

**Minutes of the 972<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council  
Held in the Village Hall 19 March 2018**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk, 2 members of the public.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Action

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr K Fosdike, Mr Jeremy Padfield, CC Mike Pullin.

2. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 19 February 2018 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. Cllr Daniels has requested that the Clerk now completes.	In due course
2.	To obtain 2 more quotes re painting finger-posts within the parish The Clerk contacted Chilcompton PC for info on its sign re-painting Clerk in receipt of contractor's name but before contacting for a quote will await the outcome of sign post survey. A survey carried out lists 6 Finger posts: 2off with 4 fingers, 3off with 3 fingers, 1off with 1 finger. Quote received, but Clerk to ask for a more specific quote for each post. Photos received of 7 posts with maximum £300 for each post dependant on work involved. The Clerk had added the finger post at Stoke Bottom; making the total signpost 8-off. Plus had asked if the BT Box could be painted and glass pane installed. This would be approximately £80 extra (although this might be absorbed within signposts costs if any posts do not reach the estimated £300). The clerk to organise work to be done. <b>Clerk to engage Paul Emery to paint the finger-posts, but not the BT Kiosk.</b> .	next mtg Clerk
3	BT Telephone box in need of repair: Glass replaced and painted Suggested using perplex. <i>Perplex purchased.</i> . <b>Councillors will obtain further quotes for painting the BT Kiosk</b>	Cllrs
4	Stones fallen onto pavement from a stone wall at Nettlebridge. Investigate who the landowner is and contact. An engineer has been arranged to inspect the wall. Ask Dist John Carter to find out who is responsible for the wall ?	pending Dis Cllr Carter
5	The state of property at Church Row, believed to be owned by Downside, has been reported by a parishioner. Downside's groundsman will tidy.	Pending
6	Enquire whether MDC supplies No Dog signs – left message no response to date. Clerk to make enquiries about purchasing and price. <b>Established that MDC will supply – emailed location will place as soon as able.</b>	Pending
7	Enquire about key & if anything needed for meeting. Key mislaid-Clerk to order new	completed
8	New Contract for Lengthsman <b>Will present at next Meeting</b>	March Mtg
9	Report street sign at Sunnymead in situ but off posts. Clerk again reported to relevant department. Clerk to seek response. <b>Sign now restated.</b>	Completed
10	Chase promised Chevrons on bend just before Stoke Bottom junction. <b>Chris Betty stated: added for the provision of chevrons on the bend to new financial years programme.</b>	pending

*Dist Cllrs Rachel and John Carter arrived at this point 8.00pm*

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

No report received, but CC Mike Pullin would be happy to be contacted if the Parish Council had a problem.

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

6.1 Dist Councilor Rachel Carter had confirmation that Mendip District Council would empty a rubbish bin if placed in the layby, therefore asked the Parish Council to consider purchasing one. The Chairman stated that it would be placed on the next Agenda.

6.2 Dist Cllr John Carter stated that although Wells had many empty shops – due to internet shopping - there was a strong economic growth in this area. The problem being in finding workers to fill jobs.

6.3 Dist Cllr Carter reported that Mendip's budget was balanced by end March without cutting social services

**7. POLICE REPORT:**

7.1 No report received.

7.2 Dist Cllr John Carter had written to Avon & Somerset police regarding lack of police presence in the parish and police reports, but the person responsible was at present on Annual leave. Contact would be made on their return.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Applications:**

**Ref: 2018/0208/HSE**

Location: 1 The Willow, South Street, SOF

Proposal: Single storey extension to the principle elevation.

*All Councillors present agreed to recommend approval for this application.*

**Ref: 2018/0359/HSE**

Location: 8 The Mead, SOF

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension & garage to be converted to workshop.

*All Councillors present recommended approval for this application.*

**Ref: 2018/0474/HSE**

Location: Hassocks, Barlake Lane, SOF

Proposal: Removal of garage & replace with 2 storey side extension to include 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension over existing bungalow & erection of 3 bay garage.

