

**Minutes of the Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on; Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm**  
**At Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting Room**

Councillors present:

John Watson (Vice Chairman) - Acting Chair

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

Mrs T Kirtland

Mrs M Richards

Brian Harrison

Martin Watson

Dave Wallis

District Cllr Carole Paternoster

Members of the Public: 4

**13.147 Apologies for absence**

Richard Maskell (Chairman), Cllrs Paul Crook, Mrs L Mooney.

**13.148 Declarations of interests**

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

None

**13.149 Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were unanimously approved.

**13.150 Chairman's report for October 2013**

Nothing to report

**13.151 Clerks Report**

Annual insurance renewal: the Clerk advised that she has a meeting with Came and Company insurance brokers on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October to go through the renewal schedule to clarify all cover is adequate before payment is made. The Chairman advised the members that an independent broker has reviewed the policy and reported that this policy is a very favourable one.

Photo Competition; members voted for the 3 winning photos for the parish council website. Winners to be notified.

Annual play-park inspection; the Clerk advised that the inspection had taken place and once the report has been received, any issues will be reported at the next parish meeting.

New dog waste bin now installed in Longplough; it is hoped that due the high demand for a bin in this area that the residents will use this facility.

Park driveway; quotes received to repair potholes. The more favourable contractor quote, the sum of £1988.00 + vat. Proposer Cllr Martin Watson, seconded by Cllr Marion Richards and approved unanimously.

Tractor Shed in park compound; quotes received to break out and remove current roof and timber fascias and ivy. Replace with new roof and eve fillers to front profile. Best contractor quote of £578.60 + vat was approved unanimously as it has been in a poor state for some time.

1<sup>st</sup> Aston Clinton Scouts have requested to store their trailer in the park compound to alleviate the driveway of their leader (David Wall). Members saw no issue with storing the trailer but requested the nominated personnel of the scouts take responsibility for the keys. (Clerk to request they sign for the keys and return in the future if the store is no longer required).

### 13.152 Finances for October

The sum of £13,747.91; proposer Cllr Brian Harrison, seconded by Cllr Teresa Kirtland, and approved unanimously.

The Chairman pointed out the cost of the bins for the village are very costly.

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| <b>Direct Debits</b>      |  |                                |
| EON                       | Street Lighting  | £566.81                        |
| AVDC                      | Play around the parishes – July and August sessions                    | £120.00                        |
| British Gas               | Parish office electricity– payment plan (for 5 months to cover winter) | £318.99                        |
| British Gas               | New car park lighting  | £31.21                         |
| <b>Total DD's</b>         |  | <b>£1,037.01</b>               |
| <b>All other payments</b> |  |                                |
| Almar printers            | Scan & email documents to AVDC and for website use                     | £7.20                          |
| Broxap                    | Bin for upper Icknield Way   | £359.94                        |
| Bucks CC                  | Professional services  | £2,794.40                      |
| Bucks CC                  | Final pension payment for AJ Eyres                                     | £164.23                        |
| Came and Co Insurance     | Annual parish insurance renewal  | £1,623.14                      |
| HMRC                      | NI/PAYE for August   | £137.85                        |
| Horwood and James         | Professional services – lease of social club                           | £2,460.00                      |
| Just host                 | Annual domain name registration/add-on/ protection for parish website. | £7.99, £6.99, £71.88 = £86.86. |
| Lime tree gardens         | Weedkill pathway near new car park.                                    | £108.00                        |
| Mazars                    | Annual external audit  | £480.00                        |
| Playground Supplies       | Replacement telescope  | £96.00                         |
| E Sharp Electrical        | Local street lighting  | £387.27                        |
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| Staples                   | Stationery   | £28.50                         |
| C Hill                    | September salary   | £848.38                        |
| AJ Eyres                  | Final salary payment   | £1,983.05                      |
| C Watson                  | Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park                               | £125.00                        |
| Evelt Agriculture         | Park contractor  | £264.00                        |
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| D Evett - 103863                           | Mowing of park  | £232.00           |
| Barnes and Wells<br>Tree surgeons - 103864 | Tree removed from park<br>drive/fence at back of No9<br>Pavilion Gardens. | £400.00           |
| <b>Total of BACS/DC/CHQ</b>                |   | <b>£12,710.90</b> |
| <b>Total to Pay:</b>                       |   | <b>£13,747.91</b> |
| <b>Receipts</b>                            |   |                   |
| The Hub                                    | October rent  | £1,034.00 (DC)    |
| HMRC                                       | Vat claim 2011  | £31.32 (DC)       |
| HMRC                                       | Vat claim May/June 2013   | £669.17 (DC)      |
| AVDC                                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept payment   | £41,093.33        |
| Regiment Fitness - 100334                  | Park permit   | £150.00           |
| Arla - 100335                              | Trees for Bunding   | £1,000            |
| <b>Total</b>                               |   | <b>£42,243.33</b> |

### 13.153 Allotments

The members all agreed to increase the annual fee per plot by £1.00 for the coming year 2014; therefore £11.00 per plot.

