



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion, Stratton Audley at 7.00pm**

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

**Apologies:** Mr G Nicholson

**In Attendance:**

**Members of the public:** One

A member of the public attended to discuss the planning application for her property - 4 The Stables Launton Road. An earlier application for a single floor extension at the property was withdrawn, and the proposals were redesigned to be more sympathetic to the building styles of the village. The current proposal there had a steeply pitched roof as recommended to them by a planning consultant specialising in Conservation area issues. However the CDC Conservation officer had expressed concerns that the proposals were of significant harm to the village Conservation area as they would break up the square front of the existing buildings, which were part of the former stable block. The Parish Council considered the application and confirmed that they supported the applicants proposals. The Clerk was authorised to write to Cherwell District Council expressing the Parish Council's support for both the design, and the principle that residents need to be able to make changes to their properties to make them suitable for both the needs of families and modern living.

**64. Apologies for absence**

Cllr G Nicholson

**65. Declarations of interest**

None

**66. Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

**67. Progress on Parish matters**

(a) SSE Resilience Grant/ Emergency Plan

Ongoing as some members of the group are now on holiday. The Council is waiting to hear that the Church has been granted a Faculty to install the defibrillator in the church porch. The Parish Council noted that, at the recent village meeting, residents had voted to donate the funds held to provide a village hall ( in the region of £9300)

to the Parish Church to enable it to install a mezzanine floor in the bell tower, and thus create a storage facility. This would be available for storage of some of the resilience equipment to be purchased from the Resilience grant.

(b) Parish Council web site.

The web site has now been redesigned and is much improved. There is a banner with the latest news scrolling across the front page, and the site is generally looking more lively.

(c) Bicester Road path.

Members believe that the Bicester Road footpath has been resurfaced.

(d) Dog Bin

The dog bin will be installed on the Mill Road side of the path by the pond, and one of the two waste bins there will be relocated. If possible the other dog bin will be moved from its present position closer to a hard surface, probably in Cherry Street.

(e) Untold Theatre

The CLP/Neighbourhood Plan group is on hold at present and the CLP group is concentrating on organising events to bring the village closer together. A modern day performance of The Tempest will take place in the Parish Church at 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. There will soon be a door drop with information about the performance and residents will be invited to purchase their tickets in advance. Organisers are hoping for attendance of about 70 people.

(f) Bicester Road entrance

The Clerk has asked the owner to move the concrete blocks at the entrance closer to the road to prevent vehicles from parking.

(g) Street cleaning

The next "street clean" will take place during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> August. Residents will be asked to move their cars to enable cleaning to take place.

**68. Finance**

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

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
500250	Parish Council websites	Web site improvements	£450.00
500401	M.Gore	Mowing/maintenance	£360.00
500402	Mrs A Davies	Cl salary and expenses	£230.00
500403	HMRC	Cl tax	£37.80

**69. Playground**

The Contractor started on site on 4<sup>th</sup> July and is expecting to have completed the playground by the end of August. A formal opening of the playground is planned on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 4.00pm, and the Clerk was asked to invite a representative from WREN – the grant making organisation – to attend.

The Chairman reported that it had been necessary to take down some of the wall to allow access, and the Parish Council noted that it had always had a desire to make changes to the access to facilitate entry by wheelchairs, prams, pushchairs etc. The Council has obtained consent from OCC to carry out work to change to footpath access to the playground, and Trevor Stewart, the Contractor building the playground had quoted £1195 + Vat to carry out the improvement works which would include bringing the wall forward and widening the ramp access to the playground.

The Parish Council agreed to use funds saved for this project in the Parish Council's accounts to complete this work and authorised the acceptance of the quote from Trevor Stewart for the works.

News of the playground opening event will be included in the door drop to all residents planned for the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> August.

## **70. Community Transport**

Cllr Nicholson has circulated details of the OCC proposals to run their "COMET" bus at non peak times on demand. The Council noted that Langston and Tasker are running a bus service between Bicester and Buckingham via Poundon and Launton, and suggested that they may be able to include a stop in Stratton Audley .

## **71. Planning Applications**

### Single storey rear extension

4 The Stables Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AX Ref. No: 16/01128/F

The Parish Council supported this application.

- T1 x Pollard small Box elder to main unions, to give more sunlight in garden.

Addaya Court 19 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BN

Ref. No: 16/00154/TCA

The Parish Council had no comments or observations to make.

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

The Council noted acknowledgements form Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Sobell House and the Parish Church for the donations from the proceeds of the Festival.

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

None

**74. Items for information or next Agenda –**

Land adjacent to Green Barn farm

The future of the village bus shelters.

**75. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 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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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	05 July 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£3,498.83
	01-Jun-16	Mike Gore	500219	£180.00
	01-Jun-16	S Hopkins	500220	£57.76
	01-Jun-16	Mrs A Davies	500221	£196.68
	01-Jun-16	HMRC	500222	£38.40
	01-Jun-16	Beer Festival Equipment	500223	£96.00
	01-Jun-16	A Greasley	500224	£26.98
	01-Jun-16	NBB Floor Matting	500225	£143.64
	01-Jun-16	St Johns Ambulance	500226	£640.80
	01-Jun-16	The Red Lion	500227	£20.00
	01-Jun-16	Mike Gore	500228	£29.94
	08-Jun-16	potbelly Brewery	500229	£791.10
	+ 2 more			£1,277.53
Receipts processed since previous report				£8,295.54
	08-Jun-16	play equipment		£50.00
	08-Jun-16	festival takings		£6,535.00
	18-Jun-16	festival proceeds		£358.00
	18-Jun-16	festival takings		£1,127.54
	23-Jun-16	stall holder deposit		£25.00
	03-Jul-16	donation		£200.00
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated		04 July 2016
		Savings Account		£20,266.74
		Current account		£8,807.65
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts		donation		£200.00
Payments		potbelly Brewery		£791.10
		Mr J Honsinger		£233.36
		Bletchingdon silver band		£130.00
		Rachel		£212.20
		Sarah Watkins		£37.47
		Lisa		£110.74
			Net Total	<u>£27,759.52</u>