



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

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

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

Members of the public: 1.

92. Public participation

One member of the public attended to discuss concerns over the Thames Water pumping station particularly as it affects the Bradburys. This was item 7a on the agenda and brought forward to accommodate the member of public attending.

Water levels are high and Thames have been removing excess water from the pumping station in tankers due to heavy recent rains. They submitted a written response in which they acknowledge the problem, and say that the root cause is infiltration of surface and ground water entering the network, which the sewers are not designed to take. They intend to continue investigations to find ways of preventing the excess water from entering the foul network. Highway drains, ditches and culverts need to be maintained and kept clear to ensure their continued flow and movement of water through the village.

In regards to the Pumping Station, they say this is adequate for its capacity under normal conditions and therefore, have no plans to carry out further improvements. They intend to monitor the situation over the winter to be able to provide a better report in the spring.

After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would invite Ian Corkin and Paul Wilson from OCC to walk the village and look at the local flooding concerns, ideally together with a representative from Thames Water.

93. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 6th November 2019 were agreed.

94. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of the Stratton Audley PCC. Cllr Walker declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application to move a boiler at the Manor and took no part in that discussion.

95. Progress on Parish matters

Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Ongoing. The Clerk will obtain details of OCC's Environmental Advisor.

Conservation Area Review

Awaiting publication.

Village Improvement Fund

There are currently a number of projects to improve footpath surfaces and access which the Parish Council will consider.

Second Defibrillator

Ongoing.

Bicester Heritage/The Quarry

OCC have agreed with Bicester Heritage that the Enforcement Notice will be withdrawn on submission of a new planning application to restore the Quarry, a condition of which will be to maintain a level of public access.

E/W Rail

Works to the Park Road/Poundon Road have been undertaken to check surface conditions and some local disruption occurred. Currently the Operator hopes that full work on East/West Rail will start in the Summer of 2020, assuming 'Powers' are granted by the Secretary of State to proceed.

Oxford to Cambridge Express Highway

OCC are no longer in favour of this and will be opposing it.

Pot Holes

Confirmation has been received from OCC that patching works will be carried out in the village instead of filling individual holes. The Launton road will need to be closed for a short period and this requires a road closure notice.

Footpaths

The Chairman has reached agreement with the OCC footpath association with regard to restoring a pathway just beyond the Hunt Kennels and also replacing a stile with a gate on the path leading off the Stoke Lyne Road behind the old Green barn development.

The Parish Council noted that the path through the Churchyard is used by residents on a regular basis. It therefore agreed to install a post and handrail, provided the cost did not exceed £500.

The Council also agreed to put more gravel down the boggy path near the Pound.

Road Sweep/Dog Fouling

The village was swept recently and surface drains unclogged by CDC. Signs reminding owners to clear up after their dogs have been put up around the village and a leaflet delivered to all households which has been well received by residents.

Commercial activities in the Church

The businesses involved have reached agreement with OCC and discussions are ongoing.

Broadband

A discussion had taken place at the November meeting about 5G. The meeting considered this again with different points of view expressed by Councillors. It was agreed that the matter could be discussed at the Parish Meeting in Spring 2020 when the whole community could be involved.

96. 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>
500745	The Red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500746	ICO	Registration fee	40.00
500747	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	173.22
500748	HMRC	Clerk tax	40.40
500749	Festive lights	lights	308.57
500750	Town and PC websites	advice	120.00

97. Local Police Report

No serious crime has been committed in the immediate area although it was noted that a car's catalytic converter was stolen in October within the village and this is a crime on the increase across the country.

98. Pound Area Pocket Park

CDC had recently visited the park as part of their assessment process and this went well. Invoices have now been submitted to Cherwell District Council and a final reconciliation will be made which will show that the project was completed within budget.

The Clerk was asked to confirm that the new items of the furniture in the park were all included on the insurance ledger.

The lights in the oak tree have been installed and are proving very popular with power kindly supplied by Pound House.

99. Second VAS in Stoke Lyne Road

The quote for a second VAS has now been accepted. The Chairman would contact OCC to facilitate the installation of the post which is included in the overall cost. Additionally he will ask them to install another post on the Bicester Road, to enable the current VAS to be moved from time to time.

100. Path Resurfacing at bottom of Cherry Street

The Parish Council has reached agreement with OCC to resurface the footpath at the bottom of Cherry Street (which was discussed at a recent meeting between the Parish and OCC). This work will be scheduled for early in the New Year, weather permitting. This will be paid for mainly by OCC and a special support fund from Cllr. Ian Corkin and £500 being allocated from the village improvement fund.

101 The Mallories Wall

The owner of the Mallories property has suggested that the low wall around the property should be repointed. The Parish Council confirmed that, subject to running it by CDC, they had no objection to this course of action.

102 CLP update

The Chairman of the CLP Group has reluctantly decided that the Street Festival, originally planned for 2020, should be postponed. The Council recognised that the organisation of the festival was a significant amount of work, and authorised a donation of £250 to be put towards an event to thank the people previously involved. Cllr Flack submitted his resignation as Chairman of the CLP group with immediate effect. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Flack for all his hard work on behalf of the village and a new chairman will be sought. The Council has been asked by the powers that be to consider celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE day on Friday 8th May 2020, which is to be a public Holiday. It was noted that a wedding is scheduled for that day, but the matter will be given consideration since the event could take place on the Saturday instead and the Pound area could also be utilised.

101. Planning

<u>19/02210/F</u>	10 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AR	Erection of boiler housing on the outside wall adjacent to the kitchen
<u>19/02211/LB</u>	10 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AR	Remove a gas fired combination boiler from the kitchen and erection of boiler housing on the outside wall adjacent to the kitchen
<u>19/02290/LB</u>	8 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AR	Replacement windows

No objections.

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

OCC update

OALC Update

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

Cllrs Honsinger and Flack attended the CDC liaison meeting – which they found informative and a useful opportunity to make contacts.

104. Items for information or next Agenda

By 14th December 2019 please.

105. AOB

None.

106. Date of next meeting

8th January 2020 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm (note that this was originally scheduled for 1st January)

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Stratton Audley Parish Council				Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting		04 December 2019
Payments processed since last meeting					£1,478.08
	06-Nov-19		a resident	500737	£22.95
	06-Nov-19		The Green man	500738	£636.51
	06-Nov-19		The Green man	500739	£65.00
	06-Nov-19		The Red Lion	500740	£20.00
	06-Nov-19		RBL	500741	£100.00
	06-Nov-19		Mrs A Davies	500742	£173.22
	06-Nov-19		HMRC	500743	£40.40
	06-Nov-19		M Gore	500744	£420.00
Receipts processed since previous report					£675.07
	13-Nov-19		donation		£675.07
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated		01 December 2019
			Savings Account		£10,030.86
			Current account		£10,663.40
Items not yet cleared:					
	Receipts	None			
	Payments		The Red Lion		£20.00
			cancelled		£0.00
			Sobell house		£1,000.00
			Shopkins		£0.00
			The Red Lion		£20.00
				Net Total	£19,654.26