

**Minutes of the Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting
Held on; 8th January 2014 Wednesday at 7.30pm
At Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting Room**

Councillors present:

Richard Maskell (Chairman)

John Watson (Vice Chairman)

Mrs T Kirtland

Mrs M Richards

Tony Winterbottom

Geoff Plowman

Dave Wallis

Joe Hoinville

Martin Watson

Brian Harrison

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

Members of the Public: 6

14.001 Apologies for absence

Paul Crook

14.002 Declarations of interests

For Councillors to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests.

None

14.003 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th December 2013 were unanimously approved.

*It was **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded from the meeting for the following items, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

An issue between the Parish Council and an ex-employee. This was agreed unanimously.

14.004 Chairman's report for December 2013

Nothing to report

14.005 Clerks Report

Request for dog waste bin in Weston Road. The members agreed to seek the views of the residents of this road to ascertain if they wanted a bin and where they wish it to be located?

The re-location of the current dog waste bin in Long Plough; further to a meeting with AVDC in December, the Chairman advised that in the opinion of the Community Spaces team, the bin was in the best position.

The members agreed that they would await feedback from Weston Road residents and make a decision accordingly.

Fire risk assessment report for The Hub; Cllr Joe Hoinville volunteered to investigate options; whether to lease or purchase a fire system and what basic requirements are statutory for a public building.

14.006 Finances for January 2014

The finances for January; the sum of £6,699.44 was approved unanimously.

Direct Debits		
EON	Street Lighting	£567.68
AVDC	Dog waste collection service	£1,099.93
British Gas	Parish office electricity– payment plan	£40.00
British Gas	New car park lighting; Sept to Dec 2013	£38.45
Total DD's		£1,745.96
All other payments		
December invoices retrospective approval required		
Almar printers	Scan and email documents; park inspection reports	£8.00
Almar printers	Stationery items	£55.61
BALC	"Local councils explained" – publication	£49.99
Catlin designs	Upload of badges to website	£37.50
Staples	Stationery and cleaning supplies	£57.92
Total		£209.02
January Invoices		
BAS	Quarterly payroll Jan – March 2014	£54.00
Bryants of Risborough	Post for Turpin allotments	£87.32 (to be reimbursed to ACPC by the Turpin Charity)
Bucks County Council	Legal fees for period 8	£864.00
Fishlock plumbing	Drains in kitchen area; remove waste pipe and replace- The Hub. Approved works CH/RM	£145.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI for December	£148.92
Landscape Matters	Trees for the bunding	£288.00
Lime tree gardens	Planting of trees for the bunding	£780.00
R&G King	Fit boarding in electric cupboard at parish office/ fit sundry items in change room toilets	£96.00
E Sharp Electrical	Local street lighting	£373.98
Sign Wizzard	Signs for park	£33.72
Viking Direct	Soap & dispenser, loo roll & loo roll holder, bin for change room toilet	£95.32, £9.35 = £104.67
C Hill	December salary	£936.35
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£112.50
Evetts Agriculture	Park contractor	£520.00
Petty Cash - 103872	Office use	£200.00
Total of BACS/DC/CHQ		£4,744.46
Total to Pay:		£6,699.44
Receipts		
Allotment rents 100343	Plot 8	£11.00
AC Colts	2 thirds payment for 2013/14 fixtures	£1,815.00
Onsite Training	Assessment refund	£85.00
Total		£1,911.00

14.007 Allotments

Nothing to discuss

14.008 Transportation

Nothing to discuss

14.009 Environment

Nothing to discuss

14.010 Park & Recreation

Quote for replacement ropes in play park; the cost of £500.00.
Approved unanimously.

14.011 Football

Nothing to discuss

14.012 Churchyard

Nothing to discuss

14.013 Correspondence

Letter from Bucks CC regarding definitive map for footpath number 28, Aston Clinton. Letter duly noted.

Planning;

No comment; all plans are available to view during office hours.

14.014 Matters arising

Cllr Teresa Kirtland requested that a maintenance contract be put in place for the school clock. Clerk to contact Smiths of Derby who serviced the clock in November 2012.

Cllr Marion Richards advised members that Cobblers Woods were being cleared and tidied up.

Floods along Lower Icknield Way/Royal Siam roundabout had a warning sign to say "flood" but it was disappointing that more was not done to remove the surface water.

Cllr Richards wished to advise the members that two ladies in the village will be 100 this year; Mrs Gladys Bishop and Mrs Marjorie Standbridge.

Cllr Tony Winterbottom; flood issue in the park. Thanks to the Chairman and park contractor who cleared the area. Tony advised that a regular inspection and maintenance of the area is required. Clerk to liaise with park contractor and also to gain advice from the Environment Agency.

Cllr Winterbottom also expressed his disappointment with the County Council for not responding to the needs of the village; grids and drains blocked.

Particular areas are from Stablebridge Road to the Golf Club and the Guide Hall/Vets/Total garage has drains that are severely blocked.

Clerk to contact Highways to ask if the pipework is the issue or the drain or both?

Cllr Dave Wallis thanked the members for all their help with the Santa float collection on the 22nd of December.

Huge thanks also to CD Lane for his trailer, E Sharp Electrical for their generator and the Aston Clinton Guides and Scouts for braving the weather and going door to door collecting funds for the 3 nominated charities.

Iain Rennie, AC Scouts and AC Guides will receive £300.00 each.

Cllr Martin Watson advised members that from Brook Street to College Road South there are road repairs that appear to be subsiding; he is of the opinion that a duty of care programme should be put in place to check the work of contractors. Clerk to make enquiries.

The Hub windowsill to be put back, having fallen off due to high winds. Clerk to contact contractor.

Cllr Brian Harrison asked members if they knew who owned the land from Arla to the Household waste site; there is a strip of land to the right that has a balancing pond with a notice stating "risk of drowning", but it would be of benefit if the land was fenced in to avoid any accidents. Clerk to ascertain who owns the land and report back to the council.

14.015 Public participation

For members of the public to ask questions, raise any issues on items included on the agenda. Items not included on the agenda requiring decisions will be included on the next agenda.

Please note; this section of the meeting is not required by law to be minuted.

Residents of Long Plough have requested the dog waste bin be relocated down the alley at the back of the houses rather than its current location. They were also of the opinion that there are more dog waste collection bins in other villages.

Mr and Mrs Lyon advised that London Road from the Royal Siam roundabout to the garage needs the mud removing from the road as the current downpours have left the road in a bad state; Clerk to arrange a road sweeper from Bucks CC. Apparently in College Road South, Thames Water sorted a similar issue, perhaps they may do so again?

Mr Sharp re Royal Siam roundabout: advised there appears to be a soak-away issue and the potholes that were repaired are showing again. Clerk to contact TFB.

Clerk to check website to make sure agendas are printable for each meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

14.015 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

Signed by.....

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