



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 5th February 2020

Present: Mr J Honsinger (Chairman) Mr A Flack (Vice Chairman), Ms M Ling, and Mr J Edwards

Apologies: Mrs K Walker, Mr M Hedgecox and Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

Members of the public: None.

117. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 8th January 2020 were agreed.

118. Declarations of Interest

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

119. Progress on Parish matters

Launton Road Pumping Station

Thames Water, having completed an initial scoping exercise of the drains, will be carrying out a camera survey later in February.

Second VAS

The second VAS has been erected in Stoke Lyne Road. The Chairman has written to thank all residents involved and Cllr. Corkin. It is currently reported to be working well.

Bicester Heritage/The Quarry

Ongoing.

E/W Rail

The Transport and Works Act Order has now been granted, and enabling works are ongoing.

Oxford to Cambridge Express Highway

An update is awaited.

Pot Holes

The Parish Council is waiting for the roads in the village to be patched, not the potholes repaired. Launton Road will be the subject of a road closure notice to enable the works to proceed. The pothole outside Stratton house has been sprayed but additional work is required.

Footpaths

The Parish Council has now ordered the new gate to replace the stile on the footpath behind the old Green barn development and arrangements have been made for it to be installed.

OCC have carried out resurfacing to the path at the bottom of Cherry Street by the pond. Separately the Parish Council had obtained a free bag of gravel to replace the broken bag for the Cross Bucks Way path.

Additionally, restoration work to the Footpath off the Bicester Road by the Hunt Kennels is due to be carried out in the next few weeks.

Verges in Launton Road

Concern has been raised about lorries mounting and damaging the verges in Launton Road near the Old Dairy. The Parish Council has asked OCC to consider the installation of posts along the verge.

120. 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>
500258	Festive lights	Xmas lights supplementary	22.46
500259	Swarco	VAS	4014.36
500260	Centrewire	Gate For Stoke Lyne Rd	306.00

500261	A resident	Two years Rent of PC storage	300.00
500262	cancelled		
500263	Geosphere	Mapping programme	60.00
500264	Town & parish council websites	Website license	40.00
500265	Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	173.22
500266	HMRC	Clerk tax	40.40
500267	The red Lion	Room hire	20.00
500268	J Honsinger	Gate installation	100.00
500269	J Honsinger	Bulbs/snowdrops	94.50

121. Steps to the Churchyard

The Council agreed to get a technical drawing drawn up to reduce the depth of the steps and insert a metal hand rail to the rear access of the Church grave yard together with a cost, so that a faculty can be obtained to carry out the works.

122. Resilience Grant

The Parish Council has received details of another SSE Resilience Grant, which will be available from March 2020. Details remain to be confirmed.

123. Playground Inspection report

The Council agreed to carry out the minor repairs as identified in the latest Inspectors report such as adding additional bark to the playground surface. Once again there were no major issues to address.

102 CLP update

As there is already a major event in the Church on Friday 8th May, the Parish Council agreed to consider a low key village event (mainly for residents) over the weekend to recognise 75 years from VE Day. The project will require further discussion and some volunteers to assist.

124. Planning

None

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

OCC update

OALC Update

Councillors' Allowances

The Council considered CDC's details of Parish Council allowances. They agreed that, while they would continue not claim allowances, expenses, including travelling and subsistence might be claimed from time to time.

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

None.

127. Items for information or next Agenda

By 14th February 2020 please.

128. AOB

While Councillors recognised that the notices asking dog owners to clear up any dog mess had been successful, they agreed they should be removed and stored, so that they retained maximum impact when displayed.

Councillors agreed to proceed with a door drop to circulate advice about food recycling, and were in discussions with CDC as to what else could be supplied.

129. Date of next meeting

4th March 2020 in the Hunt Room of the Red Lion PH at 7.00pm .

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