



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 1st June 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:** None

**38. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Nicholson

**39. Declarations of interest**

None

**40. Minutes of the meeting of 4th May 2016**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 4th May 2016 were an accurate record of the proceedings subject to the amendment of typographical errors.

**41. Progress on Parish matters**

- (a) SSE Resilience Grant update– The Defibrillator has arrived , the Parish Council has also purchased safety matting and first aid kits . The village Emergency Plan will be completed shortly and circulated around the village.
- (b) Parish Council web site.  
The Chairman will make contact with the web site support company once the Food Music and Beer Festival is over.
- (c) Bicester Road entrance  
The Clerk will contact a resident in the Village for ownership details. There is now a “security camera” sign in the entrance which appears to be having the effect, at present, of deterring fly tippers.

**42. Report from District and County Councillors**

None were present.

**43. Finance**

The Parish Council approved the accounts for 2015/16 and authorised the Clerk and Chairman to sign the audit return accordingly.

The Parish Council agreed to appoint Clive Moreton as Internal Auditor for the Parish Council for the year 2016/17.

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>
500219	Mike Gore	Mowing/playground	£180.00
500220	S Hopkins	Training expenses	£57.76
500221	Mrs A Davies	Clerk Salary and expenses	£196.68
500222	HMRC	Clerk tax	£38.40
500223	Beer Festival Equipment	equipment	£96.00
500224	Resident	Painting expenses	£26.98
500225	NBB Floor Matting	Safety mats (resilience)	£143.67
500226	St Johns Ambulance Supplies	First aid kits	£640.80
500227	The Red Lion	Room Hire	£20.00
500228	Mike Gore	Festival equipment	£29.94

**44. Community Led Plan /Neighbourhood Plan** *To receive an update on plan activities*

The Food, Music and Beer Festival will take place within a few days of the meeting. There are at present 29 stalls attending. Six residents of Stratton Audley, who are either are 90 or are approaching 90 years old will be invited to attend the event and will be presented with commemorative mugs at 2.00pm when the cake is cut. There will be a raffle, with tickets being sold in advance and on the day, a tombola (with a large number of prizes); any major prizes will be auctioned at about 2.30pm, during a gap in the afternoon entertainment. Late Friday afternoon the Chairman and volunteers will mark out the sites of the stalls in Church Street, with stalls allocated on a “first come first served” basis , with the location depending on whether or not the stallholder requires access to an electricity supply.

The Village Marquee will be erected opposite the Red Lion , and will be the location for the visiting dignitaries including the Mayor of Bicester and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire. The bands providing the musical entertainment will be on stage opposite the pub, and in the grounds of the manor there will be ice cream, a bouncy castle and slide, face painting , with the tombola on the corner of the entrance. There will be teas in the church and a display of Ford Vehicles.

Preparations for the day will begin at about 7.00am with a briefing for volunteers and car park attendants . There will be strategically placed gazebos and umbrellas to provide shelter from inclement weather.

the Council would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the contributions from its major sponsors – Thomas Merrifield , Finderkeepers, Bicester Village, Bicester Heritage and Bicester Ford.

**45. Neighbourhood Plan**

This will be considered at another meeting.

**46. Playground**

The Contractor has advised the Clerk that he is finalising arrangements with a digger driver and he will confirm a start date very shortly.

**47. Community Transport**

Cllr Nicholson reported that he had attended a meeting in Finmere where attendees had agreed to write to their MP about the decision to remove subsidies from bus services. He had recently heard that Heyfordian run a bus (number 81) though Hethe and Fringford on Fridays . He had spoken to the bus operator, who had been under the impression that the No 8 through Stratton Audley would continue to run. It is too late for the bus operator to change his schedules for summer routes, as they have been submitted to the Traffic Information Controllers, but as the No 8 is now stopping at the end of the school summer term the operator may reconsider in the Autumn.

**48. Dog Waste Bin**

The Parish Council agreed to purchase another dog waste bin for the area by the pond, and to relocate the existing dog waste bin in that area to make it more accessible.

**49. Marquee Hire**

The Parish Council agreed to consider this at its October meeting.

**50. Parish Council objectives**

The Parish Council agreed to consider setting the following objectives for 2016/7:-

- (a) Investigate additional cyclepath/footpath opportunities, together with increased availability of other leisure facilities for residents
- (b) Complete its Resilience programme.
- (c) Investigate the need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan

**51. Bicester Road Path**

This path was surfaced only a few months ago and weeds are growing through the tarmac. The problem has been reported to OCC, who have agreed to ask their contractor to look at the problems and, following this, will report back to the Parish Council.

**52. Untold Theatre**

The Parish Council considered the approach from Untold Theatre to perform a version of The Tempest in the Village. A tentative approach has been made to the Church, who had indicated that they were in favour. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this initiative, with a view to the play being performed in the Church on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**53. Items from the Village Meeting**

The Parish Council noted that the Village Hall Fund, which is an independent trust operated separately from the Parish Council by two trustees, had presented a written report to the Village Meeting (A copy of which is attached to these minutes) , proposing a meeting to discuss the allocation of the fund to be held in the Red Lion on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am . The Parish Council, while reminding residents that this fund is not a Parish Council matter, would urge all residents either to attend the meeting, or if this is not possible, to email the trustees of the Fund with their suggestions for its expenditure.

#### **54. Planning Applications**

None received but the Council had been made aware of an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use in respect of residential occupation at Stratton Fields Livery Stables Launton Road Stratton Audley which had been occupied as a residential unit for a period in excess of four years. The Clerk explained that, in her experience, the determination of this type of application is a matter of evidence and law, and it is unlikely that the Parish Council would be asked to comment on the application, other than to check the accuracy of the evidence supplied. (Cllr Lloyd declared a personal interest)

To note Notices of Decisions :

T1, T2 x Poplar - Fell

Greystones Mill Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BJ Ref. No: 16/00100/TCA

Conversion of existing stone and tile double-glazed double garage into single bedroom residential annex.

Stone Cottage Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS Ref. No: 16/00340/F

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

None.

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

None

#### **57. Items for information or next Agenda –**

Strategic Objectives

#### **58. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th July 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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