



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd October 2019

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

Apologies: Mr M Hedgecox, Ms M Ling, Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

Members of the public: none.

61. Minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2019 were agreed.

62. 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.

63. Progress on Parish matters

Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Ongoing.

Traffic White Lines in Church

Waiting for OCC to advise when the work will be carried out.

Conservation Area Review

Ongoing.

Village Improvement Fund

No further commitments have been made yet apart from the previously agreed contribution to seed-fund the Pound Pocket Park. Monies will remain in the fund until spent at the appropriate time.

Second VAS for Stoke Lyne Road

Confirmation has been received that Cllr Corkin has very generously given approval for a £1800 grant towards the cost of a new solar VAS speed sign. A further amount of approximately £775 will be contributed by closing the dormant village fund jointly held in the name of three members of the community on behalf of the village. The remainder of the likely £3000 cost will come from the village improvement fund.

Cllr Edwards agreed to investigate and make a recommendation on the supplier to use and Cllr Flack agreed to talk to the businesses in Willow Lodge about possible contributions towards the signage.

Second Defibrillator

Ongoing. The Parish Council agreed to apply to Cllr Corkin's priority fund, should he be awarded an amount for 2020/2021.

Bicester heritage/The Quarry

Cllr Corkin has reported that plans will shortly be finalised, and restoration proposals put forward.

E/W Rail

It was reported that passing bays have been marked out along the Poundon Road.

64. 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>
500724	The Pound	Gates installations	800.00
500725	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500726	CDC	Dog bins	480.48
500727	A Lambourne	Internal audit	33.75
500728	Moore East midlands	audit	240.00
500729	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	173.02
500730	HMRC	Clerk tax	40.60

500731	M Gore	Grass	210.00
500732	J Honsinger	Expenses all itemised relating to the Pound	324.77
500733	The Green Man	Rotovation/Flowers/trees/	466.83
500734	The Pound	Stocks	600.00
500735	A resident	Small dog signs	10.50
500736	Shelley Signs	Information on Pound	1836.00

65. Pound Area Pocket Park

About 50 people attended the opening ceremony of the Pound on 28th September and the whole proceedings were very well received. A report has circulated and will be sent to the local newspaper. Further seeding of grass and plantings of wild flower plugs will be done during October and the stocks are still a work in progress. Some 24 residents provided written comments on their impressions and all were positive and appreciative of this new village facility. The Parish Council has also received a number of other favourable comments in writing from those that could not attend. An independent report is being prepared for the district council with fully support from the Parish Council.

66. Commercial signage in the village

A number of residents have expressed concern at a number of commercial signs around the village, including the brown direction sign that has been added to the finger post road sign outside the Mallories. Checks with OCC indicate that the County Council does have a procedure whereby these signs can be approved for certain businesses and an appropriately authorised sign erected, but the sign in question does not appear to have been approved by them. The owners will be informed.

The Parish Council agreed to monitor village signage on an annual basis, and report all signs seen to OCC/CDC for appropriate authorisation/action.

Fibre Broadband

The Chairman has queried why broadband speeds in the outskirts of the village towards Pool Farm are not as promised, and has been told that fibre box no 6 , installed in May has not been connected up but it is hoped will be fully operational from the end of October 2019.

Potholes

Residents, having reported potholes to OCC via “Fix my street” have become concerned to see the Council’s contractors ignoring major pothole issues while carrying out repairs to others. This has been referred to Cllr Corkin, who is currently investigating the situation.

There was also concern that the failed road (Mill Road beyond the crossroads) having been reported several times, has now been closed on the basis that it will be put on a future list for repair, and there are similar problems on the road from Park Road to Godington and Launton Road.

The Clerk was asked to request a walk through with Cllr Corkin and a highways engineer – to clarify some of the current problems.

Remembrance Wreathe

The Council agreed to request a similar wreathe to that obtained in 2018. A donation will be made to the royal British Legion of £100.

67. CLP update

The Last Night of the Proms event was very successful, with final figures to be confirmed.

There were few attendees at the recent CLP meeting to discuss the 2020 Street festival. There will be another meeting on 24th October, when a decision will be made whether to run the event, or whether to look at holding smaller events that are less demanding to organise.

68. Planning

<u>19/01953/F</u>	Land Adj To 2 Garden Cottage Garden Cottages Bicester Road Stratton Audley	Variation of condition 2, ,3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of 17/02185/F - Drawing 2017 - 556 - 20 to be superceded by 1924 P201 proposed floor plans and elevations
No objection, unless concerns are raised by adjoining properties		

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

OALC Update

OCC update

Rural resilience group.

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

None

71. Items for information or next Agenda

By 14th October 2019 please.

72. AOB

None.

73. Date of next meeting

5th November 2019 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm.

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