



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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, Mr G Nicholson and Mr S Hopkins

**Apologies:** Cllr I Corkin (CDC)

**In Attendance:**

**Members of the public:** None

- **Declarations of interest**

None.

- **Minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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

- **Progress on Parish matters**

- (a) **Playground/Playground Access**

The new pedestrian access to the playground has now been completed, and all outstanding issues relating to the playground (apart from the self-closing mechanism on the gate) have been completed. The Contractor's invoice is awaited. The Chairman reported that he has been discussing the mechanism for grant applications etc with a neighbouring parish as they are also looking to rebuild their playground.

- (b) **Road/path repairs.**

The Clerk was asked to report the hole at the junction of the Old Bicester Road and the A421 Buckingham Road to OCC highways.

- (c) **Quarry Entrance**

The Clerk confirmed that she is now in contact with the planning agent, who will be inspecting the property.

Cycle path.

d) OCC cycle planners have confirmed that they are costing up the Parish Council's request for a cycle way from Cherwell House to the A421 roundabout.

## 90. 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>
500423	The Red Lion	Room hire	£20.00
500424	Mike Gore	Grass/playground	£180.00
500425	RBL	wreathe	£100.00
500426	HMRC	Cl tax	£37.80
500427	Mrs A Davies	Cl salary and expenses	£174.20
500428	CDC	Dog bins	£288.29
500429	S Hopkins	printing	95.15
500430	J Honsinger	boxes	£13.50

The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution to the Royal British legion of £100 for the wreathe, in accordance with its recent practice.

The Parish Council also noted that, once payments out of the resilience grant and for the playground had been completed, the Council would hold about £6,800 in its reserves.

## Community Transport

Cllr Nicholson confirmed that he had used the No 18 bus through the Village , which stops once a day at the bus stop on the Old Bicester Road.

He also reported that he had attended a meeting at Fringford, where the parish council is looking at making an application for a grant to assist in the purchase of a community bus. Running the Community bus will require a permit under either section 19 or section 22 of the Transport Act 1985 ( when a s 22 permit would permit the bus to operate as a local bus service and possibly enable residents to use bus passes for their fares. The parish Council noted that, thanks to Mr Nicholson's efforts, there was now a regular service running through the village, and were not sure whether there were any community groups in the Village who would make use of a Community bus. However, the Clerk was authorised to write to the Chairman of Fringford Parish Council to confirm that the Parish Council support the proposal for a community bus in principle, but would expect to consider the matter further once the running costs and other obligations had been clarified.

## 104. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

The Parish Council noted Cllr Hopkins advice about a generator that would be suitable for the village' needs (from Generators Direct) and the Chairman endorsed Mr Hopkins recommendation. It was therefore agreed to purchase the same, subject to the outcome of discussions between representatives of the Parish Council and the Parish church taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The expected cost will be £1170 for the generator, plus costs for an appropriate extension cable, a manual switch box and installation by a qualified electrician.

The Village Emergency Plan has now been printed and was presented to the meeting. It will shortly be distributed to all residents. Cllr Hopkins also reported that the siting of the defibrillator in the Church porch had now been approved, subject to it being installed by a suitably qualified person. He was instructed to obtain a suitable quote and timing plan to take effect as soon as possible.

**105. General Council Storage**

The agreement with the owner has been completed and most Parish Council equipment moved in. Where necessary storage is in the plastic storage boxes purchased by the Chairman for this purpose.

**106. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways**

Cllr Hopkins circulated maps of the footpaths around the village of Stratton Audley. It was agreed that, when available, Councillors would try to walk the footpaths with him, looking out for problems such as broken styles, missing bridges over streams or missing way-markers. Cllr Hopkins agreed to contact OCC for details of outstanding issues relating to footpaths in the Parish.

**107. CLP update**

Cllr Flack reported that the next CLP meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December. It was also reported that a children's Halloween party had been held in the Red Lion on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**108 Planning**

**Applications**

It was reported that the following applications have been withdrawn:

- Single Dwelling, including Taking Down of Redundant Garage/Carport and Sheds

Plot 2 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/01716/F

Single Dwelling, including Taking Down of Redundant Garage/Carport and Sheds

Plot 1 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/01715/F

The Council noted that an appeal had been lodged against CDC's refusal of planning permission at 4 The Stables Launton Road.

**Decisions**

None.

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

The Clerk reminded councillors that the annual Liaison meeting with CDC would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> November at Bodicote House. Cllrs Honsinger and Flack agreed to attend.

The Council noted an informal consultation from OCC under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert part of footpath 5. The Council raised no objection.

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

None

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

The Clerk reported that she had heard that the Highways Agency is looking at options for a new road route between Oxford and Cambridge. One option could mean that there is a road interchange at Merton or Otmoor.

The Chairman advised that he had agreed the date for the next village sweep by CDC and this had been confirmed for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**112. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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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