

**Minutes of the 984th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 15 April 2019**

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors: Mrs H Murtagh, Mr Jeremy Padfield.
2. **MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 March 2019 were approved and signed.
3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**
There were none.
4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:**
No candidates at present.

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 <i>Contact to enquire when re-starting painting?</i>	Pending clerk
3	War Memorial in need of repair – <i>Obtained 1 quote from builder. Paul Phibben provided quote of £180 approx. - all Cllrs present agreed to accept this quote.</i>	
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. <i>Cllr Jeremy Padfield will make enquiries to whose responsibility the footpath is from Care Haskins f/path officer at MDC The Chilcompton Clerk had advised that the Farmer had help maintain its side of the footpath.</i>	Cllr Jeremy Padfield
5	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. <i>Contact MDC with a request to fill all grit bins that are not full.</i>	Clerk
6	Instructed Gould & Swayne to act as solicitors re Downside Lease and notified King Stone solicitor for Downside. <i>Check on progress</i>	Clerk
7.	Nettlebridge footpath in need of attention – Cllr Carter would investigate. <i>Inspection team will be sent to investigate and report back.</i>	pending
8.	Make enquiries from MDC Highways whether a mirror could be erected at the crossroad at Tunnel Lane and at the War Memorial, as a Health & Safety measure for traffic. Also ascertain if the PC would be responsible if an accident occurred whilst using mirror.	
9.	Make enquiries as to what Somerset County Council propose to do about the road from Norton Down to the Rugby Club when the Whitepost development is built.	Clerk

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

No Report received.

7. **POLICE REPORT:**

PCSO Rob Nell emailed to state that there had been no incidents to report in the parish from 13 March until 15 April

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- 8.1 Dist Cllr Carter reported that Mendip District Council had a new Web-site and, although it had teething problems, it was easier to use. Cllr Daniels had raised a few concerns with Mendip over its layout, but agreed that it was now easier to use.
- 8.2 Cllr Norris asked about the progress on the wall spilling onto the pavement at Nettlebridge. Dist Cllr Carter stated that it had already been reported but that he would chase.
- 8.3 It was suggested that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council, as this had been an issue for a number of years.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

Ref: 2019/0399/HSE

Location: Fairwinds, 11 White Post SOF

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage & replace with single storey side extension

All Councillors present agreed that this would only improve the property and would not interfere with anybody.

Approval: None.

Road Closure: Stockhill Road from junction with Stock Hill to junction with Coalpit Lane 07 May for 16 days.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Invoice from W Palmer (Lengthsman) amounting to **£360** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.**

The Clerk confirmed that the **Precept for Year End 2020** amounting to **£10,000** had been received. **Cheque No.**

The **VAT Refund** amounting to **£845.31** for the Year End 2019 had been received.

The Clerk reported that *Ty Schlecter* had been engaged again this year to complete the **Internal Audit Yr End 2019**.

11. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

11.1 This was pending along with Standing Orders.

11.2 The Software to deal with Finance, discussed at the last Meeting, would cost £250 complete with a training session. This would include a 5 year contract, starting 01 April, which would then mean paying 25% less per year. All Councillors present agreed to this.

11.3 Cllr Daniels would set-up the software and then train the Clerk.

12. BURIAL GROUND:

The Chairman would contact Brian Baily to ask him to cut the grass.

13. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 13.1 Cllr Stock presented the Clerk with the monthly playground Inspection Report.
- 13.2 It was reported that the mole hills were now flattened and were not now a Health & Safety issue. The Bandstand was regularly cleaned by the Lengthsman and Cllr Stock. Bolt had also been placed on the gate.
- 13.3 Cllr Daniels reported that three fruit trees had been replaced. Also the raised beds had been tidied and dead plants replaced.
- 13.4 The Clerk had forwarded a print-out of the Playground Annual Inspection Report to Cllr Jeremy Padfield. The Clerk to send an electronic copy to Cllr Daniels and Marie Taylor.
- 13.5 Solicitors Gould & Swayne had been engaged to renew the Community Garden lease.

14 STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

- 14.1 The Chairman reported that the Annual Litter-pick had been a success with 20 people attending to help and 40 off bags of rubbish collected from Nettlebridge to the Whitepost Rondabout.
- 14.2 Councillors stated that Wayne was doing a good job around the village.
- 14.3 Cllr Norris stated that all the drains in the village and been cleaned, but wished that the pavements had been swept first. It was thought this might be a job for the lengthsman, the debris was worst from South Street going south.

15. HIGHWAYS:

Councillors thought that Highways had done a good job at Nettlebridge and that a letter to this effect should be sent.

16. FOOTPATH:

Nothing to report.

17. WEB-SITE:

- 17.1 Cllr Daniels reported that work on the Parish Web-site was ongoing to be able to use on mobiles and tablets.
- 17.2 Discussion on Parish On-line and Data Sets was taking place with Mendip District Council and Cllr Daniels with the IT Manager taking on board items raised. Cllr Daniels thinks progress might be moving towards its availability. CC Mike Pullin was having a similar discussion with Somerset County Council, as he thought that this would be good, not only for Stratton, but the whole of the County. It would mean a small financial cost and BANES Council who have it already installed, states it is saving money.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Correspondence was read and dealt with appropriately.

19. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Agenda Items:

- Invoice: Village Hall Hire
Community Garden Plants
- Insurance
- Phone Box
- Purchase of Rubbish Bin

County Councillor Mike Pullin arrived at this point 7.15 pm

20 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- 20.1 County Councillor Mike Pullin stated that Mendip had a balanced budget. Also it was placing money in a prevention fund in order to save money in the long term; with this in mind any information from Parish Councils as how this could be best achieved would be welcome.
- 20.2 GIS Mapping was still under discussion. Cllr Daniels had used this recently regarding pot-holes; a drop down menu showed a map which can be blown up then click to show where the pot hole is located – this was repaired 1 week later.

Two members of the public arrived at 7.21 pm

- 20.3 CC Mike Pullin stated that any problems outstanding can always be emailed to himself.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 21.1 The date of the next **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, will be on **Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.45**
- 21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE
