



### **Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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

#### **Apologies:**

Mr J Edwards, and Mr M Hedgecox.

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

**Members of the public:** None

#### **130. Declarations of interest**

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

#### **131. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### **132. Councillor's Report**

The OCC report for December has been circulated.

#### **133. Progress on Parish matters**

##### **First Aid session**

Another first aid session will be arranged in February/march.

##### **Welcome Pack**

10 welcome packs were handed out to new residents over the last 12 months by the PCC. The Parish Council will consider whether it can become involved and contribute towards this initiative by revisiting it in the new financial year.

##### **Launton Road potholes**

The Clerk will continue to raise concerns about the potholes in Launton Road with OCC Highways.

##### **East/West Rail**

Ongoing.

##### **Bicester heritage**

CDC have granted planning permission for the Hotel and the technical site, but the permission documents have not yet been issued.

##### **Quarry Update**

OCC have confirmed that enforcement notices were served on the owners of Elm farm Quarry on 19<sup>th</sup> December. The Parish Council confirmed that it would expect to see provision for reasonable public access to the restored quarry area, whatever restoration scheme is adopted.

##### **Launton Road/Horse signs**

Horse warning signs have been erected. The clerk will ask OCC for another sign to be put further up the Launton Road outside the Livery station where the recent accident between a rider and a driver occurred.

##### **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

Ongoing.

##### **Highway maintenance schemes**

A request for maintenance of areas in and around Stratton Audley has been submitted to OCC.

##### **Electricity Power Cut to the village**

The Chairman reported that he had been advised that electricity will be cut to the village on 17<sup>th</sup> January and that all residents will be made aware a few days prior. This is for essential works to be carried out.

#### 134. 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>
500542	AWBS	Hardcore	104.90
500543	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500544	Play Inspection Co	Safety report	78.00
500545	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	128.48
500546	HMRC	Clerk tax	78.00
500547	M Gore	Village maintenance	42.50
500548	AWBS	Hard core	104.90

The Parish Council considered its budget for 2019/2020 and agreed to request a precept in the sum of £11171, which is an increase of £2.57 per annum for a Band D property. The Parish Council intends to add some of these funds to its reserves to enable it to purchase another VAS

#### 135. Emergency Plan

The Chairman has circulated proposed changes to the Plan, including adding a central zone (making 5 zones) and updating details of primary and secondary contacts. It was agreed that Primary contacts in each zone should be Parish Councillors and it was also agreed that all primary contacts should be trained to use the defibrillator. The new document will be circulated before final approval.

#### 136. Village Improvements Fund.

No new projects have been requested.

#### 137. Unmetalled roads and footpaths report

The stile on the footpath that leads off Mill Road about ½ mile outside the village has been repaired and the dead tree removed. A muddy area on the Bucks Way has been filled with gravel by Cllr Hopkins and an additional full bag left at the site. The Council considered and agreed a suggestion that a shovel be placed next to the bag with an invitation to walkers to fill any problem areas as they see fit. The Council agreed to purchase 2 additional bags of gravel, to improve the surface of other areas where paths cross fences. It was agreed that a request should be made to the Church to remove the fallen tree, which is currently blocking the pavement.

The Parish Council agreed a proposal that a footpath sign is erected to show the route past the hunt. It also noted that the land owner had a right to erect a sign identifying private property, where necessary.

#### 138. VAS

The Parish Council noted that there had been an accident just before Christmas between two cars, one of which was exiting a property on Bicester Road, and discussed concerns about the speed of traffic travelling round the sharp bend in the village by the back of Stratton Audley Hall. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the availability of warning signs indicating that there could be traffic in the middle of the road.

#### 139. Oxford Wild Life Trust initiative

Further updates are awaited. There has been interest shown in TVERC doing research into the flora and fauna at the Quarry as well as beyond the pond area.

