



## **Minutes of the Stratton Audley Parish Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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)

**Members of the public:** None

### **1. Election of chairman**

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr John Honsinger would be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2021/22 and Cllr Anthony Flack was appointed Vice Chairman for the same period.

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

None.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed as circulated.

### **4. Progress on Parish matters**

#### **Virtual meetings**

The legislation permitting virtual meetings will expire on 7<sup>th</sup> May and face to face meetings are unlikely to commence until after 21<sup>st</sup> June, when social distancing requirements will (hopefully) be removed. It was agreed that action needed until the next meeting would be carried out utilising the Clerk's delegated powers, and, if necessary, an informal ZOOM meeting would be called.

In view of the current limitation on attendees due to social distancing, it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 7<sup>th</sup> July in the Church, subject to corona virus provisions permitting..

#### **Launton Road resurfacing**

This is scheduled to take place in August.

#### **Hedgerow Bicester road**

OCC will ask the adjoining landowner (Bicester Motion) to cut the hedge back.

#### **20 is plenty signage**

OCC do not recommend these signs. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to purchase some "It's 30 for a reason" signs. A resident had suggested introducing a Speedwatch group to manage traffic along Mill Road, and other village entry points but the issue would be getting sufficient team together. It will be added to the list of ideas for discussion at the parish meeting.

## **Allotments**

It has not been possible to find suitable land and therefore no progress has been made.

## **E/W Rail**

Work is to be carried out at the junction of the Stratton Audley Park Road and the A4421.

## **Tree planting/Wild Flower planting**

OCC have indicated that they would require a substantial commuted sum for maintenance of any trees planted in the highway verges. The Parish Council discussed options of planting wild flowers on sites around the village and agreed that a small area of grass verge opposite the Pound would be sown with wild flowers and not cut – as a test exercise.

Additionally, it was noted that land owners are generally not in favour of having trees planted on road side verges adjacent to their land for practical reasons such as maintaining hedge rows. In the past trees were usually planted in the middle of new hedge rows.

It was agreed both matters would be put up for discussion at the Parish Meeting in July.

## **Flooding**

Thames Water have carried out a camera survey of the sewage system in April and the analysis and results are awaited.

## **Grass Cutting**

A resident has asked if the PC would consider not cutting the grass verges in May in line with a national movement, however there was a general feeling that residents supported keeping the grass cut, although it will also be included for further discussion at the general parish meeting.

## **5. Finance**

The Council approved the 20/21 accounts, the Internal Audit report and sections 1 2 and the exemption certificate in the Annual Governance and Audit review, and authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the same.

It also approved the following payments:-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount</i>
A resident	Halloween expenses	56.73
Mrs A Davies	Rent for storage room (W Wigley)	150
Mrs A Davies	Salary and expenses	332.66
HMRC	CI tax	83.20
mg	Grass cutting	210
A Lambourne	Internal audit	35.10
mg	Grass cutting	330
Came and co	insurance	567.10

The council agreed to allocate additional monies to the Village Improvement Fund in order to increase it to £5000.

## 6. Parish Matters not otherwise mentioned under section 5 above:

### Village Speed Limit

It was agreed to consider options to tackle speeding through the village at the annual parish meeting. One consideration that will be investigated with OCC Highways is the option to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 20mph.

### Delayed Annual Parish Meeting

This is now to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the Church, subject to the lifting of current lockdown restrictions.

### Replacement of Defibrillator battery

The defibrillator and the generator in the church need checking to ensure they are functional.

### Village Day

It was agreed that a Village Day should be considered to be held in August. Some funding will be provided by the PC for example to purchase a hog roast, but essentially the event will involve all residents, supplying their own food and chairs/tables. Venue to be agreed but probably a Church Street closure will be sought

### Waste Land off the Stoke Lyne Road

OCC Highways have agreed to consider a proposal put forward by the Parish Council to enhance this area. The Chairman is meeting representatives of OCC and will report back to the Council on proposals.

### Other Ideas

A resident has requested consideration is given to a footpath on the Bicester Road, on safety grounds, where none exists at the moment.

Another suggestion put forward is to purchase an old red telephone box which may be available from BT for a small sum of money.

Both ideas will be included for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the parish.

## 7. Planning

[21/00959/TCA](#) The Old Rectory Launton Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AS G1 - Leylandii, Remove all Leylandii to ground level, replant with native deciduous species. G2- Leylandii, Remove all Leylandii to ground level, replant with native deciduous species.

### No objection.

[21/01224/OUT](#) Land at former RAF Bicester Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 5HA Outline planning application for Automotive Experience Quarter comprising Commercial, Business and Services uses (Class E), Light Industrial (Class B2), Local Community and Learning Uses (Class F) and vehicle circuits (Sui Generis) with all matters reserved aside from that of access).

[21/00613/HPA](#) 15 Glen Close Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BY Single storey rear extension - height to eaves 2.65m, overall height 3.65m, length 6m

<a href="#">21/01111/LB</a>	8 Stratton Audley Manor Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AR	Replacement windows
<a href="#">21/00864/F</a>	4 The Bradburys Stratton Audley OX27 9AS	Erection of garden room extension, extension to form boot room, insertion of additional roof windows
<a href="#">21/00740/TCA</a>	4 The Bradburys Stratton Audley OX27 9AS	T1 x Crab Apple; leans over path and drops fruit on path - Remove. T2 x Horse Chestnut- Prune back to previous points, approx 1.5m shoots. T3 x Maple – Tidy up previous pruned limbs on the top and tidy up remaining tree by 1.5m. T4 x Apple tree - Prune. T5 x Horse lot in the past, casts a lot of shade in the garden – Remove. T6 x Goat Willow; self seeded, leaning t owards neighbouring property - Remove. T7 x Apple tree; l ean s and is propped up at the moment - Remove. T8 x Cherry – Reduce by up to 1.5m T9 x Beech - Reduce by up to 1.5m T10 x Small Weeping Acer – R move.

No objection to the above with the exception of the application for outline approval by Bicester Motion for the Experience Centre where the Parish council will be preparing a detailed response.

<a href="#">21/00388/F</a>	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)
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Approved

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

OCC/OALC updates

**9. Reports from meetings - to receive any reports for information.** None

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

Concerns have been raised about the enforcement of Conservation Area planning rules.

**11. Date of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Parish Meeting at 7pm. Followed by the annual meeting of the Parish at 8pm. Both subject to the lifting of corona virus restrictions.. Venue to be the Church.

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