



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 4th September 2019

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

Apologies: Mr M Hedgecox

Members of the public: none.

49. Minutes of the meeting of 7th August 2019

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter she had received regarding the accuracy of the August draft minutes. This letter is attached as Appendix B. She reminded the Parish Council that the minutes were their minutes and should reflect the discussion at the meeting. Minute 38 was a reflection of the discussion with a resident who had attended for public participation. However the Parish Council agreed to add the words "The Parish Council was told that " before "Many villagers said they disagreed " and subject thereto the Minutes of the meeting of 7th August were approved.

50. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of the Stratton Audley PCC, and Cllr Edwards declared a personal interest as a neighbour of a planning applicant.

51. Progress on Parish matters

Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Ongoing.

Traffic cones by Church

OCC have agreed to put single white lines along the road by the Church and opposite the Mallories on Church Street.

Conservation Area Review

This has now been discussed by CDC and is about to be published.

Mallories fingerpost

Thanks were given to the owner who has repaired and replaced the damaged finger sign post at his own expense.

VAS

The Clerk has applied to Cllr Corkin's Priority Fund for support for a second VAS in the village, and will chase up its outcome.

Village Improvement Fund

The Chairman has contacted everyone involved with the CLP Fund Raising Committee to clarify suggestions and priorities. From the responses received – top suggestions are to install more VAS signs, gravel the path by Cherry Street to the pond and install new benches around the village at locations to be agreed. Planting daffodils, installing a second defibrillator and buying a gazebo were also liked as well as enhancing the village wild life and cutting back the hedges at the top of the Bicester Road. The other ideas were not generally supported including that of a circular bench by the horse chestnut tree and stone troughs at the village entrances.

Second Defibrillator

Ongoing.

52. 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>
500719	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500720	J Honsinger	Picnic table for Pound	185.95
500721	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	173.22
500722	HMRC	Clerk tax	40.40
500723	M Gore	Grass	420.00

53. Pound Area Pocket Park

The information board and noticeboard for the pocket park have now arrived and will shortly be installed. There will be a formal opening of the Park in the morning of 28th September, to which all the village will be invited as well as district councillors. At this time two fruit trees will be planted. The Parish Council agreed to provide ice cream for the event. The Parish Council has currently received payment of £13,444 of the grant available. The Chairman is also currently awaiting a quote for putting down turf/wild flowers and the Council also agreed plans to plant clumps of daffodils, narcissi and snowdrops.

54. Additional Councillor

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Maxine Ling onto the Council to replace Stuart Hopkins. There remains one more vacancy.

55. CLP update

The Welcome pack for new residents will be co-ordinated by the Church Wardens.

There is only one space left for the Last Night of the Proms dinner.

The management Company of the Manor have asked their residents about the use of the grounds for the Village Street Festival in 2020. This has been agreed by 16 out of 23 respondents, subject to it not being used for village events too often, no Manor electricity being used no yellow paint around tree roots and the possibility of a contribution being made to the Manor.

A meeting will take place on 30th September to discuss progression of the 2020 Street Festival.

56. Planning

<u>19/01312/F</u>	The outbuilding adjacent to The Kennels Bicester Road Stratton Audley	Conversion of existing outbuildings into 3 new residential units. No objection.
43 Planning <u>19/01260/F</u>	The Pool House	Additional car parking spaces for commercial use. The Clerk was asked to obtain more details from CDC and circulate to members.

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

OALC Update

OCC update

Suggestions for attendees at a Royal Garden Party.

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

None

59. Items for information or next Agenda

By 15th September 2019 please.

60. AOB

The Parish Council will be carrying out a door drop around the village during the week commencing 9th September.

The Clerk was asked to check with the Contract when the weed spray was 1st carried out, and when it will need to be done again.

61. Date of next meeting

2nd October 2019 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm.

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27th August 2019

Dear Mrs. Davies

With reference to the draft Minutes of August 2019, several of the signatories to the letter that was submitted to the Chairman have read the Minutes and believe that there are certain issues which need to be addressed. The matters have been discussed with these people and this letter represents the views of those villagers.

We would like to make clarification of the item No. 38 in the August draft Minutes referring to the petition given to The Chairman.

It is stated “Many villagers had refused to sign it”. This statement is wrong. Only one villager who was informed of the letter said they would rather not sign and another villager said they would think about it but this was never pursued. Neither of these two had read the letter. Every villager who was made aware of the attribution proposed on the Pound information panel and read the letter, asked if they could sign. **Not one person refused** and indeed after the letter had been delivered to the Chairman, several more villagers asked to sign but we had decided 30 signatures was a good representation of the village, and particularly of villagers who have lived here for many years.

We would therefore request that item No. 38 of the draft Minutes be amended to properly reflect the situation as explained above and suggest the following:

“A member of the public attended to give voice to an opposing view held by *some* villagers to the petition regarding the attribution proposed on the Pound information panel”.
The last sentence be deleted.

Item 42. It is stated that “The Parish Council had received an unsigned letter together with a sheet of signatures etc”. The 30 signatures were the signatures on the letter even though they were on a separate sheet, so in fact the letter was signed. Also “none of the signatories attended the meeting”. As the letter was self-explanatory, it didn’t appear necessary for anyone to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. M. Woodward

Mrs. D. Howarth

Mrs. S. Rowe