

**Minutes of the 982nd Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 18 February 2019**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mrs J Davies(Vice-Chair),
Mr A Norris, Mr M Daniels, Mr D Stock,
IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr John Carter, Mr Neil Rogers, PCSO Rob Nell, Beat Manager,Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

A representative of TrueSpeed, Mr Neil Rogers, attended to inform Councillors about the company and the benefits of changing to this network. He stated that the company was local and had been formed 5 years ago.

Open reach was delivered via green cabinets with copper cable and was shared; therefore at peak times speed went down, also the further away from the green cabinet the user was speed was slower. Truespeed used its own fibre connection and could guarantee the speed, as was in control as owned it. At the moment it was 200gb but could be advanced if/when necessary. Also the customer could keep the same land line telephone number.

Installation would mainly be overhead with Western Power, although sometimes a roadside dig was needed; Truespeed would keep the Parish up to date with developments.

It would need 30% of Stratton residents to sign up to reap the benefit of the connection charge being waived. Otherwise, or in the future in would cost £120 to join up.

There is a meeting proposed for Tuesday 19 March at 6pm in the Village Hall. TrueSpeed would distribute flyers advertising the event and would appreciate it being advertised on the Parish Website.

Cllr Daniels raised a concern over child protection as there were no parental controls in place; on other big providers a tick in a box to cover all computers in the household was all that was needed. Also there was no virus protection installed with Truespeed at the moment. Neil Rogers stated that Truespeed conformed with Offcom guidelines at the moment, but that the company would look into the two items mentioned above if the community was concerned over these issues

The Chairman thanked Mr Neil Rogers for attending.

Mr Neil Rogers left the Meeting at 8.05 pm

1. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors: Mr Jeremy Padfield., Mrs H Murtagh., Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, CC Mike Pullin.
2. **MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 January 2019 were approved and signed.
3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**
There were none.
4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:**
The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with Andrew Hobbs regarding co-option of Councillors, but that he had not been in touch to date.

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 each approx. To date 4off painted and paid for £1,130.00	Pending clerk
3	War Memorial in need of repair – Obtained 1 quote from builder. Paul Phibben to provide quote.	Chair Chase
4	Footpath at Mogg Hill in need of attention. Contact landowners Mr & Mrs Jackson for the path to be made wider – by spraying the vegetation. Wayne Palmer cannot do, but suggested weed kill on the vegetation to widen the path	Chair
5	Meeting to be arranged with Ed Short re completing a spreadsheet for PC Accounts. Ed Short decided against being involved due to security issues. Other options to be looked at.	Cllr Daniels
6	Inspection of salt/grit Bins to ascertain whether any needed to be filled. Chair will inspect Grit Bins before Clerk orders salt. Clerk notified Highways of Grit Bins in need of refilling. Highways placed on list to be filled.	Chair Clerk
7	Instruct Gould & Swayne to act as solicitors re Downside Lease and notify King Stone solicitor for Downside. Confirmation received from Gould & Swayne with contact form to be filled out and returned.	Clerk Chair
8	Notify H/ways that the Stop Sign near the junction at Norton Down cross roads is facing the wrong way. Highways notified and sign readjusted.	Completed
9	Contact H/ways to make sure that the Reflectors and Chevrons are put in place when they resurface the road at Nettlebridge. Email received from H/ways confirming that this will be done.	completed

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No Report received.

7. POLICE REPORT:

- 7.1 PCSO Rob Nell introduced Stratton's new Beat Manager; Jan Ellis (1225) had been a police officer for 20 years, but had only been in this role for 2 weeks.
- 7.2 She stated that PCSO Rob Nell had been busy with rural matters and much of his time was taken up dealing with farming issues. He has started farm patrols in the area and speaking to farmers on a daily basis. He was higher vis than previous PCSO's and was giving a regular police report to the Parish. All Councillors agreed that he was more proactive than Stratton's previous PCSO's.
- 7.3 On 09/02/2019 victim swapped his car with a male in Stratton on the Fosse. Caller's wife left her engagement ring in car pocket and caller contacted the male who confirmed that the ring was in the car pocket. Male since has not returned any calls from the victim. Police attended. Ongoing enquiries.
- 7.4 The Parish Council would appreciate if the police could report back to give more details on the outcome of incidents. Rob Nell stated that he would email Neighbourhood Watch information if possible.
- 7.5 There was to be more Speed Watch activity manned by police.
- 7.6 The Chairman asked if Jan would be available to give a presentation in her role as Beat Manager for Stratton's Annual Parish Meeting in April. Jan stated that this was a

possibility if she had the date free. The Clerk to confirm the date with PCSO Rob Nell to forward.

