



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 6th December 2017

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

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

In Attendance:

Members of the public: One attending to discuss the Bicester Road planning Application.

148. Declarations of interest

None.

149. Minutes of the meeting of 1st November 2017

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 1st November 2017 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

150. Progress on Parish matters

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

The Clerk met an OCC officer and reminded him of the agreed locations for additional horse signs in the village. They also discussed the additional “slow” sign on the Bicester Road, and the location was agreed and confirmed.

b) Mill Road

Repairs have been completed and the Parish Council will now monitor their efficacy.

c) The Quarry

OCC officers are still waiting advice from their ecologist and then will be in a position to consider further action.

d) Cycleway

The Council agreed to monitor developments in Bicester, and noted that the designation of Bicester as a “health town” included a recognition and encouragement of cycling facilities..

e) Meeting between the Parish Council and CDC Planners

The Chairman and Clerk recently met Cllr Wood and a senior CDC planner to discuss the village concerns that village concerns about planning applications were not being taken into account appropriately when deciding planning applications. The notes of the meeting will be circulated to all Councillors.

f) Vehicle Activated Signs

Ongoing.

g) Road sweep 29/11/17

The road sweep in the village went well.

151. Councillor’s Report

Cllr Corkin’s written report has been circulated.

152. 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>
500474	The Information Commissioner	registration	35.00
500475	The Play Inspection Co	report	78.00
500476	Mike Gore	Grass/playground	230.00
500477	Mrs A Davies	Cl salary and expenses	175.90
500478	HMRC	Cl tax	38.20
500479	S Hopkins	printing	11.80
500480	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00

The Parish Council agreed the level of reserves shown in the attached report.

153. Rural Transport

Ongoing. The Clerk was asked to look out for a survey enquiring about access for medical consultation.

154. Resilience/First Aid Training

Cllr Hopkins agreed to look into the cost of purchasing and maintaining personal alarms for residents living on their own. While it was noted that there had not been interest in a first aid course to be run in the village, the Council agreed that a refresher session should be held as soon as possible. It was reported that a first aid session for parents will take place shortly. Cllr Hopkins reported that the new generator had been powered up and had worked well.

155. Website

Ongoing.

156. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

To be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Flack agreed to make contact with Evenley to ascertain whether they believed their VAS were effective. It was suggested that the Parish Council could consider buying more than one sign if it was thought to generate slower traffic speeds and useful information.

157. Road Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to report the large potholes opposite The Green, between Cavendish Place and the wood. Cllr Hedgecos agreed to photograph the potholes on Launton Road and enter them onto "Fix my Street".

158. Un-metalled footpaths and bridleways

The Clerk was asked to report the overhanging vegetation on Stoke Lyne Road. It was suggested that the footpath by the Manor needs to be "sided out" and vegetation removed, as it is now not usable by pedestrians, who have to walk in the road. Cllr Hopkins reported that a number of stiles had been replaced, and he has cleared the vegetation at the start of the bucks Way, and re hung the litter bin in Launton Road.

159. Meeting with HS2 representatives

The Parish Council is waiting to hear from Cllr Corkin with new meeting dates – [probably in January 2018.

160. Play Inspection report.

A number of issues have been highlighted. It was agreed that the Clerk would order the recommended signs, and the Chairman would discuss the maintenance with the resident who maintains the play area, and request additional surfacing from Trevor Stewart – the company that constructed the new playground.

161. Play inspection

The Parish Council agreed to ask the Play inspection Company to continue inspecting its playground, and the Clerk was asked to advise the current playground inspector accordingly.

162. Church projects

The Church is currently waiting for permission to construct a mezzanine floor in the Belfry to create additional storage. It has also requested assistance in the purchase of a new law mower. The Parish Council agreed in principle to contribute up to £500 (inclusive of VAT) towards the cost. The Council also noted that it may be possible to make an additional application for support from the SSE Community resilience Fund if additional funding is required to make the kitchen facilities suitable for a Community hub in the event of an emergency.

163. CLP update

The next meeting of the 2018 Festival Planning Group will take place on 30th January 2018. The group is currently in discussions with potential sponsors, and there may be a need for some seed funding from the Parish Council so that deposits etc can be paid in advance of receipts becoming available.

164. Planning Applications

- Repair & rebuild defective turret structure Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley Ref. No: 17/02308/LB

No Objection provided materials used were similar to those currently visible.

Leylandii (multi-stemmed) Poor specimen (Tree 23 on the Churchyard Tree Plan attached) - Fell as too close to a Grade 1 listed building and roots are causing blockage of the surface water drainage system. We are reluctant to replant so close to the building.

St Mary And St Edburgas Church Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AQ Ref. No: 17/00403/TCA

No Objection

- Removal of double garage and erection of dwelling with access and parking

2 Garden Cottages Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT

Ref. No: 17/02185/F

The Parish Council agreed to object strongly to this proposal on the grounds that:-

1. The Parish Council does not believe that the demolition of a garage and subsequent construction of a dwelling house complies with policies relating to a category "C" village in that the proposal is neither infill of a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage, or a conversion, and furthermore the proposal does not preserve or enhance the existing Conservation area.
2. The Parish Council believes that the proposed construction would have an overbearing effect on adjoining properties (particularly The Gatehouse) and is overdevelopment of the plot.

3. It would have be visually intrusive and would make a significant visual change to en important entry point into the village.
4. The proposal is an unjustified removal of established trees.

G1 x Line of Conifers - Reduce by approx 2-3 meters T1 x Walnut - Reduce by 2 - 2.5 meters T2 x Rowan - Fell T3 x Conifer - Reduce by approx 2 meters T4 x Willow - Fell

2 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BN Ref. No: 17/00389/TCA

No objection

Decisions

To remove 1 No Wellingtonia (T1) due to root plate causing substantial damage to the foundations of the Red Lion public house - subject to TPO 4/1975 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley Ref. No: 17/01973/TPO

Refused.

Single storey flat roofed rear extension 7 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BN

Ref. No: 17/01959/F

Permitted.

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

It was agreed that the Village resident who attended the police Rural Community forum meeting on 2nd November would be asked to attend the next meeting of the group.

The parish Council noted the update from Cllr Corkin on the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. It was agreed that the development of these proposals should be monitored closely.

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

None

167. Items for information or next Agenda

As soon as possible please.

168. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 31st January 2018 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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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	06 December 2017
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,950.59
01-Nov-17		the Red Lion	500467	£20.00
01-Nov-17		CDC	500468	£288.29
17-Oct-17		PCC	500469	£900.00
01-Nov-17		Mrs A Davies	500470	£175.70
01-Nov-17		HMRC	500471	£76.60
01-Nov-17		RBL	500472	£100.00
01-Nov-17		Mike Gore	500473	£390.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 November 2017
			Savings Account	£14,779.10
			Current account	£6,908.91
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments		Community First Oxon		£35.00
		cancelled		£0.00
		cancelled		£0.00
		cancelled		£0.00
			Net Total	<u>£21,653.01</u>