



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 1st February 2017

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr A Flack, Mr S Hopkins, and Mr G Nicholson

Apologies: Ms C Lloyd Cllr B Wood (CDC) Cllr I Corkin (CDC)

In Attendance: None

Members of the public: None

161. Declarations of interest

None.

162. Minutes of the meeting of 4th January 2017

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 7th January 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

163. Progress on Parish matters

(a) Road/path repairs.

Road repairs are still delayed due to broken machinery. The Clerk will continue to chase.

(b) Quarry Entrance

The Clerk will investigate the purchase of a chain and two concrete blocks to block the entrance.

(c) No 18 Bus

The bus service is operating satisfactorily and blockages in Church Street, due to parked cars, has improved now that traffic cones have been put out at critical locations.

(d) Telephone box. BT have now advised us that the box cannot be sold to the community for £1 as the land is owned by a third party. The box will therefore be removed in due course.

164. 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>
500422	Abbey Access	generator	1588.99
500351	Richard Howson	Weed spray/Christmas tree	812.40
500352	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500353	OALC	Social Media course	
	cancelled		
500355	HMRC	CI tax	£38.00
500356	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	£162.95

500357	S Hopkins	printing	£19.50
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165. Community Transport

There has been no further news from Fringford.

166. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

Cllr Hopkins reported that the generator arrived on 16th January 2017 and is now stored in the Church. Work to the electricity supplies for the generator and defibrillator should start on 11th February.

The Parish Council has now received a small number of leaflets from SSE to explain a registration service for residents with priority needs in the case of a power outage. The Parish Council agreed that these should be distributed and, if residents were minded to complete them Councillors would offer assistance.

167. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

Cllr Hopkins has obtained a plan showing the footpaths in the village. He has also recruited a number of volunteers to walk to footpaths and report any problems to him. It was agreed that Councillors would arrange to walk the footpath leading through to the hunt premises (between the Rectory and the Hall), as there had been a number of complaints that horses were churning up the wet surface.

168. Vehicle Activated Sign

Ongoing. The intention to acquire one of these remains an objective once funds have been created.

169. Cars and bins

It was reported that the car parked on the Bicester Road with a damaged wheel had now been removed and bins have been taken more quickly back into the curtilage of properties. It was noted, however, that cars were still occasionally parked on the grass verge.

170. Hospital trust consultation

The Council noted the current consultation into the future plans of the Hospital Trust and agreed that the Clerk should respond by asking the Trust to ensure that there was adequate provision for the residents of Bicester and Banbury in the light of current plans for residential development in those towns.

171. Spring Clean

The Parish Council agreed to arrange a Spring Clean session in the village for Wednesday 22nd March. The Clerk was asked to request more hoops to hold litter bags open.

172. One Oxfordshire Unitary Authority consultation

The Parish Council noted the consultation from Oxfordshire County Council regarding the creation of a single Unitary Authority for Oxfordshire. After discussion the Clerk was asked to respond to the County Council indicating that the Parish Council could not support the proposals, as they felt that a single authority would be remote from its parishes, there would be a democratic deficit in terms of local representation and that while the proposals would probably achieve savings of £20 Million per year, these were a very small proportion of the Oxfordshire Council's annual turnover of approximately £1 Billion.

173. CLP update

The CLP Group has now met and agreed its fundraising efforts (or charity and village projects) for 2017 as:
Open Gardens/Scarecrow/Secret Stratton, 13/14 May

Village Funday June
Ferret Racing September
Themed cream tea event at the Church

174. Church activities

The Church have been asked to confirm the outstanding costs of the work to create a mezzanine floor in the belltower.

The Clerk was asked to make contact with representatives of the Church to arrange the next Church/Parish council meeting.

175. Planning

Applications

- T1, T2 x Black Pine - Fell Heavy lean towards the house, Excessive shading and Dropping debris.

1 Church Cottages Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AQ

Ref. No: 17/00035/TCA

The Parish Council agreed that they would rely on the CDC Arboriculturalist's recommendations

Two storey side and single storey rear extensions

Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AA

Ref. No: 16/02629/F


The Parish Council had no objections, although observed that the proposed side elevation could be prominent from the street.

Re-building of existing dwelling (Resubmission of 16/01715/F)

Plot 1 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/02630/F | Received: Thu 29 Dec 2016 | Validated: Thu 29 Dec 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

The parish Council resolved to object to this application on the basis that the proposed development will break up the continuity of the wall fronting Bicester Road, which is a major gateway into the village. It will also change the character of the area by having frontages to the dwellings opening onto the street. The Council believes that the proposal will have considerable visual impact on the village conservation area and will affect the setting of the Red Lion Public house. Furthermore the Council believes that the existing property has been used as a garage for decades rather than a dwelling house.

- Re-building of existing dwelling (Resubmission of 16/01716/F) 

Plot 2 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/02631/F | Received: Thu 29 Dec 2016 | Validated: Tue 17 Jan 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

The Parish Council resolved to object to this application on the basis that the proposed development will break up the continuity of the wall fronting Bicester Road, which is a major gateway into the village. It will also change the character of the area by having frontages to the dwellings opening onto the street. The Council believes that the proposal will have considerable visual impact on the village conservation area and will affect the setting of the Red Lion Public house. Furthermore the Council believes that the existing property was formerly a garage rather than a dwelling house.

- Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and insertion of window to front elevation

13 Cherry Street Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AA

Ref. No: 16/02488/F

The Parish Council had no objections

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to make enquiries into the apparent removal of a large tree in The Park avenue and also one by Huntsman's Cottage.

176. Correspondence received - to note any correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required.

The Parish Council noted correspondence indicating that it could not adopt its BT telephone box as it was on land not in the ownership of BT and therefore should not have been made available for adoption.

Community First had requested a report on the monies given towards the setting up of the original CLP programme in the village and also whether we needed assistance with the development of a neighbourhood plan. The clerk would respond in writing.

177. Reports from meetings - to receive any reports; for information.

None.

178. Items for information or next Agenda –

Dates of Annual open meeting of the Parish/meetings in May.

179. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st March 2017 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	01 February 2017
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,809.94
04-Jan-17		HMRC	500439	£38.00
04-Jan-17		Mrs A Davies	500440	£162.95
04-Jan-17		The Red Lion	500441	£20.00
10-Jan-17		Abbey Access	500442	£1,588.99
Receipts processed since previous report				£3,577.21
20-Jan-17		HMRC		£3,577.21
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 January 2017
		Savings Account		£15,666.48
		Current account		£262.61
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	None			
			Net Total	<u>£15,929.09</u>