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**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 in the hunt Room of the Red Lion Public House starting at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**  Mr J Honsinger (Chairman) Mr A Flack (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Walker,

Mr M Arroyo, Mr M Gore, Ms A Short and Ms E Jones.

**Apologies:** Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

**Members of the public:** None

# Declarations of Interest

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as circulated.

# Progress on Parish matters

**Safety Posters**

Cllr Walker confirmed that 19 children either resident in the parish or with connections to the parish have produced safety posters to be displayed around the parish where they will be seen by passing motorists. The Parish Council agreed that the work was excellent, and felt that the posters would present powerful messages to drivers that they needed to drive slowly though the village. They will now be printed for display in the Spring.

Following this item Cllr Walker left the meeting.

**Pond Path Repairs**

Leaves have been cleared, and one bag of gravel remains for repairs.

**Bicester Motion.**

Cherwell District Council’s Planning Committee has now granted outline planning permission for further development of the site. Cllr Arroyo spoke at the meeting about the parish concerns, particularly with regard to increased traffic through the village, noise from events, the need for a safe cycle route and concerns about ongoing public access to the site. Of particular concern to the Parish Council is that the existing right of way for the public over the quarry land ( although currently terminating at the quarry lake) should ensure public access is already available, and current proposals are to limit access to specified hours only. The Council agreed to continue to hold informal negotiations with Bicester Motion to try to resolve these concerns.

**Defibrillator Replacement Parts**

The defibrillator is now ready for use and registered with the British Heart Foundation. The Chairman agreed to confirm its details in the next village newsletter, and to canvass interest in a first aid training session. The Clerk was asked to confirm the number to be telephoned should an emergency occur.

**E/W Rail Reinstatement of Roads**

A road closure of the Poundon road has been advertised to enable some road repairs to take place. There was concern at the condition of the top of the road by the A4421, which is not currently due for repair. The village questionnaire will ask whether residents support the removal or retention of the passing bays on the Poundon Road.

**Path Proposal on the Bicester Road**

Ongoing. Awaiting investigation by OCC.

**Land at the top of the Stoke Lyne Road**

The cost of landscaping this area is likely to be excessive, but the Parish Council agreed to look into options of constructing bunds around the site.

**Other Parish issues**

**Traffic matters**

The Parish Council agreed to request OCC include the Parish in their 20mph “20 is Plenty”. The Clerk will request support from Cllr Corkin.

OCC have been asked to install speed monitoring at the four entrances to the village, so that the extent of the speeding issue can be ascertained, at an estimated cost of up to £1000.

**Village questionnaire**

This will now be created and distributed in the early part of this year

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

The Council agreed to continue to support the group planning the Jubilee Celebrations, with a village event on 5th June. The first meeting of the planning group will take place on 27th January.

**Weed Spraying contract**

There has been a significant increase in the price of weed killer, and the current contractor has indicated that he does not wish to continue for more than the next 12 months. Estimates of cost of a new contractor are awaited.

**Brown bin**

The Clerk was asked to approach CDC for a brown bin for the playground. The council agreed that the licence fee for such a bin should be paid by the Parish Council.

**Horse riders**

The Chairman has received an anonymous complaint that riders are using mobile phones while on horseback. This has been discussed with the hunt, but it was agreed that the Parish Council should advise that further complaints be addressed to Thames Valley Police.

**Playground**.

The Safety report is due shortly.

**VAS Maintenance contract**

The Parish Council agreed not to proceed with a maintenance contract for the vAs.

# Finance

The Parish Council’s current financial position is shown at Appendix A.

The Council approved the following payments:-

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| *Payee* | *Reason* | *Amount* |
| Parish online | subscription | 60.00 |
| R Howson | Weed spraying | 780.00 |
| The Play Inspection Co | playground | 83.40 |
| St johns Ambulance | Defib spares | 127.20 |
| Mrs A Davies | Salary and expenses | 177.88 |
| HMRC | Cl tax | 41.60 |
| The Red lion | Room hire | 20.00 |

The Parish Council noted and agreed the budget for 2022/23 and resolved to request a precept of £12072, which would mean there was no increase in the payments made by residents of properties designated as “Band D”.

1. **Planning**

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| [**22/00058/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/00058/F) | 4 Glen Close Stratton Audley OX27 9BY | Proposed single storey front and rear extensions | 11/01/2022 | Under Consultation |
| [**21/04165/TCA**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/04165/TCA) | Desborough 16 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley OX27 9BN | T1 x White Cedar - Fell T2 x White Cedar - Fell | 09/12/2021 | Application Permitted |
| [**21/03685/LB**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/03685/LB) | 1 Church Cottages Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AQ | Extension/conversion of detached garage with single storey link extension to main house to provide living room and bedroom with en-suite. | 03/12/2021 | Under Consultation |
| [**21/04041/TCA**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/04041/TCA) | 1 Church Cottages Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley OX27 9AQ | T1 x Pinus nigra- Remove to ground level and replant with 12ft heavy standard Betula Pendula. Tree has grown as part of a group of 5 Pines and has subsequently become suppressed with heavy phototrophic growth, leaning towards the road and overhead services. Remaining group of trees should be largely unaffected by the T1's removal and as a group still provide high amenity value. As a condition of T1's removal it is recommended to replace with a Silver Birch and provide further diversity to the villages overall canopy cover | 02/12/2021 | Under Consultation |

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

CDC/OCC/OALC updates

1. **AOB**

The Chairman of the Parish Council has been advised that the stile on the footpath to Godrington is rotten. The Parish council agreed to purchase a gate as a replacement.

It has also been reported that one of the posts supporting the entry gates to the village requires repair. The Council agreed to authorise this work, and to check the posts supporting the other entry gates to the village.

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

#  None.

# Items for information or next Agenda

# Items as soon as possible please.

# Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 2nd March 2022 at 7pm in the Red Lion PH.

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