



**MINUTES OF THE STRATTON AUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7PM  
AT THE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE**

**Present:** Mr N Ferguson, Mr J Hill, Mr M O'Neill (Chair), Mrs M. Woodward  
**In attendance:** Mrs J Olds (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies**

1. There were no apologies.

**Declaration of Interest**

2. There were no declarations of interest

**Public Participation**

3. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2012**

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

5. The Clerk reported that she had contacted CDC Planning
  - there is no formal documentation for the listing of Audley Coach House as it is part of the Curtilage Listing for the Manor;
  - the Planners have no control as to what is grown in gardens (provided it is legal) even in conservation areas.
6. JH has fixed the latch on the Playground gate.
7. The Clerk has discovered that the Playground did have an inspection last year which was carried out by John Hicks Associates. He has resubmitted his invoice (which was not paid at the time) and his report.
8. The Clerk is still to investigate Jubilee Noticeboards.
9. M O'N is to request the materials for the Map Board from Harriet West.
10. The Clerk has written to Roger Cross to request removal of the unsightly barrier at the bus stop.
11. As requested by the Artist, the carved wooden 'throne' has been installed on the pavement outside the pub. It was **RESOLVED** that when NF goes to deliver his photographs he will ask for a value which can be put in the Parish's Asset Register.
12. The Clerk has written and despatched the Christmas thank you letters.

13. MW to give the Clerk the details of those who need to be written to regarding the Councillor vacancy. MW to canvas further opinion.

**14. Report from District and County Councillor**

- There was no report from Cllr Fulljames.

**Finance**

15. The Community Account Balance as at 19 January stood at £11,266.43
16. Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments (Proposed by M O'N, Seconded by MW).

Payment to:	Cheque No	Amount
John Hicks Associates for Playground Inspection 28 June 2011	100749	61.56
Jane Olds for Clerk's Pay	100750	140.05
P Fitzgerald for gardening work in Playground	100751	170.00

17. The Precept confirmation was sent via post and email
18. Following the Getting to Grips with Finance course which NF and the Clerk attended it has been recommended that the Clerk be appointed as the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) as well as Clerk. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be appointed as RFO. Proposed by JH, seconded by NF.
19. It was noted that in order for the Fidelity Guarantee to be valid, the Clerk's references must be taken up. NF will write to the Clerk's referees.
20. The Council **RESOLVED** the Clerk be able to have sent a copy of Shelswell News at a cost of £11 per year, proposed by MW, seconded by JH. Clerk to arrange.

**21. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications.

**Parish Matters**

22. JH has met with Mr and Mrs Goss at Elm Farm. The alternatives were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to enquire further to Highways about how to progress the installation of a Concealed Entrance sign on the existing Horse Warning sign pole together with a small mirror opposite the farm, close to the tree line to reduce the visual impact to the village but to enable drivers to see up the lane when exiting the farm.
23. It was **RESOLVED** to defer the discussion on the refurbishment of the bus shelter until the metal bars had been removed.
24. The Playground Inspection Report was discussed. There are some general maintenance issues, including the oiling of the chains on the swings, and the lubrication of the Horse head rocker. It was **RESOLVED** that MW will raise the report with Paul Fitzgerald and ask him to do the maintenance.

**25. Jubilee Committee**

A Jubilee Committee has been set up and met on 1 February. There was a good turn out

from the community with representatives from the Parish Council, Church, Pub and Hunt attending.

The Celebration will now be held on Saturday 2 June rather than the following Monday. The programme for the day will include a street party for the children during the day, cream teas for the village and a hog roast (hog courtesy of the Hunt) in the evening with the hope of live music.

Insurance will need to be investigated. JH to help with all the risk assessments.

M O'N has enquired about having a beacon on the Gallops, but it will not be possible. However, it may be possible to have a Jubilee Beacon on the Church.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the prices of mementos in the form of a medal or mug to be given to the children (under 16).

#### **26. Village Hall Account**

The Clerk has taken advice from OALC and has been told that the Parish Council does not have anything to do with the Account. The Parish Council **RECOMMENDS** that the Trustees of the Account take legal advice.

#### **27. Village Tidy Up Day**

Village Tidy Up Day is set for Saturday 12 May. Apart from the painting of the white Village Entrance Fences, there is not much which needs doing at present so this date will be reviewed at the next meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that Paul Fitzgerald be asked to paint the fences; proposed by NF, seconded by M O'N.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 8 March at 7pm

#### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed .....

Dated .....