



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion, Stratton Audley at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr A Flack, Mr G Nicholson, and Mr S Hopkins

**Apologies:** Ms C Lloyd

**In Attendance:** Cllr I Corkin (CDC)

**Members of the public:** One

A member of the public attended to raise her concerns about the termination of the bus service on 23<sup>rd</sup> July when OCC withdraws funding. Cllr Nicholson explained that he had held discussions with Thames Travel suggesting that the 22 could be re-routed to travel round Stratton Audley at regular intervals during the day, and he had also had discussions with Heyfordian, who are planning to run a bus on Fridays through the villages to Bicester. Heyfordian are not able to re-route this service as its proposals have been approved by the bus regulator, but the firm has indicated that it may be prepared to consider adding Stratton Audley to the route when it reviews the situation in 3 months' time. Cllr Nicholson is also trying to contact Stagecoach Oxford. He is aware of a bus funded by the Eco Town developers, which may be available to residents of the village. S106 funding may be available to extend the service – Cllr Corkin agreed to make enquiries. The Clerk will attempt to obtain details of the operator of this service.

**52. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Lloyd

**53. Councillor's Report**

Cllr Corkin reported that CDC now has three Councillors covering the ward containing Stratton Audley. He explained that he had been a Parish Councillor in Fewcott and joined the District Council at a by election. He is a member of the Risk and Audit Committee and a Board Director for Graven Hill developments.

A major issue for Oxfordshire's local government at present are the Unitary Authority bids from the County Council and the individual District Councils. He felt that the District Councils, all with a record of sound financial management, are well placed to provide local services to local residents. It is expected that a decision on the preferred bid will be made by the Government in the Autumn.

He was asked:-

Q. Following the use of the Bicester Heritage site for a consultation exercise on Graven Hill proposals, are there any proposals to turn it into a formal venue site for events?

A. No the Bicester heritage site is a local facility and was used for the Graven Hill consultation because Graven Hill was not available. If Bicester Heritage does become used more widely than classic transport events it is likely to be a high end event in association with Bicester Village, which should not generate nuisance for Stratton Audley.

Q. Banbury has recently constructed a shopping development next to Junction 9 of the M40. Plans for a similar development opposite the new Tesco site have recently been refused, allegedly because there was an objection from Bicester Village on traffic grounds. What is CDC's position with regard to this type of development?

A. The refusal has been appealed and the Inquiry is continuing.

Q. One of the Parish Council's objectives is to facilitate the creation of a 100 meter cycle path from the end of the Bicester Road up to Cherwood House on the Buckingham Road (A421). Does Cllr Corkin have any suggestions for funding opportunities?

A. Cllr Corkin suggested the Parish Council discuss funding with OCC. Other possibilities are Oxfordshire Community First, TOE2, Viridor, or EU Leader Funding . The Parish Council agreed to invite OCC's cycling advisor to a future meeting, and to investigate other funding opportunities.

#### **54. Declarations of interest**

None

#### **55. Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### **56. Progress on Parish matters**

(a) SSE Resilience Grant/ Emergency Plan

A draft of the Emergency Plan was presented to the meeting by Cllr. Hopkins and was well received. Any changes should be submitted in order for this to be approved at the Parish Council's August meeting. Details will then be circulated around the village.

(b) Parish Council web site.

A new Company has taken over hosting the web site and is in the process of redesigning the front page to ensure that up to date information is easily available. It is likely that the original annual budget will be exceeded to cover the further development work.

(c) Bicester Road path.

The Bicester Road path was resurfaced early in 2016, but, as no membrane was laid, weeds are beginning to grow through the surface. The issue has been reported to OCC, and the Clerk was asked to chase for an update.

(d) Dog Bin

A new (red) dog bin has been ordered. The Clerk will send a formal thank you letter to the 100 Club for their donation of £100 towards the overall cost of the new bin which was £103.

(e) Untold Theatre

There will be a modern day performance of The Tempest in the Parish Church on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Tickets will be £8.00 (£6.00 for concessions) and the CLP group will arrange the sale of refreshments in the interval. Tickets will be circulated to residents and advance ticket sales will be dealt with by the CLP team and The Church. Any monies raised will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

(f) Bicester Road disused quarry entrance

The Clerk has details of the owner and will write asking that the concrete blocks at the entrance are moved closer to the road to prevent vehicles from parking. The Clerk was also asked to obtain restoration proposals for the quarry from OCC.

