



Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 3rd March 2021

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

Apologies: Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

Also present: John Charlton (OCC) Andrew Mobley (Builder)

Members of the public: One

53. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Honsinger declared a personal interest in the Green Barn planning application as the owner of a neighbouring property.

54. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as circulated.

Mr Mobley confirmed he was attending the meeting but would not be speaking about the new application to amend the planning conditions for plot 3 of the Green Barn development. He had an interest in another item on the Agenda.

55. Progress on Parish matters

Village Bus Service

John Charlton from OCC attended the Parish Council meeting to explain options to provide the village with a limited bus service. There is availability from the Comet service provided by OCC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service on Tuesday would link to the current Bicester 2 service, probably leaving Stratton Audley at about 11am and returning from Bicester at about 1.00pm. There is also an option of a village only bus service on Thursdays.

Services are expected to start up again in April 2021, and currently, due to COVID restrictions, they are limited to 6 passengers.

The service would be free of charge for 6 months, then probably part funded by Cllr Corkin and part funded by the parish councils involved. The village would need to appoint a co-ordinator to ensure availability for passengers.

There is also a dial a Ride service, costing £1 per mile which is available now.

Flooding

The chairman is waiting for an update from Thames Water about the flooding from the pumping station on the Launton Road and the slow response from the CEO's office was noted.

A separate report carried out by CDC on the surface water flooding in Mill Road has been sent to OCC for consideration. Furthermore, OCC has identified and agreed that a number of road gullies on Mill Road need a deep clean.

E/W Rail

Marsh Gibbon Road will be closed until 12th March. There will then be a 1 year road closure at Station Road Bicester. The safety audit of the junction onto the A4421 is still awaited.

Allotments

A dozen or so residents have expressed interest in cultivating an allotment, and the council is exploring whether there is any suitable land locally.

COVID update/Village newsletter

It was agreed that there should be discussions with the street vendors to return to the village once lockdown is further eased.

CDC have circulated details of a COVID support fund. It was agreed this should be forwarded to the Church.

Tree planting

A resident attended to explain options to increase the number of trees planted in the parish, together with funding availability. The earliest this could start would be spring 2022, and the initiative would require landowner consent. It was suggested that potential sites could be plotted on a large scale map of the village, and the council could work with landowners to carry out the planting. An initial contact with potential landowners would take place by letter or email.

56. Finance

The Council noted the statement of account shown at appendix a, and authorised the following payments:-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	332.66
HMRC	CI tax	83.20
OALC	subscription	146.16
Parish online	mapping	60.00
Mr Hopkins	Repairs to Pound fencing	50.00

The council agreed to publicise the Village improvement fund and ask for any suggestions for its use.

57. Parish Matters not otherwise mentioned under section 5 above:

Road resurfacing

The council hopes that work to the Launton road will take place in the new financial year. Oxfordshire county council are offering training to Parishes to become superusers of their highway maintenance system. Cllrs Hedgecox and Flack agreed to express interest in the project.

Village Activities 2021

The Parish Council agreed to consider options for an outdoor village community event in the late summer/early autumn 2021 which would be for residents and friends to enjoy, funded in part by the Parish Council and supplemented by everyone who would be encouraged to provide their own food.

Village Survey for CDC 2040 master plan

Cllrs Walker and Cllr. Ling agreed to complete this for return to CDC.

Waste Land off the Stoke Lyne road where it meets the A4421

OCC Highways have been asked to consider options for this land, as it is constantly subject to tipping etc and is an unsightly entrance to the village. A proposal to create a barrier with a ditch and utilise the area to plant trees and wild flowers in order to create a small sanctuary was discussed and liked.

Litter Picking

Some residents have carried out some litter picking which is much appreciated. The council discussed putting up signs to discourage the dropping of litter but on balance decided against this approach as additional signage is not always appreciated.

Protection of verges

There has been concern expressed at the state of the verge opposite the Pound, probably exacerbated by the wet weather and increased use of the footpaths. Traffic cones were now in position and heaving dusty matting might be considered for next winter. There is also concern at the overgrown hedges on the left hand side of the Bicester road leading up to the A4421, which needs to be cut back. OCC will be approached on this matter. It was also suggested that some verges could be seeded with wild flowers and bushes.

58. Planning

<u>21/00519/F</u>	3 The Green Barn Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AT	RETROSPECTIVE - Erection of new detached dwelling house - this application seeks to amend the original dwelling design from 16/00366/REM and Appeal APP/C3105/W/16/3154107 - re-submission of 20/03426/F	To be discussed when the official submission is received and circulated.
<u>21/00388/F</u>	1 Willows Lodge Stratton Audley OX27 9BQ	Proposed partial demolition of existing detached garage and garden room. Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions (Re-submission of 20/00739/F)	No objection
<u>21/00057/LB</u>	9 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AR	Replacement of two casement windows with windows of identical structure, appearance and finish, in keeping with the other windows of the building	No objection

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

OCC/OALC updates

60. Reports from meetings - to receive any reports for information.

None.

61. Items for information or next Agenda

There was concern at increased parking on the road outside the Mallories and it was agreed that the Chairman would raise this with the residents. There was concern expressed by all councillors at the speed of traffic through the village. It was agreed that the Council would purchase some "20 is plenty" signs, and would approach OCC to consider implementing a 20mph speed zone.

The Village Improvement Fund will be discussed at the next meeting and the amount available confirmed.

Cllr. Gore advised that he was leaving the village but would like to remain on the Council. The Clerk confirmed that due to his continuing work commitments in the village this was permitted under the rules and all councillors were in favour.

62. Date of next meeting

5th May 2021 at 7.00pm . Most likely another virtual meeting where members of the public will be able to request joining it by contacting the Clerk. Prior to this special meeting to discuss the new application for plot 3 of the Green Barn.

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Stratton Audley Parish Council			Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting	03 March 2021
Payments processed since last meeting				£3,214.74
06-Jan-21			500670	£1,800.00
06-Jan-21	J Honsinger		500671	£20.00
06-Jan-21	J Honsinger		500572	£17.88
06-Jan-21			500573	£600.00
06-Jan-21	Play inspection co		500574	£81.00
06-Jan-21	Moore east midlands		500575	£240.00
06-Jan-21	Mrs A Davies		500576	£332.66
06-Jan-21	HMRC		500577	£83.20
06-Jan-21	Information Commissioner		500578	£40.00
Receipts processed since previous report				£0.00
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated	28 February 2021
			Savings Account	£12,120.80
			Current account	£16,777.42
Items not yet cleared:				
Receipts	None			
Payments	cancelled			£0.00
			Net Total	<u>£28,898.22</u>