



## **Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

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

**Apologies:** Mrs M Ling and Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

**Members of the public:** None.

### **1. Minutes of the informal meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The Minutes of the informal meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 were agreed.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Flack declared a personal interest as a member of the Stratton Audley PCC and Cllr Honsinger declared a personal interest in the Green Barn planning application as the owner of a neighbouring property.

### **3. Progress on Parish matters**

#### **Thames Water drain survey**

Thames Water are waiting for the results of a camera survey of the drains and any remedial work will be dependent on the work required and Thames Water's priorities, however some work has already been undertaken.

The Bradbury residents have been kept informed.

#### **Resurfacing of Launton Road**

Works are scheduled for September. If there is sufficient funds OCC will carry out additional resurfacing along the Launton Road to the cross roads.

#### **Path Improvements**

The improvements to the entrance to the back of the church yard is complete and the gate/fence painted. The Church has been pleased with the result.

#### **SSE**

The SSE Resilience Grant fund is closed for 2020/2021. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the OCC Councillor Priority Fund.

#### **Power Outages**

A response has been received from SSEN regarding outages and considerable remedial work to the network is under.

#### **Church Clock repairs**

Surveyors haven been instructed and their quotes are awaited.

### **4. Corona Virus update**

The Council agreed that it should re-open its playground. (which is usually used by no more than 2 or 3 families at any one time) The Chairman has drafted guidance and a risk assessment. Cllr Hedgecox agreed to work on these further and produce a risk assessment with a view to them which will be put up on the website. Posters will then be placed in the playground reminding users of social distancing etc requirements, and the Parish Council will make available hand sanitiser and cleaning spray.

#### **Playground**

The Parish Council thanked Mrs Dewhurst and her family for work done repainting the playground fences with lovely murals.

## 5. Finance

The Council noted the Bank reconciliation at Appendix A and authorised the following payments:-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Town & parish council websites	Website license	170.00
Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	161.77
HMRC	Clerk tax	40.40
J Honsinger	expenses	237.88
M Gore	Grass	420

The Parish Council agreed both the accounts for 2019/2020 and the Annual Governance return and authorised the Chairman to sign the same.

## 6. Road Drains

The PC requested and OCC sent their gully emptiers to clear many of the road drains.

## 7. East/West Rail

Light goods vehicles are expected to pass through the village, but the frequency is thought to be not more than 12/14 per day when the bridge starts to be built in 2021 and EWR will do everything possible to ensure the maximum number of vehicles are directed via the Bicester ring road to the compound. The Clerk will enquire whether mitigation measures are available. The Council agreed that it was also necessary to watch developments with regard to the construction of HS2 in the area.

The council have asked for more details as to when the passing points on the Park Road would be constructed and when HGV movements are to be expected.

## 8. Cyclepath

Cllr Corkin will update the Parish Council during the next week.

## 9. Bicester Motion

Ditto point 8 above.

## 10. Village Improvement Fund

There has been appreciation of the wild flowers planted in the pound and the PC had received a suggestion that similar planting takes place on verges and other PC land in the Village. This was discussed but on balance the grass verges were thought to be attractive as they are and easier to maintain.

Locating boot scrapers at the start of paths in the Village has also been suggested by a resident and Councillors approved of this idea. Suitable locations would be The Pound and the pond area.

Mr Woodward was thanked for cleaning the entry signs on Mill road and had suggested others might like to do the same elsewhere in the village on an annual basis. This was agreed and Councillors volunteered to do likewise at entrances to the Bicester Road, Stoke Lyne Road and Launton Road.

It was suggested that a new dog bin should be placed on the Bicester road at the entry to the village as none are currently located on this road. This was agreed and one will be purchased and installed.

Finally the Council agreed to re investigate the natural spring on the corner of Bicester Road with a view to perhaps creating a water feature where the flower trough currently exists.

**10. Planning**

<b><u>20/00737/F</u></b>	Out Building Adj To Kennels Bicester Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BT	Alterations to and conversion of existing outbuildings into 2 new residential units (revised scheme of 19/01312/F)
<b><u>20/01574/F</u></b>	2B The Green Barn Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AT	Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 19/00884/F – An amended design is proposed for the garage to Plot 2B, as a home office is proposed in the roof space above the garage, and so this application seeks to amend the approved drawing numbers. Remove approved drawing number PU1905/21A

The Council had not received any correspondence from residents and upon reviewing them, had no objection to either of these.

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

None

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

None.

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

There is to be no meeting in August.  
By 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 please.

**14. AOB**

The rubbish at the bottom of Cherry Street has been cleared.  
Discussion took place as to where to locate the Jubilee bench that had been formerly in the Pound. One option was the church graveyard but the alternative on a public piece of land was thought to be more appropriate. The Bicester Road was suggested and the actual location is to be finalised.  
The Parish Council would like to support a low key village event when the current pandemic has passed.

**15. Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm . Most likely another virtual meeting where members of the public will be able to request joining it by contacting the Clerk.

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