



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman), Mr A Flack, Mr G Nicholson , Mr J Edwards and Mrs K Walker.

Apologies:, Mr M Hedgecox, Mr S Hopkins, Cllr B Wood (CDC)

Also present : Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC Councillor)

Members of the public: None

78. Declarations of interest

None

79. Minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2018

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th September 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

80. Councillor's Report

Cllr Corkin reported that formal joint working between Cherwell Dc and Oxfordshire CC started on 1st October when Yvonne Rees took up her role as joint Chief Executive of the two authorities. CDC had felt it necessary to terminate the current arrangement with South Northants as the issues in Northamptonshire meant that there were now proposed changes to the structure of local authorities in that county.

He has been appointed to a joint post on CDC's and OCC's respective Cabinets to implement joint working.

He updated Councillors on the Quarry site, confirming that OCC intend to serve an enforcement notice before 31st December 2018 to obtain compliance with restoration proposals.

He noted the Parish Council's concerns that developments on the Bicester Heritage site seemed to be coming forward in stages on a "salami slicing" basis. The Clerk advised that a request to see the overall development plan for the site had been made to CDC Planners but this had not been forthcoming.

The Parish Council have particular concerns about the use of the entrance at the top of the Bicester Road. They had noted comments in the application that service vehicles would access the hotel around the back but did not think it was sufficiently clear as to how this would be achieved using the main entrance – particularly when visitors to conferences at the hotel could also generate 200+ cars.

Cllr Corkin agreed to check these arrangements with CDC planners and report back as to what their understanding was of the proposal.

He confirmed that the requested cycle path north from the site entrance to the Bicester Road was now on the radar of OCC highway planners, and suggested that it may be achieved using funding from HS2 safety schemes and certainly should be included as part of any future proposed development of the Quarry site.

CDC will be starting work very soon on Castle Quay 2 which will (hopefully) regenerate Banbury Town centre. When asked about whether the Gateway development in Banbury was to be replicated in Bicester he explained that outline planning permission had been granted, but the developers were having some difficulty persuading anchor retailers to commit to leases.

He noted that removal of the cap on Local Authority funding for social housing may have an effect on developments in the areas, although CDC have divested themselves of their housing stock – which is now run by Sanctuary Housing.

The Council noted the abandoned caravan at the top of the Stoke Lyne Road (which has now been removed) and asked if there was any action OCC could take to prevent similar situations in the future.

He reminded Councillors of his Community Priority Fund and advised that he had agreed a donation to the Little Lambs play group for the purchase of toys.

81. Progress on Parish matters

The Mallories

Lorries delivering to the development destroyed one arm of the village signpost. The Clerk was asked to check with OCC that they have been in touch with the developer to replace the missing arm with a similar (metal) one. The development of the site is progressing without any issues.

Quarry Update.

See Councillor's report.

Abandoned caravan

The Clerk was asked to enquire whether OCC would consider bunding or fencing the area to stop future unauthorised encampments.

Launton Road/Horse signs

The condition of Launton Road has been reported to OCC. The Clerk will chase again about the horse warning signs.

Resilience Grant

The Parish Council has been advised that their application for funding was not successful because the grant did not fund kitchen refurbishments.

82. Finance

The Council noted the Bank reconciliation at Appendix A and authorised the following payments:-

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
500518	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500519	Tulu Toilet hire	Toilet replacement	144.00
500520	CDC	Dog bins	288.29
500521	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	128.48
500522	HMRC	Clerk tax	78.40
500523	Mike Gore	maintenance	195.00
500524	SA PCC	contribution	4000.00

83. Parish emails and disclaimer

The Chairman recommended a shorter version of the email disclaimer which the Council agreed to adopt, which will be circulated.

84. Parish Council/PCC Liaison

The Clerk is trying to arrange a meeting. It was agreed to issue the Cheque to the PCC as previously agreed for redevelopment of the community kitchen facilities and on condition that space is made available in the church for storage of emergency resilience equipment.

85. VAS

The Council noted that the VAS collects information about traffic speeds as they approach the speed sign, rather than as they pass the speed sign. It was suggested that it may be more effective if it showed speeds higher than 40mph as traffic approaches. However it was generally believed to be having the effect of slowing down the traffic as it approached the Village. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether a warning sign (to warn of the approaching 30mph limit could be erected further out), and also whether there should be a warning as traffic approaches the bend in the village on the Bicester Road, that oncoming traffic could be in the middle of the road. This might be more effective than locating the VAS on the exiting side of the road.

It is still the intention to move the VAS to another road (Stoke Lyne) at some point, but since the Bicester Road is the busiest with highest recorded speeds when the survey was last carried out, the Parish Council felt that it was therefore justified in keeping it there for the time being.

86. Emergency Plan

It was agreed that the Village Emergency Plan should be redrafted and updated, to include an increase to 5 in the number of support zones, and a re- allocation of key support personnel.

87. New dog/litter bins

These have now been delivered and will be installed shortly.

88. Other Village Improvements

OCC have sent their policy on Parish Council sponsored street furniture. The Council will agree the location of entry troughs and advise OCC accordingly.

A resident has suggested that a flag pole could be a good addition to the top of the Church tower since one had previously been there many years ago. The proposal was liked in principle and will be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting with the PCC.

89. The Pound Area

A group of volunteers will start clearing the Pound area shortly.

90. The Culvert/Pond

Cllr Edwards has spoken to the Bucks Berks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), who have indicated that they may be able to offer support for ideas for enhancing the wildlife in the Pond area, but this will be subject to discussions with the Landowner.

Separately the landowner has agreed to village volunteers clearing the debris from the stream by the bridge whilst there is little water and prior to winter.

91. Footpath Round the Pond

The landowner has no objection in principle to this being improved (providing funding comes from another source) so that it can be used by a local resident in her mobility scooters, but the project requires further consideration as there are bollards at the end of the path, which could present an obstacle to use.

92. OCC Community Fund

The Clerk was asked to make an application for funding for another VAS.

93. Wreath and Christmas Tree

The Clerk confirmed that a Remembrance Day wreath had been ordered, and was asked to order a Christmas tree.

94. CLP update

The "Last Night of the Proms" event in the Church on 8th September was very successful and will be repeated in 2019. There are plans for a carol Concert in the grounds of the Manor, and at the request of the Shelswell benefice the group will be developing a walking tour around the village.

95. Planning

Pool house garden room with internal and external associated works

The Pool House Stratton Audley Hall Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BS

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To be circulated and a response to CDC in due course.

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

OALC Update
OCC September update.

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

E/W Rail liaison – 6th September, notes have now been circulated.
The Chairman reported he will be meeting CDC's Conservation officer on 4th October to discuss the review of the Conservation area.

98. Items for information or next Agenda

By 15th October please.

99. Date of next meeting

7th November 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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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	05 September 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£1,956.08
01-Aug-18	The Red Lion	500505		£20.00
01-Aug-18	Mrs A Davies	500506		£128.48
01-Aug-18	HMRC	500507		£78.40
01-Aug-18	Parish Council websites	500508		£120.00
		500509		
01-Aug-18	M Gore	500510		£240.00
01-Aug-18	Broxap	500511		£1,369.20
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	28 August 2018
Savings Account				£16,361.50
Current account				£10,721.71
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	Sponsorship			£0.00
Payments	Community First Oxon			£35.00
	The Red Lion			£20.00
			Net Total	<u>£27,028.21</u>