



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 7th October 2015, in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion, Stratton Audley at 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman) Mr A Flack, Ms C Lloyd, Mr S Hopkins and Ms P Morgan.

Apologies: Cllr C Fulljames (OCC) Cllr B Wood (CDC)

In Attendance: PC Caroline Brown PC Chris Kidd (both TVPA)

Members of the public: three

48. Apologies for absence

None. The Clerk advised that she had received notice of resignation from Cllr Lesley Korsak. There having been no other expression of interest Council unanimously agreed that it was prepared to co-opt Pamela Morgan onto the Parish Council.

The Chairman explained that representatives of Thames Valley Police had been invited to attend the meeting both to meet the current Council and to update Councillors on police activity in the Stratton Audley area. A resident had recently had a dog stolen and there had been suggestions that experiences of crime in the village had risen recently.

In response PC Brown reported that police records indicated the following crimes:-

1. Burglary to a house (with access gained through the cat flap) where items stolen included golf clubs and a Rolex watch.
2. A shed was broken into and tools stolen
3. A mobile phone was stolen from an unlocked vehicle (the perpetrator has been caught and was remanded to prison 7/10/15)
4. An attempted entry to business premises
5. A generator stolen (from the same property as the dog)

PC Brown and her team currently cover 38 villages, and this was their first report of a stolen dog – animal theft is considered uncommon in the Stratton Audley area.

She asked the Parish Council to ask all residents to contact the police if they see anything suspicious, as they will try to investigate these reports and focus their patrols in the area.

When asked about speeding traffic she confirmed that TVPA encouraged communities to set up Community Speedwatch groups, purchasing a speed indicator device and yellow high visibility jackets and liaising with TVPA if a particular speeding problem is highlighted, as this will enable TVPA to target the right area at the right time.

She suggested the Parish Council contacted Lower Heyford, who had mobile speed indicator signs that collected data that could be made available to the police or Cllr Mike Kerford Byrnes (CDC) who had worked on this issue with police.

Finally she advised the Council that it was possible that her team may be reduced as TVPA's budget is likely to be cut. She also reminded the Council of the Police event for parishes on 24th March 2016, but confirmed that police would still try to attend Parish Council meetings on an occasional basis.

49. Declarations of interest

None.

50. Public participation

None.

51. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd September

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd September were an accurate record of the proceedings and Authorised the Chairman to sign the same.

52. Progress on Parish matters

- Path/verge on Bicester Road. The Chairman reported that volunteers, assisted by a contractor, have now cleared back the path to its original width. The Council expressed its grateful thanks to two parish Councillors and a resident – David Lambert- who, with others had cleared the path (in very wet weather).
SSE Resilience Grant application – the application has been submitted – the Clerk hopes to hear shortly whether it has been successful.
Remembrance Service – the Council has bought a wreath; the service will be attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.
No 8 bus Service – ORCC have presented their report to OCC, who will review the proposals for this service in November or early December 2015.

53. Report from District and County Councillors — none were present.

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
500167	M Gore	Gates/Bicester Road path/Grass cutting	£835.22
500168	Mrs A Davies	Clerk salary/expenses	£171.48
500169	HMRC	Clerk's tax	£37.60
500170	Cherwell DC	Dog bins	£288.29
500171	Red Lion PH	Room hire (5 months)	£100.00
500172	OPFA	subscription	£40.00

55. Approval of Parish Policies/Documents

The Council noted that the Clerk had made some changes to the Standing Orders and Financial regulations of the Council and had drafted a Safeguarding Policy for the Council. It was agreed that the Council would adopt these policies with effect from 7th October 2015.

56. Community Led Plan – *To receive an update on plan activities.*

Anthony Flack reported that the Community led Plan group is now analysing its information and responses to questionnaires, and beginning to write up the report to the Parish Council.

- a. The Vintage Tea Party will be held in the Church on 11th October. The committee are hoping for about 60 attendees and there has been a leaflet drop a few days before the event. Profits are to go to the Church Porch Restoration Fund and Sobell House.
- b. The next big event will be the Village Food Festival on 4th June 2016. There will probably be about 25 stall holders, all of whom will be charged for a pitch, and events will take place outside the Red Lion and in the Parish Church. Food in the form of burgers, or a hog roast and live music will also be provided.
- c. The group are aiming to make about £2000 profit from the sale of tombola tickets, a raffle etc. The Chairman reported that he had applied for the road in front of the Red Lion to be closed.

