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**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th September 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 J Edwards and Mrs K Walker.

**Apologies:** Mr M Gore, Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

**Members of the public:** 4

# Declarations of Interest

Cllr Honsinger declared a prejudicial interest in the matter of Mattingley barn, and left the room during the discussion, therefore taking no part.

1. **. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as circulated.

1. **Public Participation**

Members of the public attended to discuss further the proposal from JBM to apply for planning permission for a Solar farm at Padbury Brook, between Stratton Audley and Godington. A public meeting is planned for 20th September, which the Chairman will publicise in his next Village newsletter, and it was suggested that those affected lobbied residents to ensure that there was a good attendance.

# Progress on Parish Matters

**Bicester Motion Experience Quarter**

Ongoing.

**Community Shop**

Ongoing.

**Entrance gate repairs**

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

**Bike Rack**

The bike rack has been installed outside the Red Lion, next to the large chair.

**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* |
| M Gore | grass | 300.00 |
| Mrs A Davies | Salary and expenses | 180.62 |
| Mrs A Davies | Room hire (APM) | 30.00 |
| HMRC | Cl tax | 42.20 |
| The Red Lion | Room hire | 20.00 |

1. **Other Parish Issues**

**Bench**

The Parish Council is waiting to hear that the proposed location at the church has been agreed.

**Halloween event**

Two residents are planning to organise a Halloween event for the Village.

**Wildflowers on the Pound.**

After discussion it was agreed that the Pound would be left in its current state and no replanting of the wild flower area would be undertaken.

**EWR**

The Parish Council agreed to ask EWR for additional wild life facilities for the Pound.

The Chairman agreed to include an EWR update in the next village newsletter.

**Parking on Village verges**The Chairmanagreed to remind residents in the Newsletter that parking on verges caused problems for users, particularly for push chairs and traditionally was discouraged.

**Parking Bays on the upper road.**

OCC have finalised a plan for the junction layouts and passing bays on the Road from the A4421 to Poundon and a meeting will take place on 13th to agree the plan with the community.

**Highway Signs**

The Clerk was asked to request that OCC remove the signs littering the verges at the junction of the Stoke Lyne Road and the A4421.

1. **Planning Matters**

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| [**22/02436/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/02436/F) | Chase House Bicester Road Stratton Audley OX27 9BT | Single Storey Rear Extension and Carport with Associated Alterations |
| [**22/02182/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/02182/F) | 7 Willows Gate Stoke Lyne Road Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AU | Change of use of Unit 7 from Office to a Cosmetic Clinic (Class E (e)) |
| [**22/02320/DISC**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/02320/DISC) | The Manor Mews Mill Road Stratton Audley OX27 9BZ | Discharge of Condition 3 (gate finishes) of 22/01342/LB |
| [**22/02331/CLUE**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/02331/CLUE) | Mattingley Barn Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AT | Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Development for the use of the whole building and yard for B8 storage & distribution, and consequently allowing (since 10th May 2022) a B1(c) use for the whole (now falling under the new use Class E). |
| [22/02289/SO](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/02289/SO) | Land At Pool Farm Mill Lane Stratton Audley | Request for an EIA Screening Opinion in respect of a planning application for a 44 MW Solar PV Development |
| [22/01963/F](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/01963/F) | 2 The Bradburys Stratton Audley Bicester OX27 9AS | New garage and new porch canopy |
| 22/01963/F | Fox house | TPO application |

The Parish Council had no comment on any matter except Mattingley barn and Fox house.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CDC confirming the extent of the Parish Council’s usage of Mattingly barn for storage, and to comment on the Fox House application as follows:-

The Parish Council opposes this application in part, for reasons detailed:

**1. Felling of chestnut tree - opposed**

Large mature trees are a particular feature of the village, and add considerably to its character and attractiveness as a place to live.

The tree in question is well away from the vicinity of houses, and poses no nuisance. The stated reason for felling (the roots undermining a wall) is not supported by any expert opinion, and examination of the wall shows it to be upright and stable.

Near neighbours (who are also objecting to the tree's felling) report that there has been no movement of the wall in the last two decades, so whilst part of it would benefit from some re-pointing, there appears to be no immediate concern regarding its integrity.

Should routine tree maintenance be undertaken, such as raising its crown, then this would be supported in order to maintain a fine mature tree in good health for years to come.

**2. Raising the crown of a lime tree - supported**

This is supported, such work has been undertaken on many mature lime trees in the village, with beneficial results.

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

CDC/OCC/OALC updates

1. **AOB**

None.

# 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 5th October 2022 in the Red Lion.

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