



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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

**87. Declarations of interest**

The Chairman declared a personal interest in the planning applications relating to the Mallories, as his house overlooks the site.

**88. Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 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.

The meeting commenced with a brief discussion about the role of the Parish Council when dealing with residents' complaints regarding action, or lack of action from other authorities – particularly the County and District Councils. It was agreed that residents should usually be signposted to the Parish Council's web site, where there were facilities for reporting problems to the correct authority.

**89. Progress on Parish matters**

(a) Playground/Playground Access

The opening of the new playground was reported recently in the Bicester Advertiser. The contractor has dealt with some of the minor snagging issues identified in the safety report, and has sent the Chairman a certificate confirming that the safety surface complies with requisite British safety standards.

The new access still requires an additional railing to ensure that it is safe to use in inclement weather. The Chairman has received a quote of £375 +VAT for the work from the playground contractor, and another quote is awaited. The Chairman agreed to clarify the height of the proposed new fence, and subject to suitable clarification,

the Parish Council agreed to authorise work on the new access to take place prior to the next meeting, at the lower of the two quotes obtained.

CLlr Nicholson advised the meeting that a number of residents had indicated to him that, contrary to the report in the paper, there had been some additions to the equipment in the playground after 2000.

The Clerk was asked to send the compliance certificate to the Playground Inspector for his information, and was asked to make arrangements for a new company to carry out playground inspections in the future.

(b) Parish Council web site.

The Chairman has approached OALC to ascertain whether there can be some financial support for the Parish Council, particularly for the ongoing maintenance of the web site, under the Transparency regulations, which require information about meetings etc to be made available.

(c) Road/path repairs.

The Clerk was asked to raise with the Cherwell Area Steward what remedial work had been carried out on the Bicester Road path, and Mill Road. It was, however, reported that potholes had recently been repaired.

(d) Quarry Entrance

The Clerk was asked to chase work on this, as litter is being left after vehicles have parked there.

(e) CLP/the Tempest

The CLP group is concentrating on organising events to bring the village closer together. There were 66 people in the audience for the performance of The Tempest in the Parish Church 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. It was considered to have been a success and the Theatre Company have been asked to keep the Parish Council informed about future productions/touring dates. There were total proceeds of £660 which enabled donations to be made to the Theatre company and the Church. There may be a Halloween Party on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October at the Red Lion, and a Christmas Party in the church on 17<sup>th</sup> December. On a date in May/June 2017 the Village will hold a Funday (replacing the Village Picnic), and there will be a Scarecrow and Open Garden event in early July, and ferret racing in the Autumn , subject to there being a suitable location. And possibly a Boules tournament. There are tentative plans for a second Food Music and Beer festival in 2018.

Proceeds from these events will go towards improving footpaths, creating a new cycle way and possibly purchasing some speed cameras for the village.

(f) Cyclepath.

The Chairman has been in contact with Cycle planners at OCC with regard to grants, and the Clerk will chase this in an attempt to ascertain whether a proposed cycle track is a viable option.

(g) Bus stop on the Stoke Lyne Road.

This is now in regular use by children waiting for school buses, so will remain as bus stop facility.

## 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>
500412	The Red Lion	Room hire	£20.00
500413	Mike Gore	grass	£360.00
500414	BDO	Audit	£192.00
500415	Trevor Stewart Playgrounds	playground	£11517.84
500416	A Flack	Refreshments The Tempest	£86.86
500417	Untold Theatre	performance	£376.00
500418	Stratton Audley PCC	donation	£207.14
500419	HMRC	CI tax	£38.00
500420	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses vies	£174.20
500421	S Hopkins	concrete	£8.74
500422	W Wigley	Barn agreement	£150.00

The Council agreed the Declaration continuing the Cooperative Bank as the Council's bankers, and confirming the mandate for all Councillors to sign cheques.

## 91. Community Transport

The Council noted that Cllr Nicholson's efforts to obtain a bus service for the village had been very successful, with Langston and Tasker now agreeing to run one bus a day through Stratton Audley to and from Bicester from 31 October. A leaflet with details will be circulated to all residents on the basis that, if the service is not used it will be lost. There is a meeting in Fringford to discuss community bus options on Monday 10th October, at which the Parish Council will be represented.

