

**Minutes of the 979th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 26 November 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr John Carter, PCSO Rob Nell, Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. **APOLOGIES:** Dist Cllr Rachel and John Carter.

2. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15 October 2018 were approved and signed.

3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**

There were none.

4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:**

4.1 It was agreed, at the Clerk's suggestion, that the vacancy for Councillors should be advertised on the Parish Notice-board and the Parish Web-site.

4.2 It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cathy Downes to ascertain whether she still wanted to commit to being a Councillor.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

1	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed.	In due course
2.	Paul Emery to paint signposts 8-off at a cost of £300 approx. To date 4off painted and paid for £1,130.00 - <i>Clerk to chase completion of painting</i>	Pending
3.	Ascertain whether Mendip was putting aside extra monies to promote Tourism Minuted at 7.3	completed
4.	Insurance Claim – Quotes & Photos forwarded to Came & Co Came & Co agreed quotation of £2,300 less £250 excess making sum to receive £2,100	completed
5.	Bus Stop at Nettlebridge: Contact parishioner to inform of Parish Council's concern of safety, but will ask First Bus if an alternative stop could be made Contact First Bus to ascertain if a stop could be placed nearby	Clerk
6.	To investigate other solicitors to engage re Community Gardens lease. Talk again to Thatcher & Hallam re costs. Minuted at 14.3	Clerk Chair
7.	War Memorial in need of repair – investigate if it was a job for Lengthsman Builders to give quote	Chair pending
8.	Dog Bin at Community Gardens was in need of emptying more often enquire from MDC how often emptied	Clerk
9.	Report to PCSO Rob Nell suspect vehicles using VH car-park after 10pm Ask PCSO to patrol VH car-park occasionally.	Completed
10.	Letter of thanks and job well done to Highways after completion of recent road works.	completed
11.	Siting of newly purchased rubbish bin in lay-by. Clerk to notify Mendip to empty	completed clerk
12.	Area around War Memorial in need of a tidy	completed
13	Footpath at Mogg Hill in need of attention Minuted at 19.3	Agenda

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

No Report received.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The Chairman read out the Report received from Dist Cllr John Carter as follows:

- 7.1 MDC is reviewing how it runs its Parish Forums so as to make it more informative and pro-active. In particular it wants to spend more time on Planning Matters and will look to having training sessions for Parish Councils to keep them up to date on Planning Laws.
- 7.2 On the finance side the over run at the end of the year is down to less than £220K and it is expected that this will be eliminated by the end of the financial year. Council tax receipts are up and investment income is expected to cover any shortfall.
The five Councils contract is moving forward with a number of IT projects being completed.
- 7.3 There has not been an increase in the tourism budget for the year, due to budgetary restraints.

8. POLICE REPORT:

- 8.1 The Chairman introduced and welcomed Stratton's PCSO Rob Nell, who gave the following report.
 - A burglary had occurred at Downside.
 - There had been a collision with a HGV
 - A dead deer had been reported.
 - A farm burglary.
 - Anti-social behavior had been reported.
 - A burnt out caravan.
- 8.2 PCSO stated that the police the recent Graffiti on the Village Hall had not been reported to the police.
- 8.3 PCSO Nell stated that PCSO's had now been issued with lap-tops, making it possible for them to work away from the police station and therefore be more visible in the community.
- 8.4 Regarding the recent activity with suspect cars and occupants parking in the car-park, PCSO Nell stated that he was patrolling the car-park more regularly. On one occasion as he arrived, a car sped off but the registration was not able to be logged.
- 8.5 Regarding CCTV, PCSO Nell thought that it would enable registration of vehicles to be checked, if thought suspect.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

Ref: 2018/2582/LBC

Location: Manor Farm, The Dairy House, Fosse Way to Manor Farm SOF

Proposal: Internal alterations to create a WC and disabled shower room

All Councillors present agreed to recommend approval of the above planning.

Ref:2018/2448/HSE

Locations: Bainsbury House, Green Lane, SOF

Proposal: Erection of a single storey ground floor side extension.

