



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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:**

**In Attendance:** Cllr C Fulljames (OCC) Cllr I Corkin (CDC) and Rhodri Jones CDC Arboriculturalist

**Members of the public:** None

Rhodri Jones explained the statutory basis for tree controls in the UK

1. In a conservation area every tree (with a trunk diameter of over 7.5cm) is protected.
2. Trees outside a conservation area can be protected under a Tree preservation Order if they are believed to be intrinsically valuable and perceived to be under threat
3. Planning conditions which can control specific trees and their maintenance.

He advised that the District Council Arboriculture officers would be happy to advise on any tree concerns within a parish, and he also advised that residents who wished to carry out work on their trees could check with his team first.

**127. Declarations of interest**

None.

**128. Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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.

**129. Councillors' reports**

Councillor Catherine Fulljames agreed to obtain an update on proposals for the restoration of Elm Farm quarry from OCC officers. The Chairman updated her on the discussions with cycling officers about a possible cycleway along the A 4421 towards Bicester from the Stratton Audley Turn. She confirmed the 3 possible options for the new route of the Oxford – Cambridge expressway –

1. Near the route of the present A 4421 to Buckingham
2. Following the same route as the train line
3. With a new road from Chilton on the A34 to Thame and then on to Aylesbury ( who have expressed interest in having the proposed route adjacent to the town).

Cllr Corkin advised the Parish Council that CDC is in the process of finalising its 2032 Local Plan, and substantial growth is expected for Bicester. He suggested that the Parish Council make contact with CDC officers who have specific responsibility for the town. He explained that the current proposals in CDC's plan are subject to Oxford city's "unmet housing need", which means that the District Councils around Oxford will have to take additional housing, and, so far as CDC is concerned, an extra 4400 houses is likely to be their share, with all of them located as close to Oxford as possible.

When asked for comments on proposals by the Boundary Commission to put all the villages around Bicester in the Henley and Thame parliamentary Constituency, and put Bicester in the Banbury Constituency both

Councillors explained that the only concern was equality of voters ( around an average of 75,000, and the constituency would need to be reviewed in a few years ' time when both Banbury and Bicester have expanded significantly.

When asked about the necessity of Parishes preparing their own Neighbourhood plan, Cllr Corkin advised the Council that CDC have appointed an officer to provide advice and support for parishes , and it was agreed that the Clerk would make contact.

Councillors noted concerns that the Park and Ride on the edge of Bicester now seemed to be completely full with visitors to the Bicester Village shopping centre.

Cllr Corkin advised the Council that CDC has recently had its proposals to run a District Lottery , which will raise money for local charities and other good causes. CDC are also looking at the proposals for the Horton Hospital by the Oxford NHS Trust under its "Sustainability and Transformation review". They have finance to appoint an expert to consider the plans in detail, and expect to challenge the current proposals. Of particular concern is the difficulty in accessing the John Radcliffe Hospital if all services are moved there from Banbury. Cllr Corkin reported that he had been appointed to CDC's Planning Committee, and the Chief Executive of CDC will be retiring in March 2017.

### 130. Progress on Parish matters

(a) Playground Access

After discussion the Council agreed to monitor the new railing put in along the access, to decide whether they needed to be painted, or other options available for their maintenance.

(b) Road/path repairs.

Potholes have been reported to OCC. It was reported that the overgrown hedge along the Bicester Road was blocking light from the road surface leading to the failure of frost on the road to thaw during the day. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue with OCC.

(c) Quarry Entrance

Ongoing.

d) Cycle path.

OCC have costed a cycleway at over £200,000. The Parish Council agreed that this was not a feasible cost for them to progress, but, in view of the recently announced proposals for the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway, they would bear in mind the desire to have a cycle path, should the opportunity to ask for one arise.

e) Meeting with the Church

Notes of the meeting have been circulated to all Councillors. The Parish Council felt that the meeting was a success, and were delighted that storage for the generator was now available.

