



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd September 2015, in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion, Stratton Audley at 7.00pm

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman) Mr A Flack, Mrs L Korsak., Ms C Lloyd and Mr S Hopkins.

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

In Attendance:

Members of the public: None

32. Apologies for absence

None

Presentation by Carol Mackay Emergency Planning Officer for Oxfordshire County Council.

Carol Mackay attended to explain the County Council's Emergency Planning Service and to make Councillors aware of the range of advice available in emergency situations – such as flooding caused by overgrown ditches and hedges, where either Cherwell District Council will carry out work at the landowners expense or, in circumstances where a landowner is elderly or vulnerable a team of OCC volunteers are available to assist. In Cherwell DC the County Council (not the District Council) will issue sandbags which can be stored to provide support for residents in the event of flooding.

Carol also discussed with Councillors the options which could be included in a bid for a grant from SSE's Community Resilience Fund, which needs to be submitted by 25th September. This could include a defibrillator for the Village, items for snow clearing, storage of sandbags, and a separate storage facility for first aid and snow clearing equipment.

The Council agreed that it wished to submit an application to SSE for grant funding from their Community Resilience Fund, and delegated to the Clerk authority to make this application on behalf of the Parish Council once the submission is finalised.

It was further agreed that a Councillor would approach the Church for permission to erect a storage shed on church property.

The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner of land adjoining the village ditch/pond asking for her assistance in keeping them cleared of vegetation, thus reducing the risk of flooding for adjoining properties.

33. Declarations of interest

None.

34. Public participation

None.

35. Minutes of the meeting of 5th August

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 5th August were an accurate record of the proceedings and Authorised the Chairman to sign the same.

36. Progress on Parish matters

- Path/verge on Bicester Road. The Chairman reported that OCC have now indicated that they do not have the funds to carry out any work to this path. The Chairman has questioned this decision and also raised it with the County Councillor – Catherine Fulljames, but as yet has had no further response.

Road Sweeping

The Chairman reported that only three cars were parked on roads in the village when the roads were swept in August. The driver of the road sweeping vehicle had been very helpful and, at his suggestion the Chairman has now asked CDC to send a crew with the road sweeper to ensure that difficult to reach areas are also cleared.

Village Gates

These have now been stripped and repainted. The Parish Council were advised that the job had taken considerably more time than had been initially estimated. The Council agreed to offer a further £150 to cover additional work carried out.

Dog bin bag dispenser

It was reported that this needs some repair.

- Old Village Noticeboard

The Parish Council had believed that there was no need for the old village noticeboard once it had been replaced. However it would appear from investigations by the Clerk that it remains the property of the Council, and members indicated that it is well placed for many residents to catch up on Village activities. While it should not be used to place formal village notices, it was agreed that it could display ancillary village information – such as clubs and social events etc.

37. Report from District and County Councillors — none were present, but the report from Barry Wood (CDC) was circulated.

a) Finance –The Council authorised the following payments:-

Cheque Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
500160	M Gore	Grass cutting/playground	££627.26
500161	HMRC	Clerk's tax	£37.60
500162	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	£161.47

The Clerk explained that there had been some difficulties gaining access to the Parish bank accounts, but she was hoping these would be resolved shortly.

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

Anthony Flack updated the meeting on the activities of the Community led Plan Group.

- a. The Vintage Tea Party will be held in the Church on 11th October. The committee are hoping for about 60 attendees. To remind residents the Parish Council will organise a leaflet drop a few days before the event. Profits are to go to the Church Porch Fund and Sobell House.
- b. The next big event will be the Village Food Festival on 4th June 2016. Organisers are presently looking for more involvement in the organisation of the event from the community.

39. The Community led Plan group is planning to get a report and proposals to the Parish Council by the end of the year.

40. Parish Council Web site

The Chairman displayed the new web site to assembled Councillors, and agreed to circulate a link to all Councillors to facilitate access. It was agreed that the web site should be used to display Parish Council information and village news and highlights. It was therefore agreed that the words "Parish Council" should be removed from the title of the site as it should be a resource available to all organisations in the village.

Councillors were asked to feedback comments etc to the Chairman.

The Council noted that there had been some difficulties in designing a website fit for the Village's needs, and therefore agreed that, if necessary, it would fund additional support to develop the web site further.

41. Playground

Ongoing.

42. 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:
 - 15/01459/F – Conversion of redundant stables to 3 bed dwelling
 - 15/01376/F - demolition of wall, erection of new stone boundary and enlarged car parking area – Willows Gate Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley
 - 15/01470/TPO – to fell a eucalyptus Fate House Bicester Road Stratton Audley
 - All no objections
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- b. To note Notice of Decision –
 - 15/00640/OUT – Green Barn farm – approved subject to conditions

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

The Clerk reported that she had received the Cherwell DC Core Strategy, which was available on request if Councillors wanted to read it.

The Clerk was asked to order a wreath for the remembrance Service on 8th November..

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

The Chairman reported his attendance at a course on “Chairing Meetings” at Didcot on 2nd September.

45. Items for information or next Agenda only –

The Clerk was asked to investigate the availability and cost of mobile speed indicator devices.

\it was agreed that the Council would review its Standing Orders and Financial regulations at the October meeting and its Risk Assessment and budget at the November meeting.

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

46. Date of next meeting –the next meeting will be 7th October at 7pm in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion.

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.

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