PCSO Rob Nell and Beat Manager left the Meeting at this point. 8.20 pm

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Dist Cllr Carter stated that:

- Mendip District Council had made £10k on Lottery tickets which went towards giving grants.
- Mendip District Council had balanced its financial books.
- A complete set of MDC Planning Officers were in place, which should make it smoother for Planning Applications.
- A reminder to Councillors that the Parish Forum would take place on 28 February
- There would be training offered for Councillors after the May Elections.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications: None.

Approval: Ref:2018/3087/HSE 3 The Poppies, South Street Loft
Conversion with 2off Roof lights.
Ref:2018/2582/LBC The Dairy House, Manor Farm, SOF
Internal alterations for WC & shower room

Road Closure: A367 Fosse Way and A367 Bath Road, Stratton on the Fosse and Ashwick – 18 Feb 2019 for 5 days
Chapel Lane to Stockhill, Chilcompton & Binegar – 04 March 2019 for 12 days

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

An Invoice from the **Playground Inspection Co** amounting to **£78**, for the Community Gardens Annual inspection of playground equipment, was agreed by all Councillors to be paid. **Cheque No.001199**

An Invoice from **Parish On-line** amounting to **£36** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001198**

Bank A/Cs End January: Current £ 50 Business Reserve £ 20,961.24
Bank Accounts were reconciled and signed

11. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

11.1 Cllr Daniels stated that a meeting had been held with himself and Ed Short to discuss setting up a spreadsheet for the Parish Council. Unfortunately, Ed Short had decided that, due to security issues, he did not want to continue.

11.2 Therefore Cllr Daniels would be looking at various other options and would report back to the Council.

12. BURIAL GROUND:

The Chairman reported that a request had been made to erect a headstone and that the Clerk had written giving permission and giving payment details. Payment would be received in due course.

13. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 13.1 The Community Gardens maintenance Report for the last month was received from Cllr Stock.
- 13.2 Moles were still a problem and, as previously discussed, the hills would be raked over so that any recent activity could be located.
- 13.3 The Clerk had received confirmation, from solicitors Gould & Swayne, that they would represent Stratton PC in the renewal of the lease from Downside. The cost would be £500 excluding VAT, plus any unforeseen cost such as land searches.

14 STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

- 14.1 It was decided for the annual litter-pick to be on Monday 1 April 2019. Volunteers should meet at the Village Hall at 6 pm.
- 14.2 The Clerk would organize Tabards and Pickers from Mendip District Council.

15. HIGHWAYS:

It was noted that the pavement at Nettlebridge Hill was in a poor state with large stones fallen from the adjacent wall onto the path. District Councillor John Carter would investigate and report back at the next Meeting. Dist Cllr
Carter

16. FOOTPATH:

It was suggested that the footpath at Mogg Hill be sprayed to kill off the vegetation. Also that Chilcompton Parish Council was asked how it tackled the part of the footpath in its parish.

17. WEB-SITE:

Cllr Daniels stated that he was modifying the Parish Web-site so as to be available on mobiles. At the moment two pages were up as a trial.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1 | MDC | Death of senior figure. Form to complete re local arrangements in place. |
| 2 | SCC | SWP Briefing January |
| 3 | Pi | Play Inspection Report on Community Gardens equipment. Hard copy to Jeremy.
Playground Inspection Co re repeat order Form
Playground Inspection Co Invoice |
| 4 | NALC | Press Release re independent advisory body backs NALC call to strengthen standards for 100,00 Councils.
Open letter from NALC to Councillors. |
| 5 | SALC | Consultation on Government Clean Air Strategy |
| 6 | MDC | Parish Bulletin February |
| 7 | MDC | Heritage Asset training slides. |
| 8 | MDC | Update from MDC on cold weather conditions |
| 9 | NHS Somerset | Result of feed-back received. |
| 10. | Jason Smith | Parish Map price £500 FOC updates for 3 years. |
| 11 | MDC | Submission of Mendip Local Plan II Sites and Policies |
| 12 | MDC | Plans for Parish training events Levels 1,2,3. |
| 13 | SALC | Newquay Town Council are planning to submit proposal to allow local Councils the power to enforce civil parking regulations. |
| 14 | SALC | Flood defences consultation by 26 February 2019 |
| 15 | Gould & Swayne | Solicitors: Forms to fill out re Community Gardens lease renewal. |

19. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Agenda items: Discuss Annual Parish Meeting.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

20.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.45 pm.**

20.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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