The Planning Committee agreed that the Parish Council would recommend approval of this application, but with the observation that it was noted that this property had already had an extension added with a garage turned into accommodation.

Permission granted by MDC:

Ref: 2018/2310/APP Plot 3, Fosse Way, SOF
Details reserved by conditions 5(Environmental Remediation Strategy)

Ref:2018/2448/HSE Bainsbury House
Erection of a single storey ground floor side extension.

Road Closure: Bays 14 November for Lane, Ashwick 5 days

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Invoice from **SALC**, for Data protection training, amounting to **£25** (which was agreed at the Meeting in May by all Councillors present) had been paid. **Cheque No: 001185**

A cheque, for Lengthsman duties amounting to **£325**, to **W Palmer** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001186**

BT/Broadband amounting to **£169.63** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001187**

Invoice from **JD & JS Padfield** for petrol for grass cutting amounting to **£76.53** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001188**

Invoice from **Tibbs Tree Surgeons**, amounting to **£432.00** for weed spray, was agreed to be paid. **Cheque no. 001189**

Annual subscription to **Cam Valley Wildlife Group** amounting to **£5** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001190**

Invoice from **AED Locator (E.U)Ltd** for Defibrillator Annual Monitoring fee amounting to **£58.80** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001191**

Invoice from **Phil Phibben** amounting to **£2,350** for rebuilding the Gazebo was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid once the insurance settlement had been banked. **Cheque No.001193**

11 BUDGET:

11.1 The Clerk had prepared figures to be discussed at a meeting of the Working Party, but this had been cancelled. Cllr Daniels had prepared figures which agreed with the Clerk's that he circulated to the meeting.

11.2 Cllr Daniels stated that Councillors should look at the figures and respond with any suggestions to be included in the Budget at the next Meeting.

Councillors

11.3 The Precept request would need to be returned to MDC in January 2019.

Trevor Letcher arrived at this point 8.30 pm

12 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

It was agreed to organize the installing of spread sheets for the Parish Council Accounts between mid-January and mid-February. This would then be in time for the new Financial Clerk year in April 2019.

13. BURIAL GROUND:

It was noted that the Burial Ground Rules should be included on the Parish Web-site. The Chairman would forward to Cllr Daniels.

Chairman

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 14.1 The monthly Report of the Community Gardens from Cllr Stock was given to the Clerk, with no maintenance issues raised.
- 14.2 It was noted that the moles that were present in the Community Gardens had now moved to the football field. The football field would be rolled and Cllr Padfield would ask for the Gardens to be rolled as well. Therefore the decision of eradicating the moles was agreed to be left until the New Year.
- 14.3 The Clerk reported that two further quotes from solicitors were being sought regarding the Downside lease for the Community Gardens. It had been felt that Thatcher and Hallam's quotation had been too high.
- 14.4 The insurance claim for the damaged Gazebo had been authorized and **Came & Co** would pay the quotation received by Acorn Preservation (Paul Phibben) minus the £250 excess making the amount to be received **£2,100**

Suzanne Kingsley arrived at this point 8.40pm

15 STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

- 15.1 The lengthsman submitted the following report:
 - 6 hours Cut Community Gardens x 2
 - 1 hour Strim around war Memorial
 - 2 hours Insert Bin in lay-by
 - 11 hours Clear all chicanes of leaves
 - 20 hours Total**
- 15.2 Councillors agreed to engage the Lengthsman during the lay-off period to further clear around chicanes.
- 15.3 It was noted that the rubbish bin has been installed at the south end of the village. The Clerk to notify MDC regarding emptying.
- 15.4 It was noted that several No Tipping signs had been placed in Watery Lane at random places. Cllr Padfield would re-position them where fly-tipping had been noted in the past.

Cllr
Jeremy
Padfield

16. HIGHWAYS:

It was reported that there was a large dip in the road on Fosse Road North side of the village, just past Manor Farm opposite the cottages. The Clerk to report to Highways.