### 13.154 Transportation

Cllr Dave Wallis advised that he had been in communication with Bucks CC regarding the issue surrounding the bus route through the village. Many children and workers rely on this service and pay for annual or monthly bus passes to then have the buses go straight through the village and not stop as they are full.

Parents who pay for bus passes so their children can go to school in Aylesbury feel this unacceptable. District Cllr Carole Paternoster will be taking this issue to the Local Area Forum to discuss at their next meeting.

### 13.155 Environment

The parish noticeboards to be renovated in the spring.

### 13.156 Park & Recreation

Recycle bins in the park; the members discussed the on-going issue of glass and plastic bottles along with cardboard being strewn over the recycle area of the park. In light of the fact that each resident has a recycle bin at home and the household waste site in situation in Aston Clinton; the members resolved to remove the newspaper/cardboard and plastic bottle recycle containers from the park. Recycle bins will be looked at next year to be sited near the skate and play parks and all weather pitch to encourage park users to recycle their drink bottles.

A scheme was tentatively discussed to liaise with AVDC to give rewards for recycling. A possible point system for an amount recycled; to be looked into at a later stage.

Playpark; quotes to be obtained to remove the chip bark in the playpark and replace with child-friendly tarmac or matting as on-going issues surround the chip bark flying around that could be a H&S issue.

### **13.157 Football**

Further to the meeting with Aston Clinton Football Club, the Chairman updated the public of the decision made by the Council that the proposal to use the Youth Club for a club house for football members would be not approved as the drinking of alcohol in the Youth Club premises would not be allowed.

### **13.158 Churchyard**

Lime tress in the churchyard; The Chair and Vice Chairman along with Total Garden care contractor will deal with the overhanging trees towards to the end of October in preparation for the Remembrance Sunday.

### **13.159 Correspondence**

Dial-a ride – letter received requesting funding for their charity to assist local residents by transporting them to hospital and doctor appointments. The Parish Council under section 137 funds donated £100.00 in 2012. It was agreed that the same sum be donated this year. Proposer Cllr Dave Wallis, seconder Cllrs Marion Richards and Teresa Kirtland and approved unanimously.

### **Planning;**

The Chairman advised that the planning committee would be writing a formal objection to the Chapel Drive development.

Bowls club replacement garage, the chairman advised that the planning committee have reviewed the plans for a new garage and have approved this application.

### **13.160 Matters arising**

Cllr Martin Watson advised the white barrier gate to the front of the compound is in a poor state, it was agreed that this be removed and wooden “knee bars” be installed to follow suit with bars in the rest of the park.

Clerk to talk to contractor for costs.

Cllr Watson reported the poor state of a number of bins in the park, some have been vandalised or due to wear and tear require replacing. Clerk to look at pricing to be included in the 2014/15 precept.

Cllr Dave Wallis reported that the banner at the entrance of the park is still in situ’ and could the clerk write to request its removal within 7 days.

Cllr Teresa Kirtland reported rubble behind the shop has been possible fly-tipped. Clerk to request removal of this from district council.

Football pins still being found on park, Clerk to advise clubs to remove all pins at the end of each match to avoid pins damaging the mower.

Remembrance Sunday; Cllr Kirtland and the committee organising the event on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November have taken on board the comments from the local youth groups regarding visibility on the day. Cllr Kirtland stated that the event is well attended by many in the village, local clubs and the soldiers from the

RAF; a revision of placings would be attempted. Rehearsal to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Clerk to contact contractor to make sure hedge is cut before the 10<sup>th</sup>.

District Cllr Carole Paternoster updated members and public in relation to the boundary review. The two options put forward were both rejected; to be passed onto the boundary commission for a decision. It is of the opinion that Aston Clinton/Drayton Beauchamp and Chivery to remain as is currently.

### **13.161 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.

Mrs and Mrs Robinson expressed deep concern regarding the pavement in Wenwell Close; many elderly people have fallen and injured themselves. Despite LAT from Bucks CC advising in June that the pavements were in a bad condition but, due to lack of funding, this area it is deemed as not a “priority” at this current time.

Mrs Lyon requested that the yellow signage in and around the village “Arla construction traffic” to be changed to “Arla traffic” to enable all commercial vehicles for Arla to be aware not to use the village roads or College Road South. Clerk to write to Victoria Walker; Arla liaison officer.

A “No through road to College Road North Industrial Site” sign to be positioned at the beginning of College Road South.

Clerk to write to Sat Nav companies to make sure that the postcode states either College Road North or South.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.32.

### **13.162 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

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