(h) Flooding

Recent heavy rain resulted in Church Street being flooded by the Red Lion. The Clerk was asked to check that OCC have now cleared the gullies and drains. The Parish Council has been allowed to store 2 “Flooding” signs so that they can be made available quickly in the event of a similar incident in the future. Agreement have been reached with the Manor committee to store these inside the main gate of the Manor.

(i) Grass cutting by the pond.

One cut of the grass and over grow vegetation by the pond has been authorised. It was agreed that further cuts of this area should be undertaken on an “as necessary” basis.

**57. Finance**

The Council noted the monthly report contained in Appendix 1 and authorised the following payments:-

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
500229	Potbelly Brewery	festival	£791.10
500230	Aylesbury Rugby Club	Soft drinks	£323.76
500231	Mr A Flack	Burgers	£230.00
500232	Mr J Honsinger	festival	£233.36
500233	Bletchington Silver Band	fee	£130.00
500234	The Red Lion	Room Hire	£20.00
500235	Clive Morton	Internal audit	£250.00
500236	Mrs A Davies	Clerk	£189.58
500237	Mike Gore	Grass cutting	£180.00
500238	John Hicks Associates	Playground inspection	£61.56
500239	Mike Gore	Grass cutting	£180.00
500240	Navitas design	Web hosting	£59.99
500241	Glasdon	Dog bin	£103.82
500242	HMRC	CI tax	£37.00

**58. Community Led Plan /Neighbourhood Plan** *To receive an update on plan activities*

The Parish Council agreed that the Food Music and Beer Festival had been an very successful event enjoyed by residents and visitors. Festival accounts show a profit of just over £8000, which it was agreed should be split £1000 to Sobell House, £1000 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service and £6000 to the Parish Church for restoration work.

**59. Neighbourhood Plan**

Ongoing.

**60. Playground**

The Contractor started on site on 4<sup>th</sup> July. As the entrance was too narrow for access by a digger it was agreed on site that the wall by the entrance should be removed so that easier access for plant and machinery could be achieved. Had this not been done, there would have been further delays to the start of the works. The Parish Council supported this decision and suggested that the wider access should be retained and a new disabled access to the playground constructed, either with a re sited ramp, or linking into the present ramp, depending on the status of the land fronting the playground adjoining the highway. The Clerk would check on the status of the land in front of the playground.

**61. Community Transport**

Cllr Nicholson agreed to try to contact OCC to ascertain details of their proposals to make their fleet available out of rush hour.

**62. Planning Applications**

Single storey rear extension

4 The Stables Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AX Ref. No: 16/01128/F. This was a re submission with slightly changed plans. The Council had no additional comments.

**63. Correspondence received – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required.**

None.

**64. Reports from meetings – to receive any reports; for information.**

None

**65. Items for information or next Agenda –**

Large vehicles though the village. In advance of the next meeting the Clerk would contact OCC to clarify options available to the Parish Council/OCC

**66. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 at 7pm in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion

Please note the new numbering system for items in the minutes. They now run on sequentially from one month to the next across each statutory year and then begin again from no.1 at the start of the new financial year.

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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	05 July 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£3,498.83
	01-Jun-16	Mike Gore	500219	£180.00
	01-Jun-16	S Hopkins	500220	£57.76
	01-Jun-16	Mrs A Davies	500221	£196.68
	01-Jun-16	HMRC	500222	£38.40
	01-Jun-16	Beer Festival Equipment	500223	£96.00
	01-Jun-16	A Greasley	500224	£26.98
	01-Jun-16	NBB Floor Matting	500225	£143.64
	01-Jun-16	St Johns Ambulance	500226	£640.80
	01-Jun-16	The Red Lion	500227	£20.00
	01-Jun-16	Mike Gore	500228	£29.94
	08-Jun-16	potbelly Brewery	500229	£791.10
	+ 2 more			£1,277.53
Receipts processed since previous report				£8,295.54
	08-Jun-16	play equipment		£50.00
	08-Jun-16	festival takings		£6,535.00
	18-Jun-16	festival proceeds		£358.00
	18-Jun-16	festival takings		£1,127.54
	23-Jun-16	stall holder deposit		£25.00
	03-Jul-16	donation		£200.00
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated		04 July 2016
		Savings Account		£20,266.74
		Current account		£8,807.65
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts		donation		£200.00
Payments		potbelly Brewery		£791.10
		Mr J Honsinger		£233.36
		Bletchingdon silver band		£130.00
		Rachel		£212.20
		Sarah Watkins		£37.47
		Lisa		£110.74
			Net Total	<u>£27,759.52</u>