



### **Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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

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

**Members of the public:** 1 and two observers

A member of the public attended to

- a) congratulate the organising team on the very successful Festival which was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and
- b) to suggest that the Council should look at ways of being more proactive in supporting and developing local activities so that young people are encouraged to remain in the Village.
- c) To suggest that the Parish Council continue with their efforts to make the village feel like a community, and improve the look of the village by enhancing the street furniture, and improving rights of way signage etc.
- d) To suggest that the Parish Council should encourage village businesses could be encouraged to develop to make provision for village needs – eg as a delicatessen etc.

The Chairman thanked her for coming to the meeting and explained that one outcome of the post festival discussions would be that the Parish Council would be in a position to create a “Village Improvement Fund” to create floral entries into the village, carry out improvements such as new litter bins and benches and accommodate resident’s ideas for improvements. The idea of holding regular “mini market” food based events in the village was also mentioned.

#### **28. Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **29. Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### **30. Progress on Parish matters**

##### **Commercial Vehicle**

The Clerk was asked to request an update from CDC on the possible enforcement of advertising regulations.

##### **The Mallories**

The developer of this site is currently in pre application discussions with CDC about changes to the external appearance of the main property.

##### **Playground repairs.**

The Clerk/Chairman will chase for these to be completed. It was agreed that the need for a new buddleia to be planted in the playground will be considered while the safety skirting is being attached to the horse.

##### **GDPR Update**

All recipients of the village email database have been contacted with no one wishing to be removed at this stage, and a privacy notice has been put on the Village web site.

##### **Bicester Chicane**

Cllr Corkin, having raised this with OCC, has confirmed that there are currently no proposals to remove the chicane going into Bicester.

#### 4. Finance

The Council authorised the following payments:-

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
500576	W Wigley	storage	150.00
500577	M Gore	playground	17.00
500578	M Gore	Grass cutting	195.00
500579	Cotswold Distillery	festival	620.93
500580	A Lambourne	Internal audit	26.00
500581	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	128.68
500582	HMRC	Clerk tax	78.20
500583	Beer Equipment		152.60
500584	Potbelly Brewery	beer	1074.30
500585	cancelled		
500586	Tulu Toilet hire	portaloo	120.00
500587	Lewis butchers	Hog roast	405.00
500588	Mike Gore	Grass cutting	589.00
500589	Mrs A Davies	Printing for APM	18.75
500590	S Hopkins	expenses	30.49
500591	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500592	A Flack	Transport for festival	59.94
500593	H Zomorrod	Stall refund (overpaid)	35.00

The Council noted that the Internal Auditor had completed his review of the Parish Council books, and had no issues to raise. The Parish Council therefore agreed the certificate of Exemption of the Parish Accounts, the Annual Governance statement and the Annual accounting return and authorised the Chairman to sign the same.

#### **31. Road repairs**

The Clerk was asked to request details of their pothole criteria from OCC, as a number have been sprayed with several different colours of paint. The Clerk was also asked to request an update on Cllr Corkin's suggested walk through the Parish area.

The carpets dumped on the Bicester Road have been reported but not yet removed.

CDC had most efficiently removed the rubbish left after the Festival on Monday.

#### **32. Church mezzanine floor**

It was agreed that the new mezzanine floor in the Church is looking good. The Clerk was asked to write to the Rector asking what storage is available for parish Council equipment, as there is some resilience equipment that should be stored close to the Emergency Community Centre (the Church).

#### **33. Resilience Grant Application**

This has been submitted (in the sum of £15580) and the Village should hear of the outcome in the Autumn.

#### **34. Dog/Litter Bins**

The village litter bins are now obsolete. Replacements will be considered out of the new Village Improvement Fund.

#### **35. Roles and responsibilities**

Cllr Hopkins had prepared a list and description of potential roles and responsibilities. This will be circulated by the Clerk and considered at the next meeting.

### **36. Councillor email addresses**

The Parish Council noted advice that they should use a Parish Council email address. It was suggested that it could be in the form Strattonaudley.XX(initials)@gmail.com. The Clerk will circulate suggestions and Cllr Hedgecox offered to help with creating a gmail account for each Councillor if necessary.

### **37. Village Improvement fund**

The amount to allocate to this fund will be considered by the Festival Committee at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **38. Footpaths/Bridleways**

Ongoing.

### **39. Mobile Connectivity**

Ongoing.

### **40. CLP update**

It was reported that the Stratton Audley festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> June was a huge success. Final figures are waited, but the turnover is in the region of £20k. The Festival Committee will make recommendations to the Parish Council on the use of the monies after its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that the use of the Manor lawn had enhanced the festival considerably, and the Parish Council expressed its grateful thanks to the Manor residents for this permission.

The Clerk however reminded Members that, in the absence of a specific power or duty, gifts to charities in anyone year was restricted to £7.86 per head of population. This means that , for Stratton Audley the total charitable gifts in any one year cannot exceed an amount of approximately £3000.( S137 Local Government Act 1072 payments) However this does not prevent the Parish Council giving money to other charitable organisations where the Parish Council has the statutory power to do so – eg to maintain a “village hall” or support facilities for its residents ( including the Little Lambs group) under the power contained in s 19 of the Local Government( Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

There are 2 events planned for the Church later in the year – a trio in concert on 8<sup>th</sup> July and a “Last Night of the Proms” supper in the Church in September.

### **41. Planning**

#### **Revised internal Layout (proposed as Non-material amendment to 16/00340/F)**

Stone Cottage Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS

Ref. No: 18/00062/NMA

No objection to plans as amended.

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

OCC liaison meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

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

The Chairman reported that he had been invited to a meeting at arranged by Ian Corkin at Bicester Heritage with County and an HS2 Representative, to look at funding options to ameliorate the effects of HS2 construction – particularly on the A4421, which will be a major haul route for the project, such as a traffic controlled pedestrian crossing. It is possible that safety works on this road could include the extension of the cycleway into Bicester – a matter which the Parish Council has been considering for a number of years. The Chairman has agreed to make enquiries of cycle clubs about their use of the road.

The Chairman also reported that Charles Hurst (from E/W Rail) had written to confirm the revised projected traffic figures for the Stratton Audley Park route as :-

Current traffic numbers total 940 vehicle movements per day.

EWR HGV vehicle movements will total 156 per day.

EWR LGV vehicle movements will total 53 per day.

EWR staff operative car movements will total 87 per day.

Total EWR traffic numbers is forecast to be 267 vehicle movements per day which will be an increase of 28.4%.

This still equates to an HGV vehicle about every 4 minutes throughout the day and discussions on significant reparations still need to be had. A Joint Parish meeting has been suggested by EWR and this needs to be pursued.

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

By 15<sup>th</sup> June please.

**45. Date of next meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> July 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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