



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 11th October 2017

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr S Hopkins, Mr G Nicholson and Mr M Hedgecox.

Apologies: Mr A Flack ; and Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

In Attendance: Cllr B Wood (CDC)

Members of the public: None

107. Declarations of interest

None.

108. Minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2017

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 6th September 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

109. Progress on Parish matters

a) Horses and cyclist signs/traffic on the Bicester Road

OCC have now repainted signage and dragons teeth (adding additional ones) on the main roads into the village. The Clerk will chase progress on agreed additional signage and the vegetation to be cut back around existing signs and including "slow" signs on the Bicester Road by the hunt.

b) The Quarry

Cllrs Honsinger and Hopkins will meet Cllr Corkin and OCC planners at the quarry entrance on 12th October to consider proposals for restoration. Any restoration will need to take into account contamination issues for both the land and the water.

c) Cycleway

This may not be achievable in the short term, but remains an aspiration of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Council looks at development in Bicester or at the Bicester heritage site to see if options other than along the A4421 are possible.

d) SSE power cuts

SSE have recently installed a new loop by the village, and there was concern that it was this work that was causing power cuts. However the company has now confirmed to the Chairman that recent power outages have been caused by trees on private properties interfering with power lines, and this is now being addressed.

e) The Green Barn

Correspondence with the planning case officer indicated that CDC did not agree that the proposals submitted to add an extra bedroom were "non material" considerations. The application has now been refused.

f) The Mallories

Cllr Wood attended the Parish Council primarily to discuss the Mallories application with the Parish Council. The Parish Council noted that, despite the Parish Council's objection to the original substantive application, planning permission had been granted and the current application was to remove condition 7 which had required the old wall to be retained in the construction. Cllr Wood

explained that because of the number of objections received, the application was being referred to the planning committee, and he understood that the Planning Officer would be looking at substituting Condition 7 with more onerous provisions requiring the wall to be rebuilt using traditional methods so that its substantial appearance does not change except for the introduction of windows and doors in accordance with old photographs of the area. CDC would be concerned to refuse the application outright as it may seem unreasonable and leave the District Council vulnerable for the costs of any appeal.

The Parish Council noted, and agreed with reluctance that this was the only sensible way forward for this application, since approval had already been given to rebuild the cottages with doors and windows facing onto the pavement. Cllr Wood also agreed to facilitate a meeting between Parish Council representatives and the senior planning officer to understand how decisions are made and how best to respond when the Parish has particular concerns. Cllr Wood also noted with some concern that no response had been given by the planning department to previous requests from the Parish Council to explain the original decision to approve this application.

110. Councillor's Report

Cllr Wood advised the Parish Council that CDC are expecting to receive a consultation on the future of Community Hospitals shortly, which may have implications for the recently rebuilt Community Hospital in Bicester. Planning permission has been granted for some additional shop developments adjacent to the Bicester Gateway site, but there was also a possibility of a development request for the land currently forming the Bicester Rugby Club, although Bicester Town Council opposed any such proposals as they believe that the green space is a division for the built up areas of Bicester. He suggested the Parish Council look at other options for a potential cycle route into Bicester, and explained that the national infrastructure Commission is developing proposals for an Oxford to Cambridge corridor, to include train and road provision. Some funding has been made available, but there are no clear routes for these developments as yet.

111. 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>
500461	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500462	M Gore	Mowing /playground	195.00
500463	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	164.65
500464	BDO	audit	408.00
500465	OCC playbus	donation	200.00
500466	SA PCC	Donation	900.00

112. Rural Transport

Ongoing.

Replacement traffic cones for the corners of Church Street have been ordered and should be available shortly.

113. Resilience/First Aid Training

The first aid training arranged by Councillor Hopkins was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Parish Council will look at holding a refresher session later in the year, possibly making the event available to other parishes.

114. Website

Ongoing. The Chairman reported that this was still regularly updated and encouraged all to refer to it more regularly.

115. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

The Council is now discussing options with VAS suppliers to purchase one mobile unit but noted that battery life is limited when too many messages are included. Cllr Hedgecox reported that this had been his experience in his previous village. Discussions would continue and a final recommendation presented for consideration at the next meeting. Additionally, it was suggested that an approach was made to Cllr Corkin for some funding assistance from his OCC Community budget.

116. Road Maintenance

There is a dangerous crack in the road by Mill farm, which has been reported to OCC for urgent attention.

117. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

There are problems with stiles in local fields, which Cllr Hopkins is addressing with support from OCC.

118. CLP update

It was reported that Cllr Flack had resigned as Chairman of the CLP group, for which the Parish Council voted him grateful thanks for all his hard work.

It was confirmed that £2000 was raised at the Ferret Racing evening and this would be distributed with £200 to the Red bus company, £900 to the Church for the tower mezzanine floor and £900 allocated to the Vehicle Activated traffic calming sign.

The CLP group, has started to plan the 2018 Food Music and beer Festival, to take place on 2d June 2018 and for the time being will be led by Cllr Honsinger. Teams are formed covering all aspects of the organisation of the event, which will help to spread the load.

119. Planning Applications

- Single storey flat roofed rear extension

7 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BN Ref. No: 17/01959/F

No objections

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

The Parish Council has been invited to the Cherwell DC parish Liaison Meeting on 8th November. The Council has also been asked to send a representative to the Peer Review taking place at the request of the new Chief executive – the Clerk will attend.

A meeting regarding Rights of Way would be attended by a local resident Lisa Collins.

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

None

122. Items for information or next Agenda

As soon as possible please.

123. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7pm in the Red Lion PH.

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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