



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 7th June 2017

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

Apologies: Cllr B Wood (CDC) Cllr I Corkin (CDC/OCC)

In Attendance:

Members of the public: Mr Steve Smith

36. Declarations of interest

None

37. Minutes of the meeting of 10th May 2017

The Council agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the 10th May 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

38. Public Participation

A member of the public attended to draw the Parish Council's attention to problems of traffic speeding into and out of the Village along the Bicester Road. The Parish Council were told that traffic does not slow down at the 30mph sign coming into the village, and accelerates before the de-restricted sign when leaving the village. There are rumble strips up near the stream, but they are too far from the village to be effective. He suggested that the current 30mph speed limit sign probably needs to be moved by about 100 metres up the road to take into account the new hunt entrance. It is also noticeable that traffic through the village had increased significantly in recent years with drivers using the village as a "rat run".

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council was looking at informal signage in the Village saying "20 is plenty" and was also considering the purchase of a portable Vehicle Activated Speed sign which could be moved around the village to try to slow traffic down. The Parish Council will contact other villages who have both types of sign to establish their effectiveness.

The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should approach OCC to see if :

- a) It would be possible to move the rumble strips or install a new set nearer the village by the entrance to the hunt;
- b) a chicane could be installed;
- c) the 30mph sign could be moved 100m (closer to the hunt entrance) or preferably a second 30 mph sign installed near the entrance to the hunt;
- d) warning signs could be put up for horses and cyclists on all roads leading in and out of the village

39. Progress on Parish matters

- (a) Verge cutting.

OCC have cut the triangles at the top of Bicester Road and Stoke Lyne Road where they join the A4421 and verges in the village have been cut and strimmed in readiness for the weekend event on 10th/11th June.

(b) Quarry Entrance

The boulders have been moved forward as requested by the Parish Council and all litter cleared up. The Clerk has thanked the landowner's agent for his help. No large vehicles will now be able to park here without sticking out into the road.

c) weed spraying

This has been done and weeds are dying back.

d) Governance review

The dates for this have slipped a little as CDC have been concentrating on organising the General Election for Cherwell District on 8th June 2017. A report should be going to the District Council in July.

40. 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>
500377	Parish Church	Room hire	30.00
500378	J Honsinger	External printing	48.00
500379	J Honsinger	External printing	19.50
500380	The Red Lion	Room hire	20
500381	Mrs A Davies	CI salary and expenses	164.65
cancelled			
500383	St Johns Ambulance	supplies	105.60
500384	M Gore	Mowing x 2	195.00

The Council agreed its Corporate Governance statement and authorised the Chairman to sign the same. It also agreed its accounts for 2016/17 and agreed to the appointment of Alan Lambourne as its Internal Auditor.

41. Community Transport

Ongoing. There was concern that one of the cones placed opposite the entrance to the church to allow free access for the bus through the village appear to have gone missing.

42. Emergency Plan/Resilience Grant

Defibrillator pads that can be used on children have now been purchased and delivered. The Council agreed that it should hold annual first aid/defibrillator refresher sessions and Cllr Hopkins will take this matter forward.

43. Social media

The Chairman reported that he had recently attended a course on the use of Social media for Parish Councils (see notes attached) This session had advised Councils to make use of a Facebook page to communicate with residents. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would upload information onto the Parish Council's Facebook page for this to be used as a Noticeboard for Village events/information. The Chairman will make The Clerk aware of Notices and other matters to be uploaded.

44. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

Concerns have been raised about the disturbance caused by the Hunt to adjoining residents while exercising the hounds in the early hours of the morning. This can cause noise for residents and the close proximity of the pack of hounds can upset domestic animals when they are out on public roads and on footpaths such as the one that is near the Old Rectory. It was suggested that the Hunt should be asked to consider: reverting to an earlier time (currently around 7.30pm when returning through the village); varying the time and route for this activity; and, if possible, to ensure that residents are aware of the schedule so that confrontation (particularly between dog walkers and the hounds) can be avoided. The Council agreed (as a majority with one dissention) to ask their Vice Chairman to discuss the matter informally with the Hunt Chairman to improve the situation for residents in the Village.

45. Performance Review of the Clerk

The Council unanimously wished to record that the Clerk's performance is considered to be exemplary, and the Chairman will formally record the review appropriately.

46. Police

The theft of tools from a van in Mill Road has been reported to the police. The Council noted that Sergeant Kerry O'Leary has been appointed in charge of Bicester Rural Policing from 1st June. It was agreed that Sgt O'Leary should be invited to come along to a Parish Council meeting.

47. Cycle ways

Cycle racks have been seen by the X5 bus stops on both sides of the A4421 by Bicester Heritage at Caversfield. The Clerk has been advised that they were installed by CDC at their expense. The Clerk has been asked to obtain further details, and to ask Ian Corkin to attend to the next Parish Council meeting as our new County Councillor, to see if he can help take forward the idea of a cycle path from the Bicester Road junction to Cherwood House Care Home.

48. CLP update

There are 10 gardens and over 20 scarecrows for the Open Garden event/Scarecrow display over the weekend 10th/11th June and the organisers are hoping for upwards of 200 visitors. Scarecrows will be judged by members of the public and there will be Entrant prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and a prize for the winning member of the public. Refreshments will be available in the Church.

Shelswell History weekend will take place across the Benefice in July and (subject to there being enough interest) a Stratton Audley Village Funday is planned for 2nd July. Ferret Racing is planned for 1st September.

49. Planning Applications

- 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

Rigden House Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT

Ref. No: 17/00922/F

- Conversion of existing former coach house into self-contained granny annexe ancillary to main residence

The Old Rectory Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS

Ref. No: 17/00739/F

Decisions

- T1 and T2 x Lime and Field Maple - Fell to near ground level.

Candlemas Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT

Ref. No: 17/00128/TCA approved.

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

CDC Liaison meeting

The Clerk was asked to obtain 2 tickets so that Councillors could attend if available.

An email requesting assistance at the Shelswell History festival has been circulated.

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

None

52. Items for information or next Agenda

None.

53. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 5th July 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>