#### 140. Pocket Park

The Parish Council has recently become aware of grant funding from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government to provide pocket parks. The information was circulated in December – with the deadline for grant applications being 25<sup>th</sup> January. There is an expectation that the cost of providing a Pocket Park would be match funded by the District Council (and maybe a small contribution also from the Parish

Council.) Subject to the Clerk confirming the terms of the match funding with CDC, the Parish Council agreed to proceed to make an application for a grant to enable it to enhance and develop the area by the Pound.

#### 141. Pond Path

Progress is now waiting for the release of funds from a historic "Village Improvement fund". The Parish Council will ask for volunteers to assist in this work.

#### 142. Power Cut

The Chairman reported that he had been advised that there will be a day long power cut on 17<sup>th</sup> January. It appeared that some Councillors had also been advised of these proposals, and some not. The Chairman agreed to confirm the proposals with SSE and update residents via the web site.

#### 143. CLP update

The CLP group will be meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to finalise dates for events in 2019.

#### 144. Planning

##### **RETROSPECTIVE - Installation of a toilet/cloakroom in former corridor.**

2 Church Cottages Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AQ Ref. No: 18/02125/LB  
No objection

##### **Erection of new detached dwelling house - this application seeks to amend the original dwelling design from 16/00366/REM and Appeal APP/C3105/W/16/3154107**

The Green Barn Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AT  
Ref. No: 18/02103/F

Having considered this application the parish council agreed to object to the application, on the basis that the proposal would lose 1 parking space at the property, Contrary to the Design and Access statement, the Village has lost its regular bus service, and it would be difficult for an occupier of the property to access facilities without a car. The loss of 1 parking space to create an office may mean that the resident would need to park on the road, which concerns the Parish Council.

If the application is to be approved the Parish Council would look to funds to provide an additional VAS on the Stoke Lyne road, and a contribution to the bus company to maintain the existing (one service a day) service.

##### **Variation of Condition 2 of 17/00739/F - Change of sliding doors to north west elevation to sliding/folding doors; change of casement window on north west elevation to fully glazed gable end**

The Old Rectory  
Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS Ref. No: 18/01922/F

No Objection.

#### The Mallories

The Parish Council noted concerns expressed by some residents that the development at the Mallories was higher than expected. However, having checked the plans of the front elevation it was satisfied that this is not the case.

The Clerk was asked to raise with OCC the possible trip hazard of the fencing round the development at The Mallories, as a resident had reported an incident in the dark. The question was also raised as to why there is no temporary lighting as is required for a skip on the road.

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

OALC Update

OCC October

Highway Maintenance Schemes

Conservation area report

Oxford resilience group – meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January at the Fire HQ Kidlington at 7.00pm.

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

None.

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

By 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 please.

**The Parish Council noted that CDC's Conservation officer is about to complete her review of the Conservation area and the next stage is a public consultation which will take the form of an exhibition of the proposals and followed by a short presentation of the contents of the report to the Village. The Parish Council has arranged for this event to take place in the Church on 9<sup>th</sup> April, and has decided that for the convenience of the whole community, to organise the Annual Parish Meeting on the same day in the evening.**

The Parish Council wished to thank Mr Henry Papenfus and Mr Richard Howson for erecting the Christmas Tree in the village and supplying the electricity for the lighting.

**148. Date of next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm.

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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	09 January 2019
Payments processed since last meeting				£598.74
06-Dec-18	The Red Lion	500533		£20.00
06-Dec-18	Goss Bros	500534		£291.06
06-Dec-18	cancelled	500535		
06-Dec-18	HMRC	500536		£78.00
06-Dec-18	Mrs A Davies	500537		£139.73
06-Dec-18	cancelled	500538		
06-Dec-18	J Honsinger	500539		£36.81
06-Dec-18	S Hopkins	500540		£33.14
06-Dec-18	cancelled	500541		
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	04 January 2019
			Savings Account	£16,363.95
			Current account	£8,669.61
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	Sponsorship			£0.00
Payments	Community First Oxon			£35.00
	The Red Lion			£20.00
	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
	cancelled			£0.00
			Net Total	<u>£24,978.56</u>