## 92. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

The Parish Council noted the email from a resident regarding the storage of resilience equipment which had said that Item 67 " ( Progress on Parish matters ) and in particular the last sentence of item ( a )" wrongly stated that the storage space to be created under the mezzanine floor in the bell tower ( of the church ) , when built, " would be available for storage of some of the resilience equipment to be purchased from the Resilience grant." It pointed out that this aspect "was never discussed at the village hall meeting and it queried where this information had come from as no-one from the PC was present at that meeting," and, having consulted with the church warden the writer had been advised that what had been agreed was that "only the resilience generator could be stored in the church." The Parish Council noted that it did indeed hope that some of the emergency community equipment could be kept in the church as well as the generator and that, in the event of a village emergency, it had been agreed with all parties that the church would provide shelter for residents in need. Councillors unanimously confirmed

the logic of storing a small number of blankets/vacuum flasks for this purpose in the church, but agreed that detailed discussions would need to take place with representatives of the Church, and the issue would be added to the agenda for the next meeting between the Church and the Parish Council.

Cllr Hopkins circulated the draft Emergency Plan, which was agreed and will now be printed and circulated to all residents. So far as the Defibrillator is concerned the application for a Faculty is out for public consultation, and once that period is passed the Faculty should be issued and the defibrillator installed. It will need a very small electricity supply.

The Parish Council authorised Cllr Hopkins to carry out research into suitable generators, with a view to purchasing a generator in the near future.

### **93. General Council Storage**

The Chairman reported that he had been in correspondence with the owner of a barn storage facility on the Stoke Lyne road, and he circulated pictures showing the storage available. This is available for the Parish Council to rent for the sum of £150 per annum. Having measured the space, there would be enough room to store the Parish Council's marquee, together with supplied used for various village events – including the Halloween party and the Christmas party. It would also be available to store much additional resilience equipment ( cable safety mats, high visibility jackets etc). The Parish Council agreed that they should enter into an agreement to use the barn, to be determined on one month's notice from either party.

To ensure that the Parish Council owned equipment was stored safely and not be subject to deterioration, the Council also agreed to the purchase of a number large plastic storage boxes at a total cost of no more than £100.00

### **94. Planning**

#### **Applications**

- T1 x Horse Chestnut - Fell

Fox House Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT

Ref. No: 16/00262/TCA

No comments

- 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, having considered both of the applications, agreed that they should object to the proposals on the basis that the development is situated at an important gateway into the village, and the current proposals would be both visually intrusive and would do nothing to enhance the special nature of the conservation area.

Two and Single Storey Rear Extension

Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AA

Ref. No: 16/01711/F

No objection

Single storey side extension, front porch and side boundary wall

Coppins 21 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BN

Ref. No: 16/01619/F

No objection, but an observation that the Council would wish to see the development to be sympathetic to the existing wall.

**Decisions**

- Permanent use of land as Rally school including use of land for quad bikes, buggies and jeeps

Pool Farm Mill Lane Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AJ

Ref. No: 15/02314/F |

Approved.

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

The Clerk reported on correspondence regarding the proposals from both OCC and Cdc to become Unitary authorities, and also on the current proposals regarding changes to the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies – which would mean that Stratton Audley would be in the Henley Constituency.

The Clerk, having circulated proposals from DCLG regarding a possible cap on parish Council precepts, was authorised to submit to DCLG the Council's comments on the proposals.

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

None

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

The Clerk reported correspondence with CDC that may mean that the number of parish Councillors for Stratton Audley was increased from 5 to 6 or 7.

**98. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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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<b>Stratton Audley Parish Council</b>				<b>Monthly Financial Report</b>	
			Parish Council Meeting		05 October 2016
Payments processed since last meeting				£645.60	
	07-Sep-16	Mrs A Davies	500406	£162.15	
	07-Sep-16	HMRC	500407	£38.00	
	07-Sep-16	M Gore	500408	£122.50	
	07-Sep-16	M Gore	500409	£210.00	
	07-Sep-16	J Honsinger	500410	£92.95	
	07-Sep-16	The Red Lion	500411	£20.00	
Receipts processed since previous report				£14,687.20	
	30-Sep-16	proceeds		£320.00	
	30-Sep-16	WREN		£9,598.20	
	03-Oct-16	proceeds		£340.00	
	16-Sep-16	CDC		£4,429.00	
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated		04 October 2016
			Savings Account	£20,695.74	
			Current account	£10,842.48	
Items not yet cleared:					
Receipts	None				
Payments	Bletchingdon silver band			£130.00	
	John Hicks Associates			£300.00	
				Net Total	<u>£31,108.22</u>