



## **Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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

### **Apologies:**

Mr J Honsinger, Mr J Edwards, and Mrs K Walker  
Cllr B Wood (CDC), Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC Councillor)

### **Members of the public: 2**

2 members of the public attended to explain the reasons for and details of their planning application for an extension to Kent Cottage.

### **147. Declarations of interest**

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

### **148. Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

### **149. Councillor's Report**

The OCC report for December has been circulated.

### **150. Progress on Parish matters**

#### **Church storage**

Storage has now been created, and most of the necessary resilience equipment has now been stored away .

#### **First Aid session**

A first aid refresher session has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Launton Road potholes**

The Clerk will raise concerns about the potholes in Launton Road with Cllr Corkin as OCC Highways have marked up the holes, but not carried out repairs.

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

Ongoing. Proposals to deal with the issues at the London Road railway crossing will be dealt with in Stage 3 of the rail development.

#### **Bicester heritage**

CDC have granted planning permission for the Hotel and the technical site, but the permission documents have not yet been issued. Councillors noted that the gate from Bicester Heritage onto the Bicester Road had been replaced, and the Clerk was asked to enquire what Bicester Heritage's plans for the entrance were.

#### **Quarry Update**

The Council has been advised that the Planning enforcement notices have been appealed. A recent ecology report indicates a greater number of flora and fauna of interest, which will have an effect on the restoration proposals. The Parish Council will monitor the site for developments.

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

The clerk has asked Launton Parish Council if they would please request another sign to be put outside the Livery stables in Launton road, where the recent accident between a rider and a driver occurred.

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

Ongoing.

#### **Highway maintenance schemes**

There was concern that the shaded area at the top of the Bicester road became very slippery in icy weather. The Clerk was asked to suggest to OCC that the hedge on the edge of the verge should be cut back.

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

As a swan flew into the electricity cables, the power was cut off for longer than anticipated.

### **151. 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>
500549	Parish online	mapping	60.00
500550	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500601	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	145.33
500602	HMRC	Clerk tax	78.40
500603	St John Ambulance Supplies	Defib pads	108.40
500604	genpower	Generator key	12.81
500605	S Hopkins	Expenses re generator	40.48

### **152. Emergency Plan**

Cllr Hopkins has made arrangements for the artwork to be changed, as agreed at the January Parish Council meeting, and additional information to be published.

### **153. Village Improvements Fund.**

Current proposals include a noticeboard put out on the triangle of land at the top of the Launton Road to advertise village events, possibly on a temporary basis, a flagpole on the Church Tower, and troughs and floral displays at village entrances.

### **154. Unmetalled roads and footpaths report**

The Council were pleased to note that the full bag of hard core left by the footpath was being used by walkers to fill problem areas. Cllr Hopkins agreed to arrange for a delivery location for the 2 additional bags of gravel which were agreed to be purchased at the last meeting.

### **155. VAS**

The Parish Council had originally planned to move the VAS early in 2019. However, after discussion, the meeting agreed that it should remain in its current location as it was proving to be effective and it is the busiest road into the village. The Council hope to be able to get funding for another one for the Stoke Lyne road before the end of the next financial year.

### **156. Oxford Wild Life Trust initiative**

Ongoing

### **157. Pocket Park**

After a significant amount of work on the application by the Chairman, an application for funding was submitted to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government within the deadline. A supporting application has also been made to CDC, who will make a decision once the result of the initial application is forthcoming. If successful it will enhance the Pound area significantly.

### **158. Pond Path**

Ongoing.

### **159. Keep Clear Bollards**

The Council agreed that these should remain in place by the Church, to ensure that the bus had access. Cllr Flack agreed to suggest to the Church that they asked users to keep the corner clear of parked cars when making a booking.

**160. Conservation Area**

CDC have been reviewing the Stratton Audley Conservation Area. They intend to present their findings to the village on 9<sup>th</sup> April in the church. There will be an exhibition from 5pm – 6.30pm followed by a presentation and questions from 6.30-7.30pm. At the close of this meeting the Parish Council agreed to hold the Annual parish meeting.

**161. CLP update**

The CLP group met on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Current plans include:-

Concert by the Lytton-Smythe trio (on 17<sup>th</sup> May)

Ferret Racing (on 5<sup>th</sup> July)

Last night of the Proms dinner (on 7<sup>th</sup> September)

Together with a Christmas fair and Christmas supper.

Discussions are also taking place about a horticulture Show

The next Street festival will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Group plan to meet again on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**162. Planning**

[Demolition of an existing single storey rear extension and the construction of a new two storey rear extension and internal remodelling](#) 

Kent Cottage Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AT

Ref. No: 19/00131/F

No objection.

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

OALC Update

OCC update

CDC re litter pick – The Council agreed to request equipment to be delivered on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

Oxford together questionnaire. Having considered the contents the Council agreed to pursue an option for appropriately trained persons to be authorised to instruct OCC's contractor to carry out minor road maintenance and repairs.

The Council has received correspondence about an accumulation of litter in the new bin on Mill Road, and on the Stoke Lyne Road. This has been reported to CDC.

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

TVPA Rural policing meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> February in fringford Village Hall.

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

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

**166. Date of next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm. Annual Parish Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April in the Church at 7.30pm

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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	06 February 2019
Payments processed since last meeting				£556.78
	09-Jan-19	AWBS	500542	£104.90
	09-Jan-19	The Red Lion	500543	£20.00
	09-Jan-19	play inspection co	500544	£78.00
	09-Jan-19	Mrs A Davies	500545	£128.48
	09-Jan-19	HMRC	500546	£78.00
	09-Jan-19	Mike Gore	500547	£42.50
	09-Jan-19	AWBS	50048	£104.90
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	03 February 2019
		Savings Account		£16,363.95
		Current account		£8,112.83
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><u>£24,421.78</u></u>