*All Councillors present agreed to submit a recommendation of approval for this application.*

**Permission granted by MDC:**

None

**Draft Order:** Stopping-up of Highway at Nettlebridge Inn, Nettlebridge. Objections to be received by 22 March 2018

Further information/clarification from MDC was that this would not affect the pavement or road – the area being reclaimed was inside the fenced area plus the shrubs/bush area which was left when the bridge was built around 1960.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

All Councillors present agreed for the **Clerk's Salary** for the period **Jan-Mar 2018** amounting to **£729.66** to be paid. **Cheque No.001158**

All Councillors present agreed for **Petty Cash** amounting to **£39.25** to be paid to the **Clerk**.  
**Cheque No. 001160**

All Councillors present agreed to the **Clerk** being reimbursed for the purchase of replacement **keys** for the Defibrillator amounting to **£21.60** **Cheque No. 001159**

The bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

**10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:**

To be discussed at the next Meeting.

**11 STANDING ORDERS:**

To be discussed at the next Meeting.

**12. DEFIBRILLATOR:**

12.1 An invoice would be forwarded in due course from Somer 2000 for fitting the light above the Defibrillator cabinet.

12.2 Cllr Stock would purchase an A5 plaque (green background with black lettering) denoting the various sponsorship received for the purchase of the Defibrillator. Inscribed with the wording: "In appreciation of the following sponsors Waterside Carnival Club, St Vigor Church, St Benedicts Church, Stratton on the Fosse Village Hall , Mr & Mrs H Cole."

12.3 It was noted that the plaque would have to be glued onto the cabinet or screwed on the wall, as no drilling was allowed into the cabinet.

**13. BURIAL GROUND:**

Nothing to report.

**14. CAR SCHEME:**

14.1 Cllr Crawshaw stated that only one person at present was using the car-scheme, therefore it was not viable. There was no point in advertising the scheme again to encourage more usage, as there were not enough volunteer drivers to cover. Dist Cllr Rachel Carter stated that it was obvious that there was no need for the scheme in Stratton and that at least it had been tried.

14.2 Cllr Crawshaw will contact the affiliated scheme to state that Stratton's car-scheme would be stood down.

14.3 Cllr Crawshaw reported that £120 had been collected during the running of the scheme. Initially to be given to volunteer drivers at 40p per mile, but most had declined payment. All Councillors agreed that the monies should be distributed to all those involved with the scheme.

14.4 The Chairman thanked Sarah for the setting-up of the scheme with all the work it involved.

**15. COMMUNITY GARDENS:**

- 15.1 The monthly Inspection Report for the Community Gardens was received from Cllr Stock, with nothing to report on maintenance.
- 15.2 Cllr Daniels stated that the donated trees for the Community Gardens had arrived – some of which were quite small. These would be planted as soon as possible after the snow had gone.
- 15.3 The Lengthsman had completed work in the Gardens (swept out band stand and raked over all bark).
- 15.4 The Clerk had contacted Thatcher & Hallum regarding the Community Gardens lease renewal. The estimated cost would be £1,500 although the Clerk had explained it was only a renewal with all details the same. The reasons given were that legislation had changed during the last 10 years (at the time of the present lease) and also that risks were greater for 25 years as opposed to 10 years,
- 15.5 All Councillors present thought that the cost was not acceptable and the Clerk and Chairman would investigate other solicitors.

**16. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:**

- 16.1 The Chairman had been given a list of work from Wayne Palmer (Lengthsman), but it was too late to be placed on the Agenda. Therefore payment would have to be made next month.
- 16.2 It was noted that any Invoices needed to be sent to the Clerk by the Monday prior to the Meeting.
- 16.3 The Lengthsman contract had been drawn-up and would be discussed at the next Meeting.

**17. HIGHWAYS:**

- 17.1 Cllr Daniels had attended a meeting held on SID's and information was given out to Councillors from the meeting. The meeting was well attended by 70 parish Councillors. Ten Councils, represented at the meeting, would opt to buy its own SID, but Cllr Daniels stated that Stratton PC needed to explore all data/facts before spending such a large amount of money. Police report that a SID reduces speed by 4 mph.
- 17.2 The main points to be considered are:  
Traffic speeds tend to be from 100m in front of the SID.  
In case of travelling north, this measurement could well be outside of the 30mph limit.  
In case of travelling south, this measurement is only just within the 30mph limit.  
The question of whether the speeds being looked at are not representative of speeds within the 30mph limit.
- 17.3 SCC are now proposing a new scheme, whereby a SID could be placed at a site for £100 per two weeks visit.

- 17.4 Therefore, in view of the above information, it was agreed by all Councillors present to obtain readings closer to the centre of the village before the Parish Council purchases its own SID.
- 17.5 Suggestions were; one location traffic north (twice within the next six months) and one location traffic south (within the next six months), with a suggestion location around St Benedict's Church. This would be at a cost of £400.
- 17.6 Cllr Daniels would draft a letter to Dave Grabham regarding SID's, which he would forward to the Clerk to dispatch.

**18. FOOTPATH:**

There was nothing to report.

**19. WEB-SITE:**

Nothing to report.

**20. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1	Patient Engagement	Weekly Bulletin Also "Does the Council still wish to receive info?"
2	MDC Ian Glover	No Dog Signs – Sites advised. Awaiting to know when they can be placed.
3	MDC	Housing Seminar 28/3/18 at MDC Shepton 9.30-13.30
4	SALC	Consultation by Dept for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (includes fly tipping) Document on Website Closes 26/3/18
5	SID Dave Grabham	Latest Data collected from present scheme Councillors views on above. Confirmation of stopping present scheme Information on new scheme to run if enough interest from PC's Q & A Sheet on above Meeting at Edgar Hall Somerton 14 March 2-4 to discuss above.
6	SALC	Data Protection – new Regulations to be forwarded at later date NALC does not consider appropriate for Clerk to implement – Government decision still to be made.
7	SALC	Area meeting cancelled.
8	MDC	Rough Weather information
9	MDC	Planning Board 15 March 2018 Glastonbury Town Hall
10.	St Margaret's Hospital	Open Gardens 2018 Launch Event 27 March 2018 Yeovil
11	Paul Emery	Sign Posts & BT Kiosk quote
12	MDC	Scrutiny Partnership Working Group
13	Somerset Waste Partnership	Newsletter March 2018
14	SCC	Library Service Consultation update Consultation extended to Wed 13 June 2018 Also questionnaire updated – now based on individual library instead of area. <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation">www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation</a> from 21 March 2018
15	MDC	Monthly Bulletin
16	Elancity	Received by post – SID sign purchase

**Planning Application:** Ref:2018/0208/HSE 1 The Willows  
2018/0359/HSE 8 The Mead  
2018/0474/HSE Hassocks,Barlake

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**Bank Statements:** Business Reserve A/C February 21,509.93  
Current A/C 50.00

**Cheques:**

Clerk's Salary	£ 729.66
Petty Cash	£ 39.25
Defibrillator Keys	£ 21.60

**21. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- 21.1 Cllr Daniels stated Francis Frith had published 22 old photographs of Stratton from the 1950's.
- 21.2 It was noted that it was the centennial of WW1 this year and celebrations were to take place on Armistice Day. The Clerk to obtain further information
- 21.3 The Chairman asked Councillors for any ideas for Speakers at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting, but none were offered.
- 21.4
- 21.5 The Clerk had organized to pick-up tabards and litter pickers for the litter-pick on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- 21.6 Agenda items:
- Financial Regulations.
  - Standing Orders
  - Lengthsman contract.
  - Purchase of rubbish bin.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

- 22.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 23 April 2018 at 6.30 pm** followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.**
- 22.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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

