

**Minutes of the 973rd Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 23 April 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. APOLOGIES: Mr M Daniels, Mr H Murtagh, Mrs S Crawshaw, Mr Jeremy Padfield.

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 19 March 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.	Paul Emery to paint signposts 8-off at a cost of £300 approx. , but not the BT Kiosk	Pending
3	BT Telephone box in need of repair: <i>Perplex purchased and installed by L/man.</i> Councillors will obtain further quotes for painting the BT Kiosk	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. Dist Cllr John Carter stated that according to MDC the wall was in private ownership – but has asked for this to be double-checked. Cllr David Stock arrived at this point 6.40 pm	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. Looks tidier	Complete
6	Enquire whether MDC supplies No Dog signs – left message no response to date. Clerk to make enquiries about purchasing and price. Established that MDC will supply – emailed location will place as soon as able.	Pending
8	New Contract for Lengthsman Will present at next Meeting	April Mtg
10	Chase promised Chevrons on bend just before Stoke Bottom junction. Chris Betty stated: added for the provision of chevrons on the bend to new financial years programme.	pending
11	To investigate other solicitors to engage re Community Gardens lease. Talk again to Thatcher & Hallam re costs. Chairman will make enquiries	Clerk Chair
12	Letter drafted by Cllr Daniels to be forwarded to Dave Grabham re SID’s	Completed
13	Litter pick items ordered to be picked up from depot. Clerk returned	Completed
14	APM Invites to be sent to organizations within the parish	completed

The Clerk reported, as recently discussed with the Chairman, that as from the May meeting she would not be available for Meetings or to take the Minutes until the September Meeting.

Dist Cllr John Carter agreed to step-in and write the June Minutes. The taking of the July Minutes would be discussed at the next Meeting.

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:

Dist Cllr John Carter stated that there was nothing further to report since the last Meeting, but would be giving a yearly Report at the following APM.

7. **POLICE REPORT:**

- 7.1 No report received.
- 7.2 Dist Cllr John Carter reported that getting in touch with the police was a problem. The PCSO did not attend Parish Council Meetings and phone calls and emails were not answered.
- 7.3 Dist Cllr Carter stated that he would be following-up this lack of communication.
- 7.4 Dist Cllr Rachel Carter gave the Clerk information on the Rubbish Bin needed for placement in the lay-bys. The cost for each bin amounted to £156.91 Cllr Carter would provide 1-off Rubbish Bin. This item to be placed on the next Agenda.

PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

There were none.

Permission granted by MDC:

Ref:2018/0359/HSE 8 The Mead
2018/0358/NMA 8 The Mead
2018/0208/HSE 1 The Willow

Prior Approval not required

Ref:2018/0490/AGR Fosse Farm

Application withdrawn

Ref:2018/0454/PAA Newlands Farm, Nettlebridge

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

An Invoice from **Somer 2000 Ltd** amounting to **£107.40** for electric work in connection with the Defibrillator, was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001161**

An Invoice from **Trophies of Radstock** amounting to **£39.50** for the sponsorship plaque on the defibrillator was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001162**

An Invoice for lengthsman duties amounting to **£430** was agreed to be paid to **W Palmer** by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001163**

An Invoice for the Village Hall hire, (for the period **April 2017-March 2018**), amounting to **£140.25** was agreed to be paid by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001164**

An Invoice for **BT/Broadband** amounting to **£145.74** was agreed to be paid to **V Attwood** by all Councillors present. **Cheque No.001165**

A cheque had been received from **Hobbs Mable & Granite Ltd** for **£128** in connection with a burial. **Cheque no.**

The bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council insurance was due for renewal 01 June 2018. The cost of which would be £637.22 c/w premium tax. This takes into account the long term agreement with Came & Co. This item to be placed on the next Agenda.

The Clerk had emailed Councillors the End of Year Financial Report, which would also be distributed at the following APM.

10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

To be discussed at the next Meeting.

