

Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 1st May 2019

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

Apologies:

Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC Councillor)

Cllr B Wood (CDC)

Also Present:

Members of the public: None.

1. Election of Chairman and appointment of Vice Chairman.

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr John Honsinger should be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2019/2020, and Cllr A Flack was appointed Vice Chairman.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2019

The Council agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd April 2019 were an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of the Stratton Audley PCC.

4. Councillor's Report

No update

5. Progress on Parish matters

Bicester heritage/Quarry Update

It was noted that Bicester heritage H had attended the Annual Parish Meeting at which they were well received but less forthcoming than some would have liked. This is due perhaps to the fact that they are proceeding with an appeal against the refusal of their application to extend the time for submission of a scheme to redevelop the quarry, as a result of which they appear to be communicating less with the Parish Council. New proposals/plans are awaited and it would appear certain that the existing access points around the airfield will be used. New plans could require OCC to compromise its current stance on habitat provision. A representative of the Berks Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust has expressed interest in discussing the current flora and fauna on the Quarry site, but there has been no engagement from Bicester heritage. Bicester heritage are currently rebranding themselves as Bicester Motion. The council resolved to monitor developments closely and would provide an update at the next meeting from Cllr Ian Corkin.

Appeal for Volunteers

There have been around 32/33 responses to the Parish Council's appeal for volunteers to assist with village projects.

East/West Rail

E/W Rail do not now propose to take out the oak trees at the junction of the A4421 and Park road to create an extra lane, but instead considering using land on the other side of the road and are also currently in discussion with OCC about the precise location of passing bays on the road to Poundon prior to works

starting in 2020. Nothing will happen without the plans being fully discussed with residents close to the turning and Cllr Ian Corkin is very much involved. It is understood that HGV traffic will now be less at this point with more taken off at junction 10 on the M40.

Finger Post road sign at the Mallories

The matter is in the hands of the owner of the Mallories but there has been no further progress with the finger post, as the building company is denying liability for its damage.

PC/Church meeting

There will be a meeting between the Church and representatives of the Parish Council on 8th May to discuss;-
 Funding for the tea area
 Flagpole on Church roof
 Church maintenance
 A mobile phone mast on the Church
 The welcome pack

Traffic cones by Church

The Clerk was asked to chase OCC for clarification about liability

Welcome Pack

The Parish Council has donated £100 to the Church towards the cost of this initiative. It will therefore add information about the Village and its activities to the packs.

6. 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>
500622	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500623	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	216.58
500624	HMRC	Clerk tax	40.40
500625	CDC	Dog Bin	48.05
500626	M Gore	Maintenance	390.00
500627	Cotswold Natural Stone	Stone for Pound area	2058.00
500628	George Walker	Groundworks at pound area	1040

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 and authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the same.

It asked the Clerk to provide more details of allocated reserves to enable Councillors to understand what proportion of the reserves is available to spend.

The Clerk was asked to arrange temporary insurance cover for stone stored at the Pound during building work.

7. Village Improvements Fund.

The Parish Council noted that the Village improvement Fund had been discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. A metal bench around the chestnut tree by the Church together with new benches and some works

to improve the verges in the village will be pursued. There had been negative feed-back on the idea of stone troughs at the entries to the village on a number of grounds and so this idea would not be followed up for the time being.

It was also noted that the Annual Parish Meeting had not supported proposals to improve the path around the Pond, in view of the potential cost of the work. The Chairman will consider options for minor improvements.

8. VAS

The Annual parish Meeting supported the purchase of another VAS, funded in part by the dormant fund administered by three residents containing £675 and it is hoped the balance coming from Cllr Corkin's community priority fund.

9. Oxford Wild Life Trust initiative

Representatives of the Trust will be making contact with the owner of the pond area to discuss management options. The Parish Council agreed that it would stay in touch and follow up any action as required.

