



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr A Flack, Ms C Lloyd, and Mr G Nicholson

Apologies: Mr S Hopkins

In Attendance: None

Members of the public: None

142. Declarations of interest

None.

143. Minutes of the meeting of 7th December 2016

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 7th December 2016 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

144. Progress on Parish matters

(a) Road/path repairs.

The pothole at the top of the Bicester Road and the overgrown hedge have both been reported to OCC. OCC had indicated that there would be some maintenance carried out beyond Mill House crossroads, but apparently the "dragon patcher" machine had broken and repairs would therefore be delayed. The Clerk was asked to enquire about the current position.

(b) Quarry Entrance

Ongoing.

(c) No 18 Bus

The Parish Council had received a complaint that the No 18 bus had not been able to pass along Church Street due to vehicles being parked on both sides of the road. The problem has been discussed with both the Red Lion and the singing group in the Church, who will monitor the situation, and OCC have supplied the Parish Council with some "No parking" bollards, which are now displayed at crucial points. At present this appears to be working. Langston and Tasker have been asked to contact the Parish Council should the problem recur.

Councillors were asked to remind all residents of the current bus service through the village.

(d) Telephone box.

The Clerk has advised CDC that, ideally the Village would like to retain the telephone box. This may not be possible as the initial consultation had closed before the Parish Council's response was available, but CDC have noted the response and will raise the issue at the next stage of the consultation.

(e) Vandalism in Church Street.

A couple of incidents of vandalism to cars were reported over the Christmas period. Thames Valley Police are aware, and, as yet, the Parish Council have not seen any information suggesting this is a major problem in the Village.

f) The Council discussed and agreed the idea that residents should be encouraged to sign up for email alerts through the web site and by including such information in future door drops. This would mean that they could be made aware of matters of interest in the Village.

145. 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> |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 500439 | HMRC | CI tax | £38.00 |
| 500440 | Mrs A Davies | CI salary and expenses | £162.95 |
| 500441 | The Red Lion | Room hire | £20.00 |

The Clerk circulated copies of the Council's budget together with information about the precept, and the effect any increase would have on a Band "d" property. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to raise its precept from £8858 in 2016/17 to £10,000 for the year 2017/18 – an annual rise of £5.69p per Band D property.

146. Community Transport

There has been no further news from Fringford.

147. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had recently heard from Carol Mackay – Emergency Planning officer for Oxfordshire, that, although SSE do not expect power outages to last longer than a few hours, the assumptions for the County Emergency Plan are that power outages could extend up to 10 days. On this basis the County Council's advice is that communities should have access to emergency water and food supplies.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a generator with manual transfer plug, as recommended by Cllr Hopkins and to undertake this with immediate effect.

The Clerk reported that she was hopeful that the electrical work to install the defibrillator in the Church porch would take place in January 2017 (now confirmed).

148. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

Ongoing.

149. Website photos of Councillors.

After discussion Councillors felt that residents in Stratton Audley were aware who they are and how they should be contacted, and photographs would not therefore be necessary.

150. VAS

The Council agreed to create a fund to provide a Vehicle Activated Speed sign for use in the Village. This sign would be portable and would be moved around as necessary. One resident has already committed to giving a very generous donation of £500.

151. CLP update

The CLP Group met on 14th December and proposed the following programme of events for the ensuing year:-

Scarecrow competition/Open Gardens and Hidden Stratton – 14th May 2017

Village Funday (with events and a few stalls) - 11th June 2017

An Ferret racing evening event in September 2017

There are also plans to hold a Beer Music and Food festival again on 2nd June 2018. The Parish Council agreed to lend the Parish Council's marquee to the Church for use at their Shelswell Parishes History festival (early July 2017).

152. Planning

Applications

- Conversion of a redundant squash court building in the grounds of Stratton Audley Hall to a 3 bedroom Dwelling

The Squash Court Stratton Audley Hall Bicester Road Stratton Audley

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No objections, but the Parish Council would like confirmation that the recommendations from the bat survey would be complied with.

Decisions

21 Cavendish Place – extension – approved

The Mallories – application to fell 1 leylandi – approved.

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

None.

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

None.

155. Items for information or next Agenda –

Items for the next Agenda

Discussion as to whether to ask residents to bring bins back into their properties once they have been emptied, and .

Parking issues in parts of the village – particularly entry roads blocked by vehicles parked on both sides, and/ or verges damaged by parked vehicles

156. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st February 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 | 04 January 2017 |
| Payments processed since last meeting | | | | £21,640.91 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | HMRC | 500433 | £38.00 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | Mrs A Davies | 500434 | £212.95 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | trevor Stewart play | 500435 | £19,290.96 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | trevor Stewart play | 500436 | £1,884.00 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | M Gore | 500437 | £180.00 |
| 07-Dec-16 | | ICO | 500438 | £35.00 |
| Receipts processed since previous report | | | | £0.00 |
| Bank Reconciliation | | | Statement dated | 02 January 2017 |
| | | | Savings Account | £12,089.27 |
| | | | Current account | £23,247.51 |
| Items not yet cleared: | | | | |
| Receipts | None | | | |
| Payments | | trevor Stewart play | | £19,290.96 |
| | | trevor Stewart play | | £1,884.00 |
| | | | Net Total | <u>£14,161.82</u> |