Clerk

17. CV CAMERA IN VILLAGE HALL CAR-PARK:

- 17.1 Suzanne Kingsberry reported that the recent graffiti that had appeared on the Village Hall had cost money to put right. This was a further concern along with the suspect car drivers using the car park. The Village Hall Committee had discussed the above issues and were of the opinion that a CCTV camera would involve too much work (all by volunteers) and expense. It was thought that the better idea was to proceed with other measures, such as lighting (from dusk to dawn).

- 17.2 PCSO Rob Nell reinstated for Suzanne's benefit that he patrolled more frequently, plus he thought that lighting was a deterrent.
- 17.3 Suzanne Kingsberry agreed to have a spare key cut for the PCSO so that he was able to use the facilities of the Village Hall whilst on his patrol. S Kingsberry
- 17.4 Suzanne would keep the Clerk updated on progress with any measures the Village Hall Committee investigated. S Kingsberry

18. DEFIBRILLATOR:

It was noted that Nick Taylor had agreed to be a Guardian for the Defibrillator.

19. FOOTPATH:

- 19.1 The Clerk to make enquiries as to when the sign post painting would be completed. Clerk
- 19.2 Trevor Letcher stated that he was working on the issue of the problem concerning the footpath near Sweetlease Lane. Trevor Letcher
- 19.3 Trevor Letcher disagreed that there was anything wrong with the footpath at Mogg Hill, but Cllr Norris pointed out that the path was too narrow for pushchairs. It was decided that the Clerk should contact the landowners, Mr & Mrs Jackson informing them of the need to spray the vegetation to make the path wider. Clerk

Suzanne Kingsberry, Trevor Letcher, PCSO Nell, left the Meeting at this point 9.05 pm

20. WEB-SITE:

There was nothing to report.

21. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1 | SCC | Liberies:19 existing library buildings to be retained by SCC. Remain 15 develop community Library Partnerships where community would support library buildings in partnership with Somerset County Council
If this is not possible the building concerned would close and alternative means of delivering library services implemented i.e. mobile library. Any questions email liberies@somerset.gov.uk |
| 2 | MDC | Winter maintenance - gritting |
| 3 | MDC | Dates & Locations across Somerset that Macmillan Cancer Care will be holding drop-in sessions. |
| 4 | MDC | Question Time event re candidates at District Election |
| 5 | Somerset
Community
Foundation | Invitation to annual Christmas Carol Service at Wells Cathedral Sat 15 Dec 2018 @ 7pm |
| 6 | Brian Pike | Email re Plane tree at the Willows in need of attention. |
| 7 | SALC | Grant request Citizens Advice – Look at Charity donations in Budget |
| 8 | SALC | Increase Somerset's tree cover. |
| 9 | IIMC | Webinar Info – Local Government Website complicant with latest standards |
| 10. | Somerset Waste
Partnership | Monthly Briefing Newsletter |
| 11 | SCC | Mobile SID Programme |
| 12 | SCC | Countywide Parking Review |
| 13 | SCC | Proposed changes to the County Councils support & services for children & families. Questionnaire at www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation |
| 14 | Greenways
Ground
Maintenance | New company: Grounds maintenance, tree works etc. |
| 15 | SALC | Survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BKJ92FP by 10/12/18 to cut public toilet tax |

16	St Margaret's Hospice	Volunteer Newsletter
17	SCC	Rights of Way consultation deadline 31/01/19 - Forward to Trevor Letcher
18	SCC	Review of Somerset Homeless strategy – survey link on email
19		Fostering event at Costa Coffee 4 Dec 2018 at 7pm – 9pm
20	Chilcompton Clerk	Re blocked footpaths on Downside land cc to SOF Parish Council

Bank A/Cs End October Current £50 Business Reserve £ 23,157.96

22. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

22.1 The Chairman read out a letter regarding a *proposed* application for planning from Downside for its residents. This was just to inform the Parish Council that this planning was to be sought.

22.2 **Agenda Items:**

- Invoice-Brian Bailey
- Budget
- Clerk's Salary & expenses

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 23.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 17 December 2018 at 7.45 pm.**
 23.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____