

**Minutes of the 975th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 18 June 2018**

PRESENT: Councillors : Mr. John Padfield (Chairman), Mrs. J Davies(Vice-Chair), Mr. D Stock, Mr. A Norris, Mr. K Fosdike, Mrs. H Murtagh, Mr. Jeremy Padfield (8:12pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Sarah Bacik, Mr. John Godley, Cllr. Mike Pullin (8:01pm)

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. APOLOGIES: Mr. M Daniels, Mrs. S Crawshaw, Dist. Cllr Rachel Carter, Dist. Cllr John Carter, Clerk

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 May 2018 were approved and signed.

3. DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:

There were none.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

No written action points were available

1	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed. <i>Currently being reviewed by cllrs. Daniels and Fosdike for further review with chairman</i>	In due course
2.	Paul Emery to paint signposts 8-off at a cost of £300 approx., but not the BT Kiosk. Clerk has chased painter for start.	Still Pending
3	BT Telephone box in need of repair: <i>Lengthsman to scrap back and repaint.</i>	pending
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 had previously stated that according to MDC the wall was in private ownership – but has asked for this to be double-checked. <i>Cllr Carter to advise council who the owner is</i>	pending Dis Cllr Carter
5	Enquire whether MDC supplies No Dog signs – left message no response to date. Clerk to make enquiries about purchasing and price. <i>Established that MDC will supply – emailed location will place as soon as able.</i>	pending
6	New Contract for Lengthsman. To be presented.	Pending
7	Chase promised Chevrons on bend just before Stoke Bottom junction. <i>Mike Pullin suggested that as Chris Betty has now left his position, we write to Sarah Davis re concerns of no moment on this</i>	Clerk
8	To investigate other solicitors to engage re Community Gardens lease. Talk again to Thatcher & Hallam re costs. <i>Chairman will make enquiries</i>	Clerk Chair
9	Footpath at Sweetleaze Lane overgrown and reported to Chilcompton PC. Footpath officer to be asked for further information.	T Letcher/clerk
10	<i>Defibrillator to be commissioned and actioned. 29/06/18 Ambulance service now acknowledge its installation and have it on their database. Guardians are Cllr Fosdike and Mr and Mrs Kev and Annette Curtis, who will share the monitoring.</i>	Complete
11	Issues in Middlemead raised regards bend and pavement parking	Pending
12	The plaque for the Defibrillator had kindly been installed by the Chairman John Padfield	complete

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Mike Pullin arrived at 8:01pm. He presented a verbal report and stated as follows:

Somerset County Council situation was at present struggling with lack of funding. Future expenditure on many issues were on back burner as finance required to balance books
Small improvement scheme for Nettlebridge/Oakhill surface dressing/Chevron raised by councillors as not attended to, to which he replied – see Actions List item 7

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None presented. Cllrs Carter on leave

7. POLICE REPORT:

None advised and no presence.

8. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

2018/1327/HSE Pitcot Cottage, Pitcote Lane. Erection of rear garage/store. Enlarged rear balcony and 2 rear roof terraces.

This was discussed with the owners, Sarah Bacik and John Godley, who were in attendance. No objections were raised.

2018/1427/FUL The Poppies. Demolition of Garage and erection of 3 bedroom house (reduced from previous application for a 4 bedroom house)

Parish considerations were voiced. It was thought preferable for a pair of small dwellings to be erected like others in the vicinity. It was also felt parking for vehicles was still an issue as it is restricted there in terms of space.

Equally it was felt it was not in keeping with existing dwellings and the demolition of the existing garages was a concern to local residents.

Permission granted by MDC:

None advised

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Applications

Lengthsman £325 agreed to be paid

Church Gate £144.12. Not yet invoiced so not paid

Glasdon Rubbish Bin £202.70 agreed to be paid

Marie Taylor fixing goal posts £16 agreed to be paid

Receipts

Burial Fee £303.00

10 STANDING ORDERS:

None discussed

11 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

See Matters Discussed Item 1

12. DEFIBRILLATOR:

Post meeting record

(See Matters Discussed Item 11. Cllr Fosdike called Heartsafe on 19th June to discuss way forward to conclude its adoption by the ambulance service and its operation. Photographs of installation and names of guardians provided. Now adopted as of 25th June 2018, Heartsafe email on record as confirmation.)