### 131. 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>
500431	A Resident	Halloween party expenses	£41.10
500432	The Red Lion	Room hire	£20.00
500433	HMRC	CI tax	£38.00
500434	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	£212.95
500435	Trevor Stewart	Playground (balance)	£19290.96
500436	Trevor Stewart	Playground access	£1884.00
500437	Mike Gore	Grass/playground	£180.00
500438	Information Commissioner	registration	£35.00

The Clerk circulated copies of the Council's budget and asked Councillors to consider expenditure as the precept will need to be set at the next parish Council meeting.

**132. Community Transport**

There has been no further news from Fringford.

Cllr Nicholson reported that there had been a request for the bus through the village to make an unscheduled stop in the Village, but enquiries suggested that, for legal an insurance reasons, the bus operator was not able to agree to any proposal for the bus stop anywhere other than at an authorised bus stop.

The Parish Council noted that a number of residents are using the bus, and hope that this will continue.

**133. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant**

The Parish Council noted that a quote had been received to install the defibrillator in the Church porch and to make changes to the electricity supply in the Church to facilitate the provision of a generator. The Council agreed to proceed to purchase the generator, after having taken advice from an electrician.

Following concerns expressed that power cuts over the winter could extend longer than a few hours, Cllr Hopkins explained that he had spoken to SSE , who have confirmed that they would not expect cuts to be longer than one or two hours as changes made to the supply system permits electricity to be supplied from another area if necessary.

So far as the Emergency plan , SSE have indicated that they have a register of priority residents, who would be supplied with a personal generator in the event of a power cut.

Residents who fulfil their requirements ( including families with children under 12 months) can be placed on that register and then received support directly from SSE. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make information about this procedure available to residents so that they were aware of the benefits available to them if they were on the SSE Register.

**134. Christmas Tree**

The Christmas tree has now been erected and will shortly be decorated. (The Parish Council's thanks go to Mr Adams for putting up the tree and Mr Papenfus for once again supplying electricity)

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

Cllr Hopkins confirmed that he now had details of outstanding issues relating to the footpaths around the village, and he would arrange to walk them ( with other Councillors if available).

**136. CLP update**

It was reported that the Village had held a very successful Halloween party for the children, but that, owing the a lack of numbers, the Children's Christmas party had been cancelled.

**137. Planning**

**Applications**

- Demolish livery stables, including 1-bedroom flat. Erect 3-bedroom dwelling

Stratton Fields Livery Stables Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS

16/02389/F

The Parish Council has not been consulted on this application. IT understands that this is because it is in Launton parish.

- 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

16/02277/F

To be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- T1 x Leylandii - Fell

Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AA

16/00323/TCA

The Parish Council had no objection to the application, but asked whether pruning would maintain the tree which is in a prominent position at the entrance to the Village.

### **Decisions**

4 The Stables Launton Road. – Appeal allowed

Green Barn farm – Appeal allowed.

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

The Parish Council noted that a consultation about its telephone box had been circulated. After discussion the Council agreed that it would look to adopt the box..

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

Cllrs Honsinger and Flack had attended the Annual parish Liaison meeting at CDC Banbury.

- 140. Items for information or next Agenda –**

Items for the next Agenda

To agree the precept.

To consider purchasing some Vehicle activated signs for the village

To consider whether to out more details of Parish Councillors on the Noticeboard and the Website.

- 141. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 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	07 December 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£908.94
02-Nov-16		The Red Lion	500423	£20.00
02-Nov-16		Mike Gore	500424	£180.00
02-Nov-16		Royal British Legion	500425	£100.00
02-Nov-16		HMRC	500426	£37.80
02-Nov-16		Mrs A Davies	500427	£174.20
02-Nov-16		CDC	500428	£288.29
02-Nov-16		S Hopkins	500429	£95.15
02-Nov-16		J Honsinger	500430	£13.50
Receipts processed since previous report				£18,787.08
23-Nov-16		HMRC		£2,385.28
29-Nov-16		WREN		£16,401.80
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	04 December 2016
			Savings Account	£19,089.27
			Current account	£16,774.56
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	None			
			Net Total	<u>£35,863.83</u>