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**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 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 Mr J Edwards.

**Apologies:** Mrs K Walker. Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

**Members of the public:** 2

1. **Public Participation**

A resident attended to update the Parish Council on the Rural Police Forum, which she had attended on the Parish Council’s behalf. The meeting was addressed by Matthew Barber, the TVPA Police Commissioner, and the Speed enforcement officer. The forum was advised that, following a change of policy, TVPA agree that VAS devices do slow down traffic, and police will now support local Speedwatch groups. The Parish Council agreed to try to set up such a group in the Spring.

Another resident attended to explain to the Parish Council his proposed dissertation on the socio-economic impact of a renewable energy development, taking a particular interest in the proposed Solar farm in the Parish. The Parish Council agreed to support his proposal to carry out an independent survey within the community.

# Declarations of Interest

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as circulated.

# Progress on Parish Matters

**Bicester Motion Experience Quarter**

Ongoing.

**Entrance gate repairs**

The repairs to the entrance gates at the Mill Road entrance will be completed and re painted by 4th November.

**Parking on verges in Bicester Road**

It was again remarked that there is one property on the Bicester Road which regularly parks one of its cars on the grass highway outside their boundary. This spoils the look of the village and has never been accepted practice where the verges are used by pedestrians in the absence of footpaths.

It was agreed that this should be referred to TVPA at the next Rural Policing Forum.

**Beryl’s bench**

Cllr Flack agreed to look for a bench that complied with the Diocese requirements and would provide a map locating the exact position where it will be located.

**EWR wildlife support**

Wild life support infrastructure for insects, hedgehogs and other animals has been requested from EWR.

**New Vehicle Activated Signs**

HS2 have agreed to fund two new VAS units, one in Launton Road and one in Mill Road.

**55. Finance**

The Parish Council’s current financial position is shown at Appendix A. The Clerk was asked to look into options for an interest bearing savings account.

The Council approved the following payments:-

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| *Payee* | *Reason* | *Amount* |
| CDC | Road closure | 108.00 |
| Mrs A Davies | Salary and expenses | 180.62 |
| HMRC | Cl tax | 42.20 |
| The Red Lion | Room hire | 20.00 |
| The Red Lion | Halloween room  | 20.00 |
| Royal British Legion | Wreath | 100.00 |
| M Gore | Grass cutting x 2 | 490.00 |
| Pryse Bros | Weed spray | 216.00 |
| Amazon | Dog bags | 27.00 |
| Roy Shepherd | Gate repairs | 350.00 |

1. **Other Parish Issues**

**Solar Farm update**

The parish Council noted that the student writing the dissertation on renewable energy will contact residents to ask for an opportunity to discuss the solar farm proposals with them.

**Halloween event**

The Halloween Trail in the Village was very successful. The organisers are now considering a Christmas event, which could include a trail and a craft afternoon.

**Bicester Airfield**

Following concerns raised by a resident on many occasions, the Airfield have agreed a circuit away from the village, and imposed a greater height restriction over the village for aircraft using the airfield. Thanks go to the resident whose persistence paid off.

**Red Lion Update**

The Clerk has made contact with the freeholder and has been advised that there are currently no plans for the Red Lion’s future, pending resolution of the licencee’s estate, but the community have been asked to support the facility as much as possible.

1. **Planning Matters**

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| [**22/03081/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03081/F) | 4 Glen Close Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9BY | Proposed single storey front and rear extensions – (resubmission of 22/00058/F) | 07/10/2022 | Under Consultation |
| [**22/03045/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03045/F) | Mulberry Farmhouse Launton Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS | Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with new single storey rear extension, with associatedlandscaping |  |  |

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No objections.

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| [**22/03134/TCA**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03134/TCA) | 2 Cavendish Place Stratton Audley OX27 9BN | T1 x Walnut - Re-reduce by approximately 2 metres T2 x Cedar - Prune back to clear garage by approximately 1.5 metres and crown lift to approximately 5 metres over road and verge T3 x Ginko - Prune back from property by 1 metre -no objections |

The Parish Council has also been advised that CDC have made the following Tree preservation Order;-

**24/2022** Group of 4 Pine Trees located at 1 Church Cottages, Stoke Lyne Road, Stratton Audley,Bicester, Oxon, OX27 9AQ.

It was also noted that trees have been cut down by the Pond and the Clerk was asked to enquire as to why no notification of this had been given.

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

CDC/OCC/OALC updates

1. **AOB**

CDC are currently consulting on proposals for their updated Local Plan. If Councillors wish to attend they can do so via TEAMS.

The Chairman is organising a village road sweep with CDC for December.

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

Cllr Edwards reported on the CDC Parish Liaison Meeting on 17th October.

# Items for information or next Agenda

# Items as soon as possible please.

# Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 7th December 2022 in the Red Lion at 7.00pm.

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