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**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Audley Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 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 and Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

**Members of the public:** 4

**Also Present**:

1. **Public Participation**

Residents attended to express concerns about the amended proposals for a development at the Hunt. Plans have been amended following comments by OCC highways, who have suggested that parking provision be reduced. However the PC considered that this did not reflect the reality of living in the village of Stratton Audley where there was no access to public transport, no street lighting, pavements in isolated locations, and there was no a safe cycling route into Bicester.

The Parish Council noted that the OCC comments appeared to reflect their current policy regarding parking provision and agreed to ask a Development Control Engineer to attend the Parish Council to explain the reasoning behind the policy.

The Council also agreed to once again oppose the changes in parking provision in the strongest possible terms.

The Clerk agreed to ask Ian Corkin To look into the matter.

1. **Planning Matters**

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| [**23/00356/F**](https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/23/00356/F) | Chase House Bicester Road Stratton Audley Oxfordshire OX27 9BT | Single storey rear extension and carport with part Change of Use,  associated internal and external works - re-submission of 22/02436/F |

No objection.

23/00262/TCA – The Hall

Works to remove and replace various infected fruit trees. No Objections.

# 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 Conditions**

Ongoing. However, The Parish Council has recently been advised that OCC served an enforcement notice on Hungerhill Leisure, the owners Bicester Motion and of the Quarry site, to secure its compliance with restoration conditions. This has now been appealed.

**Beryl’s bench**

The location of the bench has been agreed for the corner of the Churchyard overlooking the fields. The Parochial Church Council will now apply for a faculty, on receipt of which the bench installation will proceed.

**Parking on verges in Bicester Road**

Following correspondence between the Chairman and a resident the cars will shortly be removed.

The Parish Council noted there had been a report of rats adjacent to houses on the Bicester Road, but observation suggested the numbers had reduced.

**EWR Wildlife items**

Cllr Walker has advised that five insect hotels have been supplied, with locations agreed as follows:

              x 2 - Church

              x 2 - The Pound (if permission given from Jon Hill)

              x 1 - SA Manor grounds

Alice Goodall to follow up arranging a talk/workshop for parishioners (possibly end of April).

**Solar Farm Development**

The Parish Council’s consultation response has been submitted to CDC. It was noted that the number of public comments on the planning portal had dramatically increased recently and that some 50 out of the 70 responses were opposed to the application.

**77. 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* |
| CDC | election | 100.00 |
| Parish online | mapping | 60.00 |
| The play inspection Co | Safety inspection | 87.54 |
| Mrs A Davies | Salary and expenses | 194.42 |
| Information Commissioner | Registration fee | 40.00 |
| HMRC | Cl tax | 47.40 |
| OALC | membership | 156.00 |
| The Red Lion | Room hire (incl. extra for heating) | 20.00 |

1. **Other Parish Issues**

**OCC 20mph speed limit in Villages**

Ongoing.

**Top road past Sratton Audley park**

OCC have agreed repairs required to this road with EWR. Most of the temporary laybys will also be removed. Some of the easier work will commence in the next few weeks.

**Footpath concerns**

Concerns were expressed about the viability of gravelling the footpath at the north west end of the Pond, as the ground is not suitable. The Clerk agreed to refer concerns about footpath conditions to OCC, with photographs if available.

**Village projector**

A resident has been suggested that the Parish Council purchase a projector and screen for use by the village. Details of the proposal were discussed and concern was expressed as to whether it will be value for money/used enough by the community. Cllr Gore agreed to investigate further, and the Parish Council will then consider options.

**Coronation celebrations**

National festivities are scheduled for the 5th to 7th May. The Parish Council noted that there had been limited interest in the village in organising a street party (a dozen or so people) but agreed to make arrangements for a more limited celebration centred on the Red Lion whereby the pub garden could be utilised as well as the street for residents to gather, bring their own food. The idea of hiring a band is also to be investigated. A road closure notice and grant is to be investigated and the Parish council agreed to make a contribution of up to £500 to support this event.

**Community Fund Ideas**

The Parish Council noted a list of possible projects to improve the village, some of which would require a significant sum of monies and could only be contemplated if the Solar Farm development were to be approved. It was agreed that the parish community would be asked to consider these options further at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

**Annual Meeting of the Parish**

It was agreed that the annual meeting of the parish would take place Wednesday 19th April in the Church from 7pm to 9pm.

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

CDC/OCC/OALC updates

**Playground safety report**.

The council agreed to arrange for a contractor to spread more bark to improve the surface of the playground.

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 April 2023 in the Red Lion at 7.00pm.

Annual Parish Meeting 19th April in the Church at 7.00pm.

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