



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Present:** Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr A Flack, Ms C Lloyd, and Mr G Nicholson

**Apologies:** Mr S Hopkins, Cllr B Wood (CDC) Cllr I Corkin (CDC)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Catherine Fulljames (OCC)

**Members of the public:** none

**1. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Lloyd declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application for the Livery stables and took no part in the discussions..

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

**3. Cllrs Report**

Cllr Fulljames reported that she would be standing in the County Council elections as an independent candidate.

She confirmed that she had been making enquiries about the restoration of the Elm Farm quarry, and had been advised that, as it should have been restored by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008, the County Council had until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to take enforcement proceeds, any delay beyond that date would mean that the current use would be authorised and restoration would not be achieved. OCC are now planning their enforcement strategy to enable them to enforce at minimum cost to the tax payer. Once proposals have been formulated OCC will consult with the Parish Council.

Ms Fulljames was advised that some footpaths in the Parish required signs or repairs.

She noted that the Parish Council had asked for a sign advising motorists of cyclists and horses at the top of Mill Road, and asked to be sent copies of correspondence with OCC officers.

**4. Progress on Parish matters**

(a) Road/path repairs.

Repairs have now been carried out, and the Parish Council has asked for a sign alerting motorists to the presence of horses/cyclists.

(b) Quarry Entrance

The Clerk has had a response from the site agent confirming that users of the site will be asked to move the concrete blocks at the entrance forward. It was noted that there is still a considerable amount of litter behind these blocks.

(c) Litter pick

CDC collected 18 bags of rubbish which residents had collected during the litterpick

(d) Trees

there was concern that trees that formed a defined avenue had been cut down and needed to be replaced.

## 5. 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> |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 500358               | The Red Lion | Room hire              | 20.00         |
| 500359               | HMRC         | CI tax                 | £37.80        |
| 500360               | Mrs A Davies | CI salary and expenses | £163.15       |
| 500361               | S Hopkins    | Generator expenses     | £47.97        |

## 6. Community Transport

The Parish Council agreed that they would not continue to send a representative to the Community transport meeting unless there was proposed discussion of a matter of interest to the Council. They would continue to receive the minutes of the meetings so that they could maintain a watching brief.

Cllr Nicholson reported that discussions with Langston and Tasker indicated that the no 18 bus was likely to maintain its current schedule of 1 return journey a day through the village. The Council was requested to move the “no parking” cones a fraction to allow easier access for the coach.

Fringford are still waiting to hear whether their application for support for a community bus has been successful from the Department of Transport .

The Parish Council gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Cllr Nicholson for his work on the bus service in the Village.

## 7. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

Ongoing. Priority residents have been contacted. The defibrillator and generator have both now been installed.

## 8. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

Councillors have been walking the Parish footpaths and have noted problems with routes, signage and maintenance. These will be reported to OCC.

## 9. 20 mph signs

The Chairman reported observing signs indicating “20 is plenty” in villages in the Cotswolds. The Clerk was asked to contact these villages to ascertain whether the signs had any effect on motorists.

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

The parish Council considered the advice from CDC that they had received at their March meeting, and decided that they would not pursue a Neighbourhood Plan for the Village at present, but would continue to monitor the situation..

## 11. CLP update

The CLP Group is planning an open Garden event/Scarecrow display for the weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> July, a Village Funday on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and ferret Racing (provisionally) on 1<sup>st</sup>

September. A leaflet advising residents of the activities will be circulated shortly, and will also be advertised in the "letterbox" publication and to neighbouring villages.

## 12. Planning

### Applications

- Single storey rear extension

Tallys Pride 1 The Stables Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AX

Ref. No: 17/00503/F – No objections

The Clerk reported that she had been sent a copy of an application to demolish the livery stables in Launton Road. Technically this application is in Launton parish, and therefore the Parish Council is not expected to respond, but a copy of the Cd- rom with the documents was left with the chairman to be made available to residents wanting to inspect the same.

### Decisions

- Erection of 1 new dwelling (revised scheme of 16/01716/F)

Plot 2 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/02631/F | Received: Thu 29 Dec 2016 | Validated: Mon 13 Mar 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

- Erection of 1 new dwelling (revised scheme of 16/01715/F)

Plot 1 Mallories Cherry Street Stratton Audley

Ref. No: 16/02630/F

The Clerk was asked to contact the Head of development Control at CDC for clarification as to why the applications were approved contrary to Parish Council comments. The Council felt that this would help the Parish Council when commenting on future applications.

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

Proposals for the Horton Hospital/ A unitary Council for Oxfordshire.

The next road sweep of the Village will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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

Cllr Nicholson reported that he had attended a meeting hosted by CDC regarding the proposals for a Unitary Council for Oxfordshire. The Parish Council agreed that they did not support the proposals as they feared that it was effectively an attempt by OCc to "asset strip" the District Councils.

## 15. Items for information or next Agenda

Councillors noted that an incursion by 5 traveller vans which lasted a week has left a considerable amount of mess in the area which will require cleaning.

## 16.

**17. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm in the Church, with the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on the same date, starting at 7.30pm.

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   | 05 April 2017     |
| Payments processed since last meeting    |           |                 |                          | £268.92           |
| 01-Mar-17                                |           | The Red Lion    | 500358                   | £20.00            |
| 01-Mar-17                                |           | HMRC            | 500359                   | £37.80            |
| 01-Mar-17                                |           | Mrs A Davies    | 500360                   | £163.15           |
| 01-Mar-17                                |           | S Hopkins       | 500361                   | £47.97            |
| Receipts processed since previous report |           |                 |                          | £1,417.07         |
| 08-Mar-17                                |           | CDC             |                          | £1,417.07         |
| Bank Reconciliation                      |           |                 | Statement dated          | 02 April 2017     |
|  |           | Savings Account |                          | £14,083.55        |
|  |           | Current account |                          | £1,898.84         |
| Items not yet cleared:                   |           |                 |                          |                   |
| Receipts                                 | None      |                 |                          |                   |
| Payments                                 | cancelled |                 |                          | £0.00             |
|  |           |                 | Net Total                | <b>£15,982.39</b> |