT/Broadband**, amounting to £135, to be paid. **Cheque No.001110**

An Invoice from **Glasdon**, for the dog fouling bin, amounting to **£278.95** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001111**

An Invoice from **W Palmer**, for lengthsman duties, amounting to **£325** was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. **Cheque No.001112**

It was agreed by all Councillors present to place an Invoice for lengthsman duties - amounting to £325 for 20 hours - on the monthly Agenda.

The Clerk was in possession of a cheque amounting to **£50** from Mrs Coles as a **donation** towards the purchase of a **Defibrillator**.

The bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

*Cllr Jeremy Padfield arrived at this point 8.15 pm.*

**10. DEFIBRILLATOR:**

- 10.1 A cheque had been received from a resident (Mrs Coles) to contribute to the purchase of a defibrillator and a thankyou letter had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council
- 10.2 Letters had been sent to various groups/organizations (seeking sponsorship for the defibrillator), but to date no replies had been received.
- 10.3 It was suggested that John Reynolds and Jacksons Fencing should also be contacted – Cllr Jeremy Padfield would organize.

**11. CAR SCHEME:**

- 11.1 Cllr Crawshaw stated that the scheme was taking one lady on regular trips most weeks and making other various irregular trips. There was another phone liaison person required due to Major Roddy Mellotte giving up this position.
- 11.2 It was reported that the Public Liability Insurance was due in May and this was to be placed on the next Parish Council Agenda for payment.

**12. BURIAL GROUND:**

The Churchyard Regulations and Fees had been emailed to all Councillors and, after it was confirmed that these had been received, it was agreed by all Councillors present to adopt.

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

- 13.1 It was reported that the problem of dog waste being placed in the ordinary rubbish bin should now abate, as a second dog fouling bin had been erected.
- 13.2 Cllr Stock reported that there was a problem of youths climbing onto the bandstand and asked if special paint could be applied to its surface.
- 13.3 It was noted that the Silver Birch in need of pruning would be done in the next few days. Also that the wild flowers sown had not appeared to date.
- 13.4 A request was made for the gardens to be tidied with a blower by the Lengthsman.

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

- 14.1 The Lengthsman duties (02 March – 20 April) listed as follows:

2 March	3 hrs	Cut the Park and trimmed in and around the Park.
10 March	3 hrs	Cut the park and trimmed in and around the Park.
13 March	2 hrs	Cleared all weed from around Village Hall. Cut an area out in front of Dave Stock's house to make bin more visible.
14 March	2 hrs	Removed bin and timber from the bottom Green Lane.
20 March	3 hrs	Cut and trimmed the Park.
31 March	3 hrs	Cut and trimmed the Park.
20 April	3 hrs	Cut and trimmed the Park.

Payment for 20 hours work amounting to £325
- 14.2 List of jobs to do in May:
  - Cut all grass banks through Village.
  - Check and clear footpaths.
  - Clear weeds through pinch-points.
  - Wash bus shelter.
  - Grit bin – adjust position.
  - Maintain phone box.
- 14.3 The damaged Girt Bin, it had been decided at the last meeting, would not be replaced until the Winter, but it needed to be drained of water for it to be removed. To be added to the Lengthsman duties.

***Cllr Helen Murtagh arrived at this point 8.30 pm.***

- 14.4 The dog fouling bin had been received. Awaiting a reply from Downside regarding its positioning before the Lengthsman can erect the bin. Also confirmation as to whether Downside was prepared to contribute to the cost. Cllr Jeremy Padfield would contact Downside to chase these matters.

## **15. HIGHWAYS:**

- 15.1 The Minutes of the meeting held with Highways (Chris Betty and Jeff Bunting) and Councillors (John Padfield, Malcom Daniels, Kris Fosdike) and the Clerk had been circulated to all Councillors.
- 15.2 Points discussed were:
- SIDs to be positioned in the middle of the village and at Nettlebridge.
  - Signage improvement to be considered at Nettlebridge.
  - Studs to be uncovered or reinstated if necessary at first Pinch-point North of Village.
  - Pinch-point (above Green Lane) - move out on both sides making it nearer the centre of the road away from pedestrians; as previously approved by Highways.
  - Enhance entry to village eg zig-zag tooth marks. All “A” routes treated as a whole, which would include Oakhill.
  - 30mph Roundels informed were not allowed if street lights are present – if seen elsewhere they are illegal.
  - Signage to be reduced to make village less cluttered.
  - Report Signs with hedges in need of cutting back before March (Between March-Sept hedges not able to be cut due to bird nesting).
  - Repairs made around pinch-points where worn.
  - Tarmac between pinch-points wears away and leaves depression; look into using alternative material.
  - Seals around drains done by 3<sup>rd</sup> party utilities; if unsatisfactory to be reported to Highways along with evidence (photos).
- 15.3 Cllr Daniels and Cllr Fosdike to further report defects throughout the village to Highways.
- 15.4 Cllr Daniels reported that the recently re-newed telegraph pole had been placed in a different position, nearer to the road, and the soil disturbance had further encroached onto the road. This had caused the already narrowing of the road, due to vegetation encroachment, to be further narrowed. It was thought that the Parish Council should contact Highways (copy to Western Power) to highlight this situation.

