



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

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

**Apologies:** Cllr B Wood (CDC)

**In Attendance:** Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

**Members of the public:** one

**55. Declarations of interest**

None

**56. Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

**57. Councillor's report**

Cllr Ian Corkin reported to the meeting in his capacity as both an OCC and CDC Councillor. So far as CDC is concerned local government reorganisation has been a major issue, but Councillors in all Districts and the County Council are looking at ways to work together more efficiently to save money in the future.

CDC are now looking at ways of supporting Oxford city's unmet housing need, probably by proposing to build up to 4000 new homes around Yarnton and Kidlington.

The Chairman had earlier contacted Cllr Corkin for support and assistance with the wish to create a cyclepath on the A4421 between the care home and the Bicester Road turn, and he reported that CDC are now looking at available funding to see if there are any possible funding options.

So far as his work at OCC is concerned he is trying to build up his network of contacts, and has also raised the cyclepath issue at County level.

**58. Progress on Parish matters**

(a) Facebook

Matters of interest have been posted on the Council's Facebook page, and figures suggest that the information was seen by an increased number of people.

(b) Horses and cyclist signs

The Clerk confirmed that OCC had agreed to place a number of signs in Mill Road and Launton Road as suggested by the community, and the Meeting agreed the possible location of 5 or 6 signs on a map, to present to OCC. It was suggested that the Clerk ask for the signs to be double sided.

(c) Quarry Entrance

Vehicles have been seen parking in the blocked up entrance, but generally the litter problem is much reduced. Cllr Corkin agreed to raise questions about plans for the restoration of the quarry with OCC.

(d) Speeding traffic on the Bicester Road

In 2013 the Parish Council carried out a formal speed survey across the village, which indicated that on average 500 cars per day were using the Bicester Road, and that on average 250 cars a day were using Mill Road. These are the two roads that recorded the worst speeding incidences. Of these vehicles a significant number were exceeding 36 mph. As previously reported one of the biggest problems in the village was access and egress along the Bicester Road, and noted the suggestion that the road became subject to a 50mph speed limit from the A4421 and that the 30mph speed limit was introduced about 100 yards further from the village. The Council noted OCC's response to the query raised by the Clerk, which suggested costs could be up to £5000, and the Clerk was asked to request a breakdown of the costs from OCC, and ask for advice about other (cheaper) features – such as moving the entry gates and the placement of additional rubble strips in the road might help to reduce the traffic. It was also suggested that the Playgroup could be asked to design some posters which the village could put up on the verges leading into the village.

As agreed previously, the Parish Council is currently considering the purchase of a portable Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which could be moved around the village and erected in problem locations. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain details of products and costs from 3 suppliers and these would be considered in detail at the next Parish Council meeting.

**59. 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>
500385	cancelled		
500386	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500387	Mr A Lambourne	Internal audit	32.50
500388	M Gore	Mowing /playground	400.00
500389	John Hicks Associates	Playground inspection	61.56
500390	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	164.65
500391	HMRC	CI tax	76.60
500392	St Johns Ambulance	mannikin	201.60
500393	Community bus project	playbus	200.00
500394	J Honsinger	printing	51.60
500395	PCC	Village hall donation	1000.00

**60. Community Transport**

Ongoing.

**61. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant**

Cllr Stewart Hopkins has kindly agreed to be responsible for regular re-training of those who have already undertaken the first aid basic training in the village, as this will save considerable on bringing in a professional each time. As a result the Council has agreed (and ordered) a training manikin to

support refresher 1st Aid training) that Cllr Hopkins should attend a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training course held by St John's Ambulance to qualify him to take first aid training sessions in the village.

#### **62. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways**

The issue raised concerning the exercise regime for the hounds through the village from time to time and along rights of way, has been discussed, and any residents with further issues concerning this are advised to contact the Hunt direct. OCC have confirmed that "in general, public rights of way cross private land and the landowner has the right to do as they wish on their land as long as the 'public' are able to exercise their right to walk the route safely. This means that private rights for a use greater than a footpath can run concurrently along a footpath. Someone other than the landowner may have a private right along a footpath to get to a property or land and a landowner can also give permission to others to use a footpath other than on foot."

Cllr Hopkins reported that he had now walked most of the footpaths in the village, and had noted that some stiles need repair. He agreed to report the locations to OCC.

#### **63. Roads**

Concern was expressed at the number of loose kerb stones in the village, particularly the corner of Cavendish Close and Mill road and the Bicester and Stoke Lyne Roads. Cllr Hopkins and Nicholson agreed to walk the streets in the village and identify all that need repair and the Clerk would then raise the issue with OCC.

#### **64. Performance Review of the Clerk**

This has now been recorded appropriately on the form provided .

#### **65. Best kept Small Village**

The Clerk had investigated whether there was such a thing as a competition for Best kept Village in Oxfordshire and sadly there is not. The village may consider applying to join the National Garden Scheme as a way of gaining additional promotion for future Open Garden events.

#### **66. Police**

The Council were disappointed that the Police Community Support Officer did not attend the parish Council meeting, as originally advised.

#### **67. Cycle ways**

Cllr Corkin noted the particular importance the Council attaches to making a cycle ride or walk into Bicester safer than at present (ref A4421 issue) agreed to take this forward with both OCC and CDC.

#### **68. CLP update**

The Open Garden weekend raised over £1800 after costs. The Council agreed to make a donation of £200 towards the operating costs of the Playbus, and a donation of £1000 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of repairs to the Parish Church. The remaining £600 will go towards the cost of a VAS.

The next CLP event will be ferret racing in Stratton Audley Barn on 1st September. The CLP group are looking for sponsors for the races, and tickets (to include a fish and chips supper) will be sold in advance.

Events planned later in the year are the Children's Halloween Party and Christmas Party for which members of the community are needed to take on the organising of these events..

#### **69. Planning Applications**

- Garden room

4 Willows Lodge Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BQ . Ref. No: 17/01303/F

## Decisions

- Removal of existing lean to conservatory and replacement with single storey pitched garden room and a single storey lean to side extension; also including internal alterations. PC to confirm whether affected residents have been consulted by CDC and circulate application for Councillors to review.
- Rigden House Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT. Ref. No: 17/00922/F. Approved

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

None.

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

None

**72. Items for information or next Agenda**

VAS quotes

**73. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at 7pm in 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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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	07 June 2017
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,109.22
10-May-17		Mrs A Davies	500371	£172.15
10-May-17		HMRC	500372	£38.20
10-May-17		Mike Gore	500374	£190.00
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10-May-17		Came and co	500376	£462.78
10-May-17		S Hopkins	500377	£56.09
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	04 June 2017
			Savings Account	£14,088.39
			Current account	£4,222.61
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments		Community First Oxon		£35.00
			Net Total	<u>£18,276.00</u>