



**MINUTES OF THE STRATTON AUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER AT 7PM
AT THE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE**

Present: Mr N Ferguson, Mr M O'Neill (Chair), Mrs M. Woodward

In attendance: Mr J Hill, Mrs J Olds (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

1. Cllr O'Neill reported that Mrs Lewis had sent her apologies and due to the fact that she has not attended a meeting for six months is now disqualified from being a Parish Councillor and has, therefore, tendered her resignation.

Public Participation

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2011

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

Declaration of Interest

4. There were no declarations of interest

Finance

5. Following the resignation of the previous Clerk there have been no financial transactions. It was **RESOLVED**
 - for NF to return the signed mandate to Barclays;
 - for M O'N to request a new cheque book and duplicate bank statements for the period from 20 April to the present from Barclays.

The Annual Return has not been submitted to BDO. **Clerk to clarify this and find out where it is** as it was signed off at the meeting on 22 June 2011.

- M O'N to contact Dr Dewhurst regarding the whereabouts of further documentation

A number of invoices are overdue for payment and it was **RESOLVED** to approve these invoices and pay them as soon as the new cheque book arrives.

- To Cherwell DC for the emptying of the dog bin £87.17
- To P Fitzgerald for the cutting of grass and hedges £1,450.00
- To Mrs M Woodward for the purchase of flower bulbs £35.99

- To Alfred Truman Solicitors for document storage £54.00

The current balance will be given once the bank statements have been received.

Planning Applications

6. No planning applications have been received

Parish Plan

7. It was decided to leave the Parish Plan as it is for the time being and to review at a later date.

Clerk

8. The position of Parish Clerk was advertised. Mrs Jane Olds applied for, has been offered the position and accepted. The appointment was **PROPOSED** by M O'N and **SECONDED** by MW

Village Facilities and Village Hall Committee Bank Account

9. The bulbs have been bought and will be planted as soon as possible. It was suggested that photographs be taken when they come up to see where the gaps are for future planting.
10. The Bus Shelter needs replacing. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
11. The Village Hall Account has approximately £8,000 in. The Parish Council needs to address the issue in the new year as a new Village Hall is unlikely to be built.

Any Other Business

12. A letter has been received regarding the registration of the Playground land. It was decided not to register this land as it is not land solely owned by the Parish Council.
13. Jon Hill from Pound House attended the meeting with a view to becoming a Parish Councillor. The appointment was **PROPOSED** by MW and **SECONDED** by M O'N.

Dates for Future Meetings

14. The following date has been agreed:
 - 10 January 2012 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.30pm