## **16. FOOTPATH:**

- 16.1 Cllr Daniels reported that he had received a complaint about the footpath/bridal way in Green Lane, at Downside, not being sign-posted. In fact there was a notice stating that it was private property; suggesting to any person not local that this was not a public right of way. It was thought that if a right of way left a tarmacked road than it should be signposted as such.
- 16.2 Cllr Jeremy Padfield would ask Clare Haskin’s (the footpath officer at SCC) advice on this matter.

## **17. BROAD-BAND SPEED:**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**18. WEB-SITE:**

There was nothing to report.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| 1  | PCSO   | Email received 21/03/17   | Report from 25/02/17 - 04/03/17 |
| 2  | SCC Highways   | Surface dressing A367 to confirm this site is on the County Council's provisional programme for surface dressing in 2017/18   |                                 |
| 3  | Dave Grabham<br>Traffic<br>Engineer                    | Not able to install the speed indicator device scheduled for installation at SOF for week commencing 01/05/17   |                                 |
| 4  | SCC<br>Chris Betty<br>Senior Traffic<br>Engineer       | Email sent to Charlie Higgins at H/ways: Looking to replace illuminated sign plates & remove some sign clutter with PC support – no maintenance at this stage.<br>Also could the re-lining be sent to him(Chris Betty) prior to it being issued   |                                 |
| 5  | Devon &<br>Somerset<br>Trading<br>Standards<br>Service | Avian Flu Defra: made a sudden change to the Protection Regulation as follows. All poultry in England to be allowed outside from 13 April 17. Aban on poultry gatherings remains in force until further notice.   |                                 |
| 6  | Chris Betty  | Received Notes on Meeting: Spoken to Charlie re road marking and will do after surface dressing. Asked Dave Grabham about suitable posts for a SID in the centre of Stratton.<br>Will be undertaking a survey of road signs over the next month and will come back to you with findings and suggestions for effective signing and reduction in sign clutter.<br>Also will get back about Nettlebridge signing |                                 |
| 7  | MDC<br>Planning Policy<br>Team                         | Progress on Draft Local Plan Pat II – Local Green Spaces and Sports Provision.<br>PC to contact Planning if other sites need including with names of land owners.<br><b><i>The clerk established that the Community Gardens should be included and the football field.</i></b>  |                                 |
| 8  | MDC  | Parish Info Bulletin April 2017   |                                 |
| 9  | Somerset<br>Waste                                      | April 2017  |                                 |
| 11 | Inspector Mark<br>Nicholson                            | Emails between Inspector and Clerk to set up Meeting for Wed 26/04/17 at MDC Offices in SM.   |                                 |
| 12 | John Padfield  | Churchyard Rules & Regs plus Fees.  |                                 |

**Planning Application:** 2017/0551/CLE Bainsbury House, Green Lane

**Planning permission:** 2017/0378/FUL St Wulstans, AbbeyRoad, Chilcompton  
**Temporary road closure:** Kilmersdon Hill to Frome Rd, Kilmersdon  
2 May 2017 for 18 days

**Bank Statements:** March: Business Reserve A/C £ 18,705.48  
Current A/C 50.00

**Letters/Emails sent:**Downside Abbey: Dog bin re-siting and extension of Lease  
Letter of thanks to:Mary Coles for donation for Defibrillator  
Letters re sponsorship: St Benedicts,,St Vigors , VH Trust

**Cheques:** V Attwood £135 Glasdon £278.95 W Palmer £325

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

20.1 The Clerk confirmed that Invites to the various Groups/Organizations would be sent out.

20.2 Agenda items:

- Lengthsman Duties £325
- Car-scheme Annual Insurance

## **21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

21.1 The date of the next Meeting, being the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, will be on **Monday 15 May 2017 at 6.30pm**

21.2 Followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm**

21.3 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12 pm

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