



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 7th November 2018

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

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

Also present :

Members of the public: None

95. Declarations of interest

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of Stratton Audley Parochial Church Council.

96. Minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2018

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd October 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

97. Councillor's Report

The OCC report for October has been circulated.

98. Progress on Parish matters

The Mallories

A brochure from the road sign manufacturer has been sent to the developer. The Clerk will draft a note for the Chairman to send confirming that a new signpost has been ordered.

Quarry Update.

The Oxfordshire County Council planning meeting on 29th October authorised the serving of an Enforcement Notice to secure the restoration of Elm farm Quarry, to be served before the end of December 2018. The Landowner has now made an application to delay the restoration condition in the planning consent until June 2020, to allow time for discussion about the future of the Quarry. Discussion of the planning application is contained later in these minutes.

Stream Clearance

Several Councillors cleared the stream and culvert in Mill Road. The work required some equipment – a mini digger – to be hired, and the invoice for this is awaited.

Launton Road/Horse signs

The Clerk will arrange to meet the OCC representative to discuss the position of the signs.

New Litter/dog bins

The new litter and dog bins have been installed. It was suggested that the new red dog bin on the Pound could be considered an eyesore, and it would be more appropriate if it could be moved to another location. After discussion Councillors agreed to monitor the situation and review the matter again in 6 months' time.

First Aid Training

There will be a first aid training session in the Church at 10.00am on 17th November. It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider purchasing another defibrillator at some point in the future. The Parish Council authorised the purchase of cards containing essential first aid information.

Launton Road

The Clerk was asked to request an update into OCC action to repair the road. In passing it was also noted that Mill Road beyond Pool Farm has deteriorated again, and requires work.

Bicester heritage Hotel

CDC have indicated that they are minded to grant this application – details of the terms of the planning consent are being finalised and may not be published for several months.

99. 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>
500525	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500526	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	128.08
500527	HMRC	Clerk tax	78.40
500528	Information Commissioner	registration	40.00
500529	Mike Gore	maintenance	405.00
500530	S Hopkins	Saw blades	7.44
500531	cancelled		
500532	A Flack	buddleia	9.99

100. VAS

As previously requested the Chairman has altered the setting of the VAS to record higher speeds approaching the sign further out but this means the display stops just before the speed limit is reached.

101. Emergency Plan

It was agreed that the Village Emergency Plan documentation should be updated.

102. PC/Church Liaison

Representatives of both organisations have met. Storage for resilience equipment, the generator and the diesel required to run it has been agreed. Work on the revamping of the kitchen will be delayed and more funding will be required. The Church has no problem in principle with the erection of a flag pole on the Church tower and no Faculty is required. Quotes for this work will be needed. The idea of a mobile mast being erected on the Bell Tower to improve phone signals had also been discussed and the Chairman will look into its' feasibility.

Volunteers are required to move the debris by the Church and more volunteers for the mowing rota would be helpful.

103. Village Improvements Fund.

Since the last meeting the Pound area on Mill Road has been cleared, doubling the size and exposing the stone wall which overlooks the site of the old castle. This work has already been welcomed by many residents. More is to be done in the spring with the planting of wild flowers and other measures including possibly installing replica stocks. However the wall overlooking the field requires some repair work and the Chairman will speak to the presumed owner

Other village-wide ideas under consideration are a flag pole for the church tower, various new wooden benches, stone troughs at the entrances to the village and the possibility of a chalk notice board for general use by residents, sited near the island tree by the church.

Additional planting of bulbs will now have to wait until next year when volunteers come forward to carry out this work.

The idea of the PC repairing the path that runs along the edge of the Pond had been agreed with the owner, which will provide better access for mobility scouters and funding will now be sought.

It was agreed that some of these proposals, if not enacted earlier, should form part of an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting in the spring, when residents would be invited to make their views felt.

104. Unmetalled roads and footpaths report

A new resident has volunteered to support Cllr Hopkins in this work. The broken stile at Elm Farm and the missing handrail further on the walk have been raised with landowners.


88. Oxford Wild Life Trust initiative

Further updates are awaited.

105. CLP update

The Church and CLP is planning a Christmas party before the end of the year. Other planned joint activities are a concert by the Lytton- Smythe trio in April 2019; a leaflet of walks around the village – to coincide with the Shelswell Village Walks project by June 2019; involvement in the Shelswell festival in July 2019; Ferret racing possibly in the Spring and another “Last night of the proms” event in September 2019. A CLP planning meeting will take place at the end of January 2019. **Raffle prizes are required for the Christmas dinner.**

106. Planning

To continue the development permitted by planning permission no. 97/01501/CM (for infilling of existing limestone quarry with naturally occurring subsoils and other inert wastes to form a country park, importation of waste aggregates for recycling and resale) without complying with condition 20, to allow the extension of time for the completion of restoration of the site to 30th June 2020 (OCC Ref MW.0120/18) 

Elm Farm Quarry Bicester Road Stratton Audley Ref. No: 18/01863/CM

The Parish Council objects in the strongest possible terms to the above application. The terms of the restoration conditions in the planning consent have been clearly available and any new owner of the site must have purchased in the full knowledge of the same. The Council would not like to see action, and restoration, delayed further, and would wish this application to be considered by Committee should officer recommend approval. The Clerk was asked to advise County & District Councillors of the Parish Council's very strong feelings on this matter.

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

OALC Update

OCC October

Letter from Piddington PC re gypsy/travellers in CDC.

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

The Chairman reported he has met CDC's Conservation officer on 4th October to discuss the review of the Conservation area. A report will be available for consultation shortly.

Unfortunately Cllr Edwards was not able to attend the Police Locality meeting, but remains in contact with the group.

109. Items for information or next Agenda

By 15th November please.

110. Date of next meeting

4th December 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	07 November 2018
Payments processed since last meeting				£4,853.77
	03-Oct-18	The Red Lion	500518	£20.00
	03-Oct-18	Tulu	500519	£144.00
	03-Oct-18	CDC	500520	£288.29
	03-Oct-18	Mrs A Davies	500521	£128.48
	03-Oct-18	HMRC	500522	£78.00
	03-Oct-18	M Gore	500523	£195.00
	03-Oct-18	SA PCC	5005244	£4,000.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	05 November 2018
		Savings Account		£16,361.50
		Current account		£10,057.26
Items not yet cleared:				
	Receipts	Sponsorship		£0.00
	Payments	Community First Oxon		£35.00
		The Red Lion		£20.00
		RBL		£100.00
			Net Total	<u>£26,263.76</u>