11 STANDING ORDERS:

To be discussed at the next Meeting.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR:

12.1 The plaque, denoting sponsors, had been purchased on the Parish Council's behalf by Cllr Stock.

12.2 The lengthsman would be instructed to site it next to the Defibrillator.

13. BURIAL GROUND:

13.1 The Chairman stated that a request had been made for a headstone to be placed on the latest grave.

13.2 Also a cheque had been received from Hobbs Mable & Granite Ltd for a previous tomb stone placement.

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

14.1 The monthly Inspection Report for the Community Gardens was received from Cllr Stock, with nothing to report on maintenance.

14.2 It was reported that the siting of the bench had now been completed by the lengthsman.

14.3 The Chairman stated that he would contact Thatcher & Hallam regarding the cost involved for the renewal of the Community Garden lease.

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

15.1 The Lengthsman contract would be discussed at the next Meeting.

15.2 Having received confirmation that MDC would empty any Rubbish Bins to be purchased for the lay-bys and costs involved, this item to be placed on the next Agenda

15.3 It was reported that the Grit Bin located in South Street was in need of cleaning around. A task for the lengthsman.

15.4 It was reported that the Litter-pick had been a great success. It took place over two evenings; the first evening 8 people covered from Watery Lane to the White Post Roundabout. The second evening 7 people covered the top end of the Village. A total of 50 bags and several tyres were collected.

15.5 The Clerk returned the equipment and organized MDC to collect – which took Mendip two trips.

16. HIGHWAYS:

16.1 A reply received to the letter sent to Dave Grabham (drafted by Cllr Daniels) regarding SID's stated that Stratton's request (to install SID's for readings closer to the centre of the village) would be forwarded to Dave's successor.

17. FOOTPATH:

The Chairman read out an email from Chilcompton's Clerk regarding the footpath at Sweetleeze Lane. Trevor Letcher(footpath officer) would be asked about this at the following APM

18. WEB-SITE:

18.1 It was noted that the Parish Newsletter was to cease being printed and going On-line.

18.2 Therefore Sue Bartucca (editor) and Mike Broadway (printer) would no longer be involved. The Clerk was asked to write to them both, conveying the Parish Council's thanks for their past commitment in organizing the Newsletter.

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

1	Andrews Letting	Agents for Downside properties. Linkmead – car parking at the VH carpark causing a problem for 2 Downside properties. <i>Passed to VH Committee for its comments. Clerk to inform Andrews of this fact.</i>
2	MDC	Parish Forum Thur 19 Aril 6.15pm SM
3	SALC	Meeting at SM Thur 17 May price £25
4	J Heappy	Weekly Newsletter
5	MDC	Stopping up Order. <i>Notice Board</i>
6	MDC	Information Bulletin
7	Came & Co	Insurance Renewal 01 June 2018
8	Auditors	Notification of new Auditors and Notes
9	MDC	Parish Forum SM 6.15pm 19 April 2018
10	Hi-spec trees	Services Fencing, trees etc
11	SALC	Councillor Essential Training 17 May SM at 7pm
12	NALC	Data Protection Bill info
13	SCC	SID's reply to letter sent (Cllr Daniels) Stratton's wish to trial SID's will be noted for Dave Grabham's successor.
14	MDC	Planning – new way of informing PC- approval will now be emailed.
15	Clerk Chilcompton	Footpaths – Stratton/Chilcompton is being done, but footpath SM19/7 is overgrown and is in Stratton's parish on Downside land.
16	Somerset Waste P/ship	Newsletter

20. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

20.1 It was noted that the Landlord and Landlady (Derek and Gill) of the Kings Arms were leaving. Having supported village activities whilst in residence; Councillors thought that a letter should be sent on behalf of the Parish Council, wishing them the best of luck and every success in the future. The Clerk to organize.

20.2 Agenda Items:

- Purchase of Rubbish Bins.
- Insurance renewal.
- Data Protection.
- Audit Return.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

21.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.45 pm.**

21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

