



**Minutes of the
Stratton Audley Parish Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.30pm
St Mary & St Edburga Church, Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire**

Present:

Chairman: Mr John Honsinger

Clerk: Mrs Anne Davies

Parish Councillors : Mr A Flack, Mr S Hopkins, Ms C Lloyd, and Mr G Nicholson

Stratton Audley Residents

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the meeting was a Parish meeting, which was facilitated by the Chairman of the Parish Council as a duty to the community.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cassie Lloyd, and resident Mr Jon Hill.

3. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the previous year's Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were agreed as a true record of proceedings.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Report by the Clerk about the year 2016-2017

The Clerk' report is attached.

6. Parish Council Strategic Objectives

Mr Honsinger reviewed the Parish Council's Objectives for 2016-2017 :

Objective 1 Communicate more in an open and transparent manner.

The Parish Council had undertaken more leaflet drops to all the houses in the Parish than in previous years, put frequent information up on the notice board and regularly updated the Parish website. More communication via email with councillors takes place between meetings which helps to speed up decision making at meetings.

Objective 2 Support Community events.

The Parish Council has recently resolved not to proceed to develop a neighbourhood Plan for the Parish at present. However, the Community plan Group has plans for a number of social events including an open Garden event/Scarecrow display for the weekend 10th/11th June when the group is hoping for between 12 and 15 gardens will be opened, and a similar number of scarecrows will be on display, a Village Funday on 2nd July and ferret Racing (provisionally) on 1st September (although the group needs to arrange a suitable venue). A leaflet advising residents of the activities will be

circulated shortly, together with a plan showing the location of the gardens . The event will also be advertised in the “letterbox” publication and to neighbouring villages.

Objective 3 Enhance the web site.

The new website has been much improved and use is increasing.

Objective 4 refurbish the Playground

The Playground has been rebuilt and the new playground opened on 1st September 2016.

Objective 5 Cyclepath along the A421

Ongoing and awaiting funds. The Parish Council has held discussions with OCC, and at present the estimated cost of £250,000 is outside the Council’s budget, but the aspiration remains if funding, or an alternate route can be found.

The Parish Council has agreed as its objectives for 2017-18 are to :-

- Continue to communicate regularly with the community
- Increase the Number of Parish Councillors and identify a new Chairman for 2018/19
- Support the bi-annual Food Beer & Music Festival in June 2018
- Promote tree awareness in the area
- Raise money for a Vehicle Activated Electronic Road sign

The Council has also agreed that a leaflet containing the full review should be printed and circulated to all houses in the Parish. (A copy of the leaflet is attached to these minutes.)

7. Church

Please see report of Alice Goodall (Team Rector) which is attached.

8. Any other business

No further items were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....