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**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st June in the Red Lion Public House starting at 7.00pm.**

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

Mr M Arroyo, Mr M Gore and Mrs K Walker.

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

**Members of the public:** None

# Declarations of Interest

None. Cllr Gore declared a financial interest in the item dealing with grass cutting, and took no part in the meeting at that point.

**20. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as circulated.

# Progress on Parish Matters

**Bicester Motion Experience Quarter**

Ongoing.

**E/W Rail Reinstatement of Roads**

Some highway works have taken place, and the Chairman is planning to meet with representatives of E/W Rail to discuss final reparations.

**Path Proposal on the Bicester Road**

Signs warning drivers that there is no footpath are awaited.

**Entrance gate repairs**

The Mill Road entrance will be re-painted and the rotten post replaced.

**Defibrillator training**

Dates for training have again been requested.

**Church Clock**

Ongoing

**Power cuts**

SSEN do not think Stratton Audley have more cuts than other villages but have no way of confirming that to us, as they can only provide power cut information per house. They have explained that villages get more shorter cuts due to most cabling being above ground whereas in towns it is underground which is less affected by interference from tree branches and birds.

**Platinum Jubilee Tree**

The Parish Council has purchased a whitebeam tree to celebrate the Jubilee, which will be planted at 11.am on 4th June, and a small celebration will take place. A memorial plaque has also been ordered.

**22. 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* |
| MG | Grass cutting | 450.00 |
| M Gore | Jubilee | 77.00 |
| J Honsinger | Jubilee tree, bunting & other purchases | 619.99 |
| Gallagher | insurance | 683.91 |
| Mrs A Davies | Salary and expenses | 180.42 |
| HMRC | Cl tax | 42.40 |
| RBLI | Jubilee plaque | 119.99 |
| The Red Lion | Room hire | 20.00 |

1. **Other Parish Issues**

**Councillor vacancies**

There are currently 2 places on the Parish Council. It was agreed unanimously to co-opt John Edwards to fill one of these. Another candidate who approached the PC on a previous occasion is considering his position.

**Village questionnaire**

Further analysis is ongoing. It has been interesting to compare activity in 2022 to the responses in 2013 and a significant fact is that in general terms traffic volumes on all four entry roads has more or less doubled over the period.

**Road Closure**

Launton Road will be closed at night times for 3 days in October, for re surfacing. Church Street will be closed for one of those nights. More details closer to time.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

A branded mug has been distributed to every household in the Parish and has been well received.

Detailed arrangements are now being finalised for the street party on 5th June.

CDC have awarded the village a grant of £400 towards the costs of the celebrations.

**Community Shop**

Cllr Walker is interested in revisiting this idea and the Parish Council will look at options and opportunities for discussion at a later meeting.

**Bicester Motion**

Bicester motion will be lighting a beacon for the Jubilee and setting off fireworks on 2nd June**.**

1. **Planning Matters**

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| [**22/01342/LB**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/01342/LB) | The Manor Mews Mill Road  Stratton Audley OX27 9BZ | Replacement of wooden gate that forms a boundary  between 1 Manor Mews and Stratton Audley Manor | 17/05/2022 | Under Consultation |
| [**22/01380/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/01380/F) | 1 West Cottage Bicester Road  Stratton Audley Oxfordshire OX27 9BP | Rear/side extension, roof terrace and alterations |  |  |

**Manor Mews Gates** - Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to raise concerns about the proposals at Manor Mews, as their overriding concern is to protect and maintain the integrity of the Conservation Area. However, it is primarily a matter for the Manor representatives to address.

1 West Cottages - The Council, after discussion agreed to object to the proposals for the proposed development, on the basis that it was likely to be visually intrusive and change the look of an historic row of cottages, would overlook the adjoining property to the rear, and was inappropriate in a Conservation area.

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

CDC/OCC/OALC updates

1. **AOB**

Cllr Walker said she had been approached by a resident in the Manor requesting that the Council consider purchasing a bench for Beryl Stephens who was born in the village and here most of her life. Apart from leading a very interesting life she had been the Clerk of the Council and a Parish Councillor for many years. All agreed it was a good idea and would put it on the agenda for the next meeting. The bench could replace the one currently located on the Green which was a place she sat on a daily basis towards the end of her life.

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

# Items for information or next Agenda

# Items as soon as possible please, to include the provision and location of a new bench and the Community shop.

# Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 6th July 2022 in the Red lion.

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