Guardians to attend every fortnight for operational checks via QR reader system. Cllr Fosdike mid-month, Mr and Mrs Curtis month end.

Note:

Both Guardians have requested parish council insurance details for cover of indemnity for acting on the council's behalf in taking on the responsibility!

13. BURIAL GROUND:

No matter to discuss

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

The monthly inspection report for the community gardens was received from Cllr Stock, with nothing to report on maintenance, other than :-

Dave Stock reported again further to the last meeting the sad news that a fire had occurred in the bandstand on Farm Day. It had been reported at 8:15 that day

Both Shepton Mallet and Paulton fire brigades attended to extinguish the fire in the flooring of the structure.

Its cause is not known but extensive damage has occurred to the floor, which shall need replacing. It is currently cordoned off with barrier tape and is not in use.

The future use of a surveillance camera was again mooted as there was a suspicion the fire damage could have been deliberate.

An insurance claim is to be made for the rectification of the flooring. The police log number is 391.

The conclusion of the lease agreement with Downside School is still pending

The football posts and nets are now up.

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

The lengthsman's contract to be further discussed at the July parish meeting. It is envisaged to retender the position next spring.

An invoice for Wayne Palmer's latest attendance for £235 had just been received.

Reimbursement for petrol purchased to cut playground area to be made also

16. HIGHWAYS:

The adoption of SID's in the village.

It was suggested we review other parish councils ie Holcombe and Chilcompton, to discuss a share option to reduce cost.

Constant illegal speeding was still being noticed, well in excess of the speed limit of 30 MPH.

17. FOOTPATH:

Graffiti has been noticed on a bin by the substation to the top of village by the main road. **Lengthsman** to be asked to clean. Further graffiti had been cleaned by the statutory body to the substation. The perpetrators of the 'Artwork!' were not known, but it was certainly not considered to be a 'Banksy.'

A pedal Bin purchase from Glasdon had been reported absent. To be investigated.

A London Plain tree was thought by local resident, Brian Pike, to be in a dangerous state, located by The Willows off South Street.

Lengthsman to review.

The grit bin in South Street requires foliage and weed clearance to enable access. To be attended by **Lengthsman**.

The positioning of the flagpole was agreed to be to front of the Village Hall.

18. WEB-SITE:

Cllr Daniels was on holiday leave and could not comment

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1 | Brian Pike | London Plane tree South Street needing work done to it. |
| 2 | Somerset Waste Partnership | Newsletter May |
| 3 | SALC | Data Protection Information |
| 4 | Earth Anchors Ltd | WWI Memorial seat |
| 5 | AED Locator | Guardian Introduction Letter, Template Installation, Cabinet Commission, Digital Cabinet letter. |
| 6 | MDC | Planning Applications Training @ Somerton 27 June 6 pm |

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| 7 | SCC | Road Closure @ Kilmersdon Hill to Frome Rd from junction with Frome Rd and Southfield Hill to Terry Hill Plantation 02 July for 12 days. |
| 8 | SALC | Charity “Remembered” help communities host a fully funded commemorative silhouette installation. PC’s eligible for scheme. To include in newsletter/website. Applications open for 2 more weeks Apply www.covenantfund.org.uk |
| 9 | SALC | Second showing of training session on GDPR 25/07/18 Edgar Hall Somerton 2.30 - 4.30pm |

20. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

The silhouette and bench re WW1 celebrations
The concluded siting of the flagpole and flag.
Further review of CV camera
WiFi for village hall
Parking in Middlemead
September agenda
PCSO attendance of Sheila Thompson and reporting.
GDPR training event

Insurance cover for Parish Councillors and volunteers co opted.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 21.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.45 pm.**
(moved from 16th July 2018)
- 21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____