

**Minutes of the 977th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 17 September 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr K Fosdike, Mr M Daniels, Mrs S Crawshaw, Dist Cllr Rachel Carter.

2. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 23 July 2018 were approved and signed.

3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**

There were none.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were none.

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

No Report received.

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

6.1 Dist Cllr John Carter stated that the garages located at South Street, owned by Aster, were going to be demolished and a planning application has been resubmitted (it had been withdrawn earlier).

6.2 Dist Cllr Carter was aware that, over the past 5 months, there had been problems with the Planning Department, but a new head of department was being sought which should solve the problems.

6.3 At the moment there were financial cuts from Government to local Councils, but Cllr Carter thought that Mendip should be commended as it has been very prudent with a balanced budget.

6.4 Mendip was looking to attract new business into the area. Cllr Jeremy Padfield questioned whether Tourism was being promoted; Cllr Carter will make enquires as to whether extra money is being put aside to promote this.

Dist Cllr
Carter

7. **POLICE REPORT:**

7.1 No report received.

7.2 It was noted that the PCSO would not be available until 19 October 2018

7.3 Cllr Jeremy Padfield reported that there had been a break-in at Fosse Farm with approximately 1,000 litres of diesel stolen. The culprits are known and the police are investigating.

PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

There were none.

Permission granted by MDC: There were none.

Road Closure:

Bath View from junction with Fosseyway(A367)southeastwards for 100 metres.

08 Oct 2018 expected to last 1 day (07.30 – 17.30 hours)

Prohibiting all traffic: From proceeding along **Middlemead** from the junction with A367 Fosseyway for its entirety of 145 m
09 Oct 2018 for 1 day (7.30 – 17.30)

Prohibiting all traffic: **The Mead** from the junction A367 Fosseyway for its entirety for 90m
10 Oct 2018 for 1 day (7.30 – 17.30)

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

An Invoice for Lengthsman duties from **Wayne Palmer** amounting to **£650** was agreed by all to be paid. **Cheque no.001179**

The Clerk's salary for the period **April-June** (£729.66) and **July-September** (£729.66) amounting to **£1,459.32** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001182**

Invoice from **Paul Emery**, for maintenance of signposts to date, amounting to **£1,130.00** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001180**

Invoice from **Maxwell Amenity Ltd** for bark for the **Community Gardens** amounting to **£1,021.25** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001183**

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:

The Chairman reported that Cllr Fosdike would be resigning shortly, as he was moving out of the parish. Therefore another Guardian for the Defibrillator would be needed. The Chairman would speak to Cllr Fosdike to ascertain the time of his departure.

Chair

13. BURIAL GROUND:

It was noted that the grass in the new churchyard was very long; the Chairman will check with Brian Bailey who cuts the grass.

Chair

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 The Chairman reported that Thatcher & Hallam had confirmed that the cost of renewing the Lease for the Community Gardens would be £2,500 Solicitor Sarah Grafyn charged £250 per hour. It was noted that when the lease was set up the cost was £416 and, as the renewed lease would be less work, it was thought that this cost was excessive. The Chairman to obtain 2 more quotes from other solicitors.

Chair

14.3 In connection with the Insurance claim, Cllr Jeremy Padfield suggested that the floor was replaced with a concrete floor and the roof replaced. He had obtained 2 quotes for rebuilding the damaged Gazebo.

14.4 The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Jeremy Padfield regarding the information needed from the insurers in order to proceed with the claim.

Clerk
Jeremy P

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

15.1 The request for the bus stop to be reinstated at Nettlebridge was discussed. It was thought that the original bus stop was in a dangerous position and the parishioner who made the request should be notified of the Parish Council's concerns.

Clerk

- 15.2 The Clerk should also contact First Bus to ascertain whether a bus stop could be provided anywhere in this vicinity, as there were a number of families who wished for the bus stop to be re-opened.

Clerk

16 CV CAMERA -VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK:

- 16.1 It was noted that the Village Hall Committee did not want CCTV in the Village Hall car-park. It was thought that it did not help with identifying culprits, (no face recognition), and was too expensive. Councillors discussed other options; such as signs denoting convert camera in operation or a barrier to lock at night.
- 16.2 It was thought that a representative from the Village Hall Committee should be invited to the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss the options.
- 16.3 Rubbish left in the car-park should also be addressed.

17. HIGHWAYS:

- 17.1 The decision to purchase a SID was addressed and Councillors present were of the opinion that this should not be pursued.
- 17.2 Concerns over the Penny lorries travelling through the village were raised. Cllr Murtagh would making enquiries from Mells Parish Council how it has obtained its speed awareness campaign.
- 17.3 It was noted that parking was still a problem in Middlemead.

19. FOOTPATH:

It was noted that the footpath at Mogg Hill was narrowed by encroaching grass and was in need of cutting back.

20. WEB-SITE:

Nothing to report.

21. FLAG & FLAGPOLE:

This was still pending.

22. Wi-Fi FOR VILLAGE HALL:

Councillors were of the opinion that Wi-Fi was not necessary to install in the Village Hall. However, it was thought that Barbara Jones should be asked if any requests had been made by members of the public for Wi-Fi at the Hall.

Clerk

23. WWI CELEBRATIONS:

- 23.1 Ideas for taking part in this year's WWI celebrations were discussed, one suggestion was that a display of old photographs depicting this time, were displayed in the Church for the service held after the 11 November.
- 23.2 It was noted that the WW Memorial had stones missing on its plinth and that the vegetation around it needed tidying. Chairman will investigate as to whether it was a lengthsman's job.

Chair

24. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1 | Mary Duery | Request for mirror to be erected on Village Hall – forwarded to Sue Bartucca |
| 2 | SALC | Views from PC wanted on consultation questions on Rural Economy |
| 3 | MDC | Parish Info Bulletin |
| 4 | MDC | Making your parish richer |
| 5 | James Heappy | Weekly update |
| 6 | SCC | Waste collections start at 6am |
| 7 | SALC | Natural England consultation on byelaws on sites of special scientific interest. PC's encouraged to email its thoughts |
| 8 | Somerset Waste Partnership | July newsletter |
| 9 | Came & Co | Insurance details on defib guardians – covered under public liability |
| 10. | Paul Emery | Signs to be completed this month |
| 11 | Currymallet PC | Use of drones- query whether other PC's have policies formulated to deal with issue? |
| 12 | SCC | New web page about road maintenance work
www.travelsomerset.couk/structural-maintenance |

Planning Application: None

Approval: 2018/1327/HSE Pitcot Cottage

Road Closure:

Bath View, Middlemead, The Mead

Notice of Tour of Britain Cycle Race Stage 3 Bristol – 4 Sept 2018

Road closures advertised in local paper 16 Aug 2018

BathView

The Mead

Middlemead

Cheques: V Attwood

Paul Emery

W Palmer

25. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 25.1 It was reported that the Dog Bin, positioned at the Community Gardens, was often overflowing and was in need of emptying more often. The Clerk to make enquiries from MDC.
- 25.2 It was noted that when Cllr Fosdike departs this would make two vacancies on the Council and therefore Co-option of Councillors should be placed on the next Agenda.
- 25.3 **Agenda items:**
- Co-option of Councillors
 - Defibrillator Guardian

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 26.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 15 October 2018 at 7.45 pm.**
- 26.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE