



**Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr B Wood (CDC) Cllr I Corkin (CDC councillor and also OCC) Cllr J Edwards

**Members of the public:** None

**16. Election of Chairman**

Cllr John Honsinger was unanimously elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2018/19 and Cllr Anthony Flack was appointed Vice Chairman.

**17. Declarations of interest**

None.

**18. Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

**19. Progress on Parish matters**

**Vacancy on Parish Council.**

It was agreed interested residents would be sent the paperwork and invited to come along to Parish Council meetings.

**Overgrown hedges/other village matters**

The overgrown hedges have all been cut back and Cllr Hopkins and a resident have dug out the footpath by the Manor, which has greatly improved the look of the area.

**Commercial Vehicle**

The Parish Council is still pursuing the issue on behalf of the many residents who have complained about its continued presence occupying the same place most of the time .

**Playground repairs**

The playground contractor will be carrying out some minor remedial works shortly, hopefully before the Festival.

**4.Finance**

The Council authorised the following payments:-

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
500572	J Honsinger	Printing etc	120.05
500573	cancelled		
500574	J Honsinger	Speaker/microphone	299.33
500575	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00

**20. East West Rail**

The Chairman will circulate an update on East/West Rail's current traffic plans.

**21. No parking on one side of Church Road**

This was a request made at the Open meeting.

Cllr Nicholson reported that he had visited the coach company, who had indicated that they were currently satisfied with the way the service is operating though Stratton Audley.

## **22. CLP update**

Door drops of advertising literature are now taking place in nearby villages, and in Bicester . The Parish Council is looking into linking a card reader with a Paypal account.

## **23. Planning**

The Parish Council noted the explanation from CDC planners about the applications for new dwellings on the Bicester Road as follows:-

“Essentially the difference between the two decisions relates to how ‘infill’ development is defined in the Local Plan. Stratton Audley is classified as a category C village in the Local Plan, which is amongst the least sustainable villages in the district. In these villages only new housing development consisting of either ‘infill development’ and ‘conversion’ is supported by Policy Villages 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2015. Paragraph C.264 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2015 outlines what infill development means in this context and states infill development is *‘a small gap in an otherwise continuous built up frontage’*.”

The application for a new dwelling to the side of West Cottages consisted of a plot of land at the end of row of properties adjoining open fields. The erection of a new dwelling on that site was therefore not considered to be *‘a small gap in an otherwise continuous built up frontage’* because the site was not located in a gap between buildings rather it adjoined open countryside to one side. However in the case of the proposed new dwelling at 2 Garden Cottages the site was considered to form *‘a small gap in an otherwise continuous built up frontage’* and constitute infill development as the plot is situated between the existing dwellings at 2 Garden Cottages and the Gate House. “

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

OCC liaison meetings

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

The Parish Council noted that Daniel Geoghegan – Managing Director of Bicester Heritage, had attended the Annual Parish Meeting to explain to residents current BH thinking about the development of Elm farm Quarry – which the company has recently purchased. The Parish Council now awaits sight of any planning applications relating to the site, which it will consider in the usual way.

The Clerk was asked to ask Ian Corkin (OCC Councillor for the area) what the views of OCC are to removing the chicane on the road into Bicester – as raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **26. Items for information or next Agenda**

By 14<sup>th</sup> May please.

Currently – Mezzanine Floor in Church, A review of dog bins and litter bins in the Village, and the creation of a Village Improvement Fund.

## **27. Date of next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm.

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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