



**MINUTES OF THE STRATTON AUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014 AT 7.00PM
IN THE HUNT ROOM OF THE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE**

Present: Mr N Ferguson (Chair), Mr J Honsinger (JRH), Mr J Ormerod (JMO), Mrs H Smithers (HCS)

In attendance: Mrs J Olds (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: None

Public Participation: Nine members of the public (six until 7.20pm, two until 7.55pm)

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public participation

Nine members of the public attended primarily following the invitation by the Clerk to discuss the car parking issue on Cherry Street.

The Chairman asked the villagers their opinions. The primary concern was at the junction with Chery Street and Stoke Lyne Road where cars often park too close to the junction; other issues raised concerned vehicles speeding down the street too quickly towards the junction and the problems the refuse trucks have turning as they have recently changed their route and now travel in the opposite direction.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to find out about the reason why the refuse truck has changed its route.

However, it appears that the issue has improved since Christmas and generally the members of the public who attended do not feel it is of great concern.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted as a true copy and were signed by NF as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

a. Dog Bin

The Clerk is still waiting for the Contractor to install the bin. The bins had been emptied shortly after the previous meeting.

b. Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972

The Clerk has not yet had the opportunity to look into this further.

c. Blocked drain opposite the Red Lion

The Clerk had reported the drain in February and she had received a report from OCC saying that it had been fixed.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

No Councillors attended the meeting.

7. Finance

a. To receive the financial report for the year end

As at 31 March the accounts stood at

The accounts stand at:

Barclays Current Account	£0.00
Co-op Current Account	£668.75
Co-op Savings Account	£12,903.61

There were four unrepresented cheques totalling £312.09.

Current State of Accounts (as at 7 April)

The Accounts stood at

Co-op Current Account	£1,489.73
Co-op Savings Account	£14,367.05

There is one cheque of £133.07 outstanding. The £1,000 grant from ORCC for the Community Led Plan has been received into the current account and the savings account has received the £1,457 New Homes Bonus which will go towards the Playground refurbishment, and £6.44 in interest.

JMO is now authorised to sign cheques. The Clerk gave JMO the electronic key to be used with the account.

b. To receive the Statement of Accounts

The Clerk had prepared the draft Statement of Accounts which the Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept.

c. To update the Asset Register

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the removal of the old noticeboard on Cherry Street and the bench by the bus stop on Stoke Lyne Road and to the addition of the new dog bin in the Asset Register. The Parish Assets now amount to £38,960.

d. To complete the External Audit Annual Governance Statement

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to the Accounting Statements and answered all the questions and statements regarding the Annual Governance Statement; NF signed the form.

e. To consider invoices for payment

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

Payment to:	Cheque No	Amount
Amanda Reynolds for CLP expenses (Easter Eggs and Quiz night)	500042	£72.99
JMC Olds for Clerking Duties (9 March – 8 April)	500043	£149.59

8. Elections

The Clerk had received the nomination papers and circulated them. All nominations need to be returned to CDC by 4pm on Thursday 24 April.

9. Community Led Plan

Following a question from the Chairman of the CLP, the Clerk confirmed that the budget for this year would have the £500 allocated for the current year, £292 carried over from last year (as agreed at the last meeting) and the £1,000 from the ORCC; a total of £1,792.

The Parish has now received the £1,000 grant from the ORCC for the CLP with which it is intended to buy a 12m x 6m marquee which JRH has been asked to source. Before ordering, the Council requests that the group know where they will store it and where it will generally be pitched.

The Chairman of the group confirmed that the vintage tea party is now scheduled for either 12 or 13 July and will be by ticket, the price of which is to be confirmed.

The CLP has also been instrumental in setting up a weekly toddler group in Church with the Benefice Outreach Officer.

10. Verge Cutting and Weed Spraying

The Clerk had received a further quotation from the current contractor for the grass cutting. NF would contact the contractor and agreed to arrange a walk round the village with him to ensure that he was quoting for the same amount of work as the other quotations.

11. Village Tidy Up Day

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to re-arrange the date of the day as Sunday 18 May from 10am as there was a big wedding arranged for the day before. The Clerk provided the Councillors with a list of the works which could be carried out.

NF would talk to a resident in the village who might be happy to help.

The bags had been received.

12. Parish Matters not otherwise mentioned in Matters Arising

a. Playground

The Clerk had recently met with a third contractor and was awaiting the quotation.

b. Car Parking on Cherry Street

The villagers had all been written to and the matter was raised and discussed under Public Participation.

13. Planning Applications - to discuss recent Applications and note Notices of Decision
No applications or notices of decision had been received.

14. Correspondence received

The Councillors noted the correspondence received and discussed where necessary.

- a. **OALC** – forwarded from NALC regarding the Consultation on a draft transparency code for parish and town councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000.
- b. **OALC** – re training courses. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to provisionally book a place on the Roles and Responsibilities Course on 3 September at Didcot Civic Hall
- c. **OALC** – re help with setting up a Parish Facebook / Twitter presence.
- d. **Neighbourhood Policing Administrator** – requesting the date of the Annual Parish Meeting so that a member of the Rural Police team could attend
- e. **Ian Kemp** – re follow-up on the pre-hearing meeting for CDC’s Local Plan
- f. **CPRE Oxfordshire** – re Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the implications it has on Cherwell and their Local Plan
- g. **Rural Services Network** – regarding joining a ‘rural sounding board’. NF Agreed to join.
- h. **CDC re Recognition of Local Heritage Assets** – the letter was passed to JRH to consider.

15. Reports from meetings

No meetings had been attended.

16. Any other business – for information or next Agenda only

a. Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had already informed the District and County Councillors and PC Caroline Brown of the meeting. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask Bicester Heritage to give a follow-up to last year’s meeting.

17. Date of next meeting – the Councillors **RESOLVED** to confirm the next meeting as Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

Dated