



## **Minutes of the informal meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

**Present:** Mr J Honsinger (Chairman) Mr A Flack (Vice Chairman), Ms M Ling, Mr M Gore, Mrs K Walker and Mr M Hedgecox (part)

**Also Present:** Cllr I Corkin(OCC and CDC) - part

**Apologies:** None.

**Members of the public:** None.

### **117. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of the Stratton Audley PCC and Cllr M Gore for grass cutting contracts.

### **118. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March were approved as drawn.

### **119. Progress on Parish matters**

#### **Launton Road Pumping Station**

The Thames Water drain survey has been circulated.

#### **Road repairs**

The Launton Road has been marked up for road repairs, and OCC have been asked to take advantage of the reduced traffic during lockdown and repair more extensively than usual. The government has made additional monies available to support cycling, and it was suggested that OCC should use this to improve country roads.

Cllr Corkin agreed to ask OCC highways for news.

It is also hoped that the new money from the Government will support the construction of a new cyclepath from the Stratton Audley turn to the Cherwell house care home. Cllr Corkin agreed to introduce the Chairman to the Bicester lead for cycling.

### **Path Improvements**

Residents have now gravelled the path at the back of the Church cleared the brambles and made the steps into the graveyard safer. There is also a proposal to erect a small wall either side of the steps.

The Parish Council has received a request to clear the debris off the waste land at the bottom of Cherry Street and the brambles and overhanging branches by Cavendish Place

### **SSE Resilience Grant**

Currently there is an opportunity to claim a grant from SSE to support recovery of the village from the effects of COVID 19. The Parish Council may make an application in the future.

### **Future Meetings**

Regulations have delayed the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting until 2021. The Council agreed to hold formal virtual meetings every other month until the end of the financial year.

### **Bicester Heritage/The Quarry**

Ongoing.

### **E/W Rail**

Contrary to undertakings given by the company in 2018/2019, there are proposals to route LGVs through the village. Concern was heightened when a Councillor pointed out that LGV now refers to large goods vehicles and not light goods vehicles. Cllr Corkin agreed to discuss the change of approach with OCC highways. Concerns include both impact on roadways and fears of damage to listed buildings

### **Covid 19 Update**

The chairman reported that the village email database now consisted of some 170 contacts and the weekly news updates had been well received with regular positive feed-back.

### **120. Planning**

None

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

None

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

None.

**123. Items for information or next Agenda**

By 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 please.

**124. AOB**

The Parish Council noted that the church clock required repair, and agreed that Cllr Flack should obtain a survey and estimate of the required work. The Council agreed to pay any costs incurred in this preliminary investigation. It was proposed that the PC consider contributing to the repair to the clock with the sum of contribution being a subject for further conversation following the survey.

The council discussed the idea of a low key street party for residents and friends in the Village when the current pandemic crisis has passed A street closure notice might be required and seed funding by the PC but essentially it would involve everyone providing their own food and helping to organise the event through volunteering to help with preparation, clearing up etcetera. The council were very supportive.

**125. Date of next meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 | from 7.00pm..

This will be a virtual meeting and anyone wishing to join should contact the clerk in the first instances using the email below. It was agreed to ensure that any member of the public wishing to join will be given an invitation and passcode privately to aid online security.

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