57. Parish Council Web site

The Council is waiting for the web design company to deal with the few remaining outstanding issues, and then the site will “go live”. Once it is live a card promoting the new site will be delivered to all residents.

58. Playground

The Council are waiting to hear from WREN as to whether their grant application has been successful. Grants need to be approved by a committee of directors of WREN which will meet in November.

The Chairman reported that a resident had given the Parish Council a climbing frame (suitable for children of 1/3 years old) which had now been erected in the playground and anecdotally seemed to be being enjoyed by young children. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Gosling thanking her for her kind donation.

59. 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:

a. To consider all recent Applications relating to the Parish:

15/00333/TCA Copper beech 14 Cavendish Place – no objections

15/01421/ADV 4 Directional fascia signs Pea Green Physiotherapy Willow Gate

The Chairman took this item at the beginning of the meeting as members of the public attended to give Councillors their views. There was concern that the signs were “garish”, very visible from a number of entries into the Village and inappropriate in a rural location. Residents commented that there are 5 other companies operating on this small industrial estate, and their location does not appear to hinder their ability to carry on their business, but if the Pea Green signs were permitted they could encourage other businesses to do the same. There was acknowledgement from residents that Pea Green had indicated new patients were having difficulty finding their premises, but residents commented that an improvement to the directions given on the web site, by telephone and particularly ensuring that the appropriate post code for the premises is publicised should reduce this problem.

In discussion Councillors agreed that the signs were unacceptable for the following reasons: - the signs are not suitably sympathetic and therefore are appropriate to a rural location, and in the Stratton Audley Conservation Area. Furthermore the design and number are visually intrusive. They also noted that the signs are already in situ and therefore the application is retrospective. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should lodge an objection to the application for the reasons outlines above as their overriding concern is that this application, if approved, may lead to other businesses wanting to follow suit.

b. To note Notice of Decision –

15/01459/F – Conversion of redundant stables to 3 bed dwelling

15/01470/TPO – to fell a eucalyptus, Gate House Bicester Road Stratton Audley

Both granted

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

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from OCC suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to purchase extra grit bins to ensure that they were prepared for winter conditions. The Chairman reported that the grit bins in the village are still full of salt, and on that basis it was agreed that no additional bins were needed.

Councillors noted that Poundon Road would be closed for 5 days from 12th October 2015.

A notice from OCC regarding Primary School Admissions will be placed on the Noticeboard.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the minutes and agenda of the Viridor Liaison group meeting on 16th October.

61. Recording Meetings

Councillors considered whether, in view of the 2014 new “Transparency regulations” they would wish to record their meetings. It was agreed that this was not necessary at present, but should be reviewed at a future meeting. It was also agreed that, should it appear to the Chairman and Clerk

that there were contentious items on the agenda for a meeting, recording of that specific meeting should be considered.

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

None.

63. Items for information or next Agenda only –

It was agreed that the Council would review its Asset register, Risk Assessment and Budget at its next meeting.

The Council also agreed to consider how it would approach the dissemination of emergency planning advice at its next meeting.

64. Date of next meeting –the next meeting will be 4th November at 7pm in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion.

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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.

Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
Parish Council Meeting			07 October 2015	
Payments processed since last meeting			£1,684.33	
	02-Sep-15	Mike Gore	500161	£540.00
	02-Sep-15	Navitas Design	500162	£288.00
	02-Sep-15	Cancelled	500163	
	02-Sep-15	HMRC	500164	£37.60
	02-Sep-15	A Davies	500165	£161.47
	11-Sep-15	Bank		£30.00
	16-Sep-15	Mike Gore	500166	£627.26
Receipts processed since last meeting			£3,648.00	
	11-Sep-15	Cherwell DC		£3,648.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	02 October 2015
		Savings Account		£19,873.87
		Current account		£1,659.42
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	None			
Net Total			£21,533.29	