



**MINUTES OF THE STRATTON AUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM
IN ST MARY & ST EDBURGA CHURCH, STRATTON AUDLEY**

Present: Mr N Ferguson (Chairman), Mr Anthony Flack, Mr J Honsinger, Mrs L Korsak, Mrs H Smithers

In attendance: Mrs J Olds (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: None

Public Participation: Two members of the public (until 7.10)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Korsak wished to record that whilst she had no pecuniary interest in the planning application for the Green Barn, she had a personal connection with the applicant and agreed that she would not join in the discussion.

3. Public participation

Two members of the public attended to discuss the planning application.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2014

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

5. Update on progress from the Minutes

a. Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights had arrived in time to go on the tree, but further consideration would need to be made about how best to dress the tree in future.

b. Marquee Bags

Cllr Ferguson had collected the marquee bags. Cllr Ferguson had received offers of help with putting away the poles and would be in contact in due course

6. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Wood had sent a written District Council Report which the Councillors noted.

The main points of the report were:

- The District Boundary changes. The Electoral Commission has not accepted the proposals put forward by CDC but has chosen to 'tinker' with them. The current proposal is that the 'Fringford Ward' will not change significantly as Chesterton and Kirtlington have been added, but Soldern and Somerton have been removed. There will be more consultation before it is all finalised.

- Bicester Garden City. It was announced that Bicester will be designated a Garden City in December. There is no extra housing to that already proposed in the Local Plan, but it gives a remarkable opportunity to bring up to £100m of infrastructure funding into the town and there is a close synergy between ‘Eco Town’ and ‘Garden Town’ credentials.
- Bicester Community Hospital. This has now opened having resolved its ‘snagging’ issues with the builders.

7. Finance

a. To receive the financial report

As at 7 January the Accounts stood at

Current Account	£2,695.30
Savings Account	£14,951.27

There were two outstanding cheques totalling £98; £0.07 in interest had been received. The £2,000 transfer from the Savings to the Current account had cleared.

b. To consider adding Cllr Korsak to the bank mandate

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to Cllr Korsak being added to the bank mandate and the appropriate form was completed.

c. To consider invoices for payment

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

Payment to:	Budget	Cheque No	Amount
OALC for Roles and Responsibilities Course for Cllr Korsak	Training	500092	£78.00
Shelswell News for Annual Subscription	Subscriptions	500093	£8.00
Stratton Audley and Godington PCC for hire of Church for December Meeting	Church Hire	500094	£30.00
R B Howson for Christmas Tree	Christmas Tree	500095	£72.00
R B Howson for Weed Spraying	Spraying	500095	£720.00

The standing order to pay the Clerk £149.59 was debited from the current account on 9 December.

d. Precept 2015/16

The Clerk had received the letter confirming that the CTRS Grant will remain at £192.34 and that the estimated Tax Base for the next year would be 203.6 (from 202). The New Homes Bonus figure has been confirmed as £1,417.

Taking the estimated Tax Base into consideration, the Band D rate annual increase will be £5.74, a total of £35.83.

Following confirmation of the figures, the Clerk would write to CDC to confirm the Precept Request for £7,296 which was decided at the December meeting.

8. New Standing Orders

Due to time constraints, the Councillors **RESOLVED** to defer discussion of the Standing Orders to an additional meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 January.

9. Email Communications Policy

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to discuss the policy at the same time as the Standing Orders at the additional meeting.

10. Electoral Review of Cherwell

The Councillors had no comments on the plans.

11. Community Led Plan

a. To Receive an update

Cllr Honsinger informed the meeting that the CLP were due to meet shortly to discuss the questionnaire, which had been further revised and that he had spoken to other villages who had done or were in the process of doing plans. He also confirmed that ORCC is happy with the revised questionnaire.

b. Village Questionnaire

Due to time constraints it was not possible to discuss the questionnaire. The Councillors therefore **RESOLVED** to discuss it at the additional meeting.

c. Information Leaflet

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to discuss the leaflet at the additional meeting.

12. Parish Matters not otherwise mentioned in Matters Arising

a. Playground - to discuss progress on the Playground

The Clerk reported that she had just received the revised application form for the WREN funding. She would let Cllr Ferguson have the proposed plans to put on the village web site.

b. Village Hall Fund

The Clerk reported that Mr Woodward had been to the bank to find out who the signatories are on the accounts and found that there were five names. Two of these signatories have died, but a meeting will be arranged shortly between the other three to discuss a way forward.

c. Mill Road sign post

Despite chasing, the Clerk had not received any further information.

13. Planning Applications

a. To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council or on the District Council website up to the date of the meeting including:

- i. 14/02042/F, Mr John O'Neill, The Green Barn, Stoke Lyne Road, OX27 9AT, Convert existing agricultural building into three dwelling houses and associated building works. Change of use of agricultural land in to residential gardens and amenity space. One member of the public attended the meeting to record their support for the development. The Councillors had no comments or objections.**

b. To note Notices of Decision

Permission for development was granted to the following application

- i. **14/01696/LB**, Mrs Lesley Korsak, 1 Church Cottages, Stoke Lyne Road, OX27 9AQ for Internal alterations to include removing partitions, replacing staircase and relaying kitchen floor. Construction of fire wall in loft. Remove kitchen ceiling and vault at rafter level. Remove coal shed and kitchen chimney.

14. Correspondence received

The Councillors noted the correspondence received and discussed where necessary.

- a. Sir Tony Baldry - re Broadband (circulated by email)
- b. ORCC – update
- c. OALC – December members update (circulated by email)
- d. Donna Dow – invitation to a leaving dinner for Sir Tony Baldry to the Chairman (declined)
- e. Healthwatch Oxfordshire – update (circulated by email)
- f. CDC – re Parishes Housing Liaison Meeting and Green Homes Insulation Deal (circulated by email)
- g. OCC – re Preparation for winter in Oxfordshire including posters
- h. Clerks and Councils Direct

15. Reports from meetings

No meetings had been attended.

16. Items for information or next Agenda only

- a. The Clerk requested that all items for the agenda should be submitted by Friday 30 January.
- b. **100 Yard Give Way Sign**
The Clerk had reported the damaged sign at the top of Mill Road.
- c. **Councillors Contact List**
The Clerk provided the Councillors with an up-to-date list.
- d. **Litter Pickers**
There had been a request to borrow the litter pickers which had not been re-claimed by CDC, but unfortunately they were lost at the time of the autumn tidy-up day.

17. Date of next meeting – the Councillors **RESOLVED** to confirm that there would be an additional meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 27 January to discuss the items which there had been no time for and that the next full meeting would be on Tuesday 10 February at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Dated