10. Pound area Pocket Park

Work has commenced as planned and the PC wished to thank all volunteers who helped with the ground clearance on 27/28th April. The stone mason is on site and the Parish Council has now taken delivery of the stone walling materials. A small gap in the front wall will be left for vehicular access and a double gate installed. The landowner of the adjoining field does not want a new gate that can be left open by walkers so a large Kissing gate as originally proposed will be installed. Positive feed-back on all aspects of the development had been received including support for new stocks (25 for/6 against) a circular seat around the tree and the planting of fruit trees and wild flowers. Pound House, the property adjoining the Pound, will arrange for their wall to be rebuilt.

11. Conservation Area Review

The Parish Council will make a formal response to the proposals in the Conservation Area review. Main concerns are the properties included in the proposed new boundary lines, and the proposal to support the Conservation Area with an "Article 4" direction, as some on the parish council believe that the Conservation area itself gives protection from development. Cllr Edwards agreed to prepare a draft submission.

12. Defibrillator

The Parish Council agreed to consider the purchase of another defibrillator with the assistance of grant funding as soon as this becomes available. The proposal is to investigate the feasibility of placing it on the wall of the old post Office adjacent to the post box.

There has been a proposal that the defibrillator is kept unlocked for easy access. After investigation, and as the Clerk has been advised that the council's insurers support the proposal that the box is unlocked, it was decided that the code for the box should be readily available so that there are no delays, should it require to be used. Furthermore it was agreed that more publicity to identify the location of the defibrillator would be considered on noticeboards, the website and in the Parish news.

13. Village broadband

It would appear changes are being made to the broadband delivery to the village in particular for the properties further out of the village. The Chairman would investigate further.

The idea of placing a mobile phone mast on top of the church tower in order to improve mobile phone connectivity had not progressed as no interest from suppliers had been forthcoming. Cllr. Hedgecox agreed to investigate this further.

14. Playground

It was reported that the slide can become very hot. The Parish Council will take advice from county playground experts.

15. Door drops

Door drops are currently planned for:-

Ferret racing

A flyer for cakes for the table top sale on 1st June

Shelswell History Festival

A5 Artists in the Countryside at Newton Purcell

16. CLP update

The CLP group meets monthly

Events will be:-

The Lytton- Smythe trio on 17th May

Ferret Racing on 5th July in the Hunt paddock

Last night of the Proms dinner in the Church on 14th September.

2020 – Street festival planning needs to begin. Some discussion was had with regard to this moving ahead in conjunction with residents of the Manor.

17. Planning

A discussion was held on the procedure to follow for all future applications where it is clear that there will be an impact at street and the council resolved to in future visit all sites to ensure that the impact of any developments was fully appreciated. Cllr. Hedgecox agreed to co-ordinate this work with support from Cllr Edwards.

[Permission to decrease height of boundary wall, widen existing dropped curb and widen access to enable cars to enter property and provision of off-street parking to reduce risks of parked cars on Stoke Lyne Road](#)



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Refused.

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

OALC Update

OCC update

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

TVPA Rural policing meeting – next meeting 12th June in Chesterton Village hall.

20. Items for information or next Agenda

By 15th May 2019 please.

The Parish Council thanked the resident, who co-ordinated the availability of dog waste bags around the village.

The Parish Council noted the absence of the Clerk, thanked her stand-in for his assistance and wished her a speedy recovery.

21. Date of next meeting

5th June 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	01 May 2019
Payments processed since last meeting				£2,587.03
03-Apr-19		Cotswold Natural Stone	500614	£2,058.00
03-Apr-19		CDC	500615	£144.14
03-Apr-19		cancelled	500616	
03-Apr-19		Mrs A Davies	500617	£128.08
03-Apr-19		HMRC	500618	£78.40
03-Apr-19		J Honsinger	500619	£58.41
03-Apr-19		The Red Lion	500620	£20.00
03-Apr-19		SAPCC	500621	£100.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£5,807.01
05-Apr-19		Bank		£29.17
12-Apr-19		CDC		£5,585.50
26-Apr-19		CDC		£192.34
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	30 April 2019
Savings Account				£16,870.05
Current account				£9,665.77
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	The Red Lion			£20.00
	SAPCC			£100.00
			Net Total	<u>£26,415.82</u>