

**Minutes of the Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting  
Held on; Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 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

Paul Crook

Tony Winterbottom

Geoff Plowman

Dave Wallis

Martin Watson

Brian Harrison

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

Members of the Public: 8

**13.179 Apologies for absence**

None

**13.180 Declarations of interests**

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

None

**13.181 Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were unanimously approved.

Co-optation of Parish Councillor; Applicants Joe Hoinville and Rosemary Lyon. Paper votes were taken and counted by the clerk, the majority votes were for Joe Hoinville; he was welcomed as a new member of the parish council.

*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.*

*Proposer Cllr Teresa Kirtland, Seconder Cllr Marion Richards and approved unanimously.*

*An issue between the Parish Council and two local residents.*

**13.182 Chairman's report for December 2013**

The Parish Council has received a claim from a member of the public that he had sustained an injury when he fell off the log roll in the children's play area. He was demonstrating how to use it to his son.

The alleged accident occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> March. It was not reported to the Parish Council.

A solicitor acting on behalf of our insurance company has visited the park. She is satisfied as to our maintenance of the play equipment and our insurance company will deal with the matter.

### 13.183 Clerks Report

Chestnut Close lamp-post removal and reposition:

(Further to the November meeting when they clerk advised she had received an email from a new resident in Chestnut Close).

The Clerk advised the cost to re-locate this column would be £973.10 + vat. The members could not justify this spend but advised the clerk to inform the resident that they would not have any objections to him financing it; new location to be approved beforehand by the parish council.

Counter for the parish office; the Clerk had obtained an additional quote for the counter; the best quote was for of £495.00 plus vat. This quote was approved unanimously.

Public toilets; the council discussed the situation regarding the use of The Hub and the provision to open the end toilet of the changing room for non-customers of The Hub. The Clerk will provide toiletry items and contact AVDC Environmental Health to seek advice.

### 13.184 Finances for December

The sum of £13,318.67 (including October retrospective invoices) proposer Cllr Marion Richards, seconded by Cllrs John and Martin Watson, and approved unanimously.

<b>Direct Debits</b>		
EON	Street Lighting	£566.81
British Gas	Parish office electricity– payment plan	£40.00
BT	Parish office telephone	£62.70
<b>Total DD's</b>		<b>£669.51</b>
All other payments		
<b>October invoices retrospective approval required:</b>		
Almar	Stationery	£5.97
Fishlock plumbing	Water leak from ceiling; repair and replace ceiling tiles. The Hub	£85.00, £155.00 = £240.00
Lime tree gardens	Footpath maintenance	£186.00
Onsite training	Spray course training and assessment	£1,120.00
R&G King	Replace changing room door with fire proof door/new hinges	£381.60
R&G King	<b>Garage Roof</b> Take down and dispose of asbestos roof/timber barge boards/ replace roof sheets/fit eaves/ new timber bargeboards. (Additional works carried out from original quote)	£1,950.00
R&G King	Pot hole repair to Aston park entrance	£2,385.60
Total Garden care	September mow and strim churchyard (oct invoice)	£864.00
Turneyfieldforce	Pin for tractor / H&S wear	£190.96
<b>Total for October</b>		<b>£7,930.94</b>

<b>November invoices</b>		
Bucks County Council	Professional fees	£378.00
George Browns	Antifreeze for machinery	£21.75
Casewell Maintenance Ltd	Alterations to height barrier in park	£300.00
Fishlock plumbing	Emergency call-out to hot water system	£85.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI for November	£718.37
	File of 2009	£100.00
E Sharp Electrical	Local street lighting	£356.48
Staples	Stationery items	£4.27
AJ Eyres	BCC pension refund	£164.23
C Hill	November salary / old parish council vat claim project work	£1,782.12
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£100.00
Evelt Agriculture	Park contractor	364.00
D Evelt - 103870	Mowing of park	344.00
<b>Total of BACS/DC/CHQ</b>		<b>£4,718.22</b>
<b>Total to Pay:</b>		<b>£5,387.73</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
HMRC	Vat claim for 2009	£6,810.57
HMRC	Sept/October 2013 vat claim	£1,143.90
British Gas	Refund for overcharge	£872.14
Allotment rents – 100339	38, 41, 19.	£33.00
KY Green - 100340	Internment - Wade	£620.00
The Hub	October rent	£1,034.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£10, 513.61</b>

#### Precept 2014/2015:

The members discussed the amended budget headings prepared by the Clerk; AVDC has notified the Clerk that the national grant of £2,123.00 has been allocated to the Parish Council; this therefore reduces the precept by 10%. The Chairman proposed a 3.2% increase, (as per the R.P.I). Proposer Cllr Martin Watson and Seconder Cllr Brian Harrison, and 7 other members agreed with this figure, against Cllr Geoff Plowman.

#### **13.185 Allotments**

Nothing to discuss

#### **13.186 Transportation**

Nothing to discuss

### **13.187 Environment**

Nothing to discuss

### **13.188 Park & Recreation**

Cllr Dave Wallis mentioned the issue of the park for commercial use; (as per November minutes). A criteria to be met in terms of hygiene and safety, possible hire of porta-loos for events in the park. Cllr Harrison stated that historically the council always has the deciding role as to who can sell food and drink in the park. (as per PC bye-laws)

Vice Chair John Watson commented that the main issue of the park at present was the toilets; people who are not customers of The Hub are using the Hub toilets and increasing the cost of cleaning. The Hub toilets are not public toilets and it is felt that this will no longer be an issue if the changing room toilet is opened to the public.

Recycling in the park; the Clerk advised that most of the recycle containers and bins in the park have been removed by AVDC (at the request of the PC in October); the glass green containers will be removed by AVDC and the one blue-lidded black bin which is new is to house cardboard, plastic bottles, glass and newspapers (no food waste). It is hoped the residents of Aston Clinton will be encouraged to use the household waste site and the recycle bins at home.

### **13.189 Football**

Cllr Dave Wallis advised further to the additional meeting with AC Colts the contract is now final. (Clerk to circulate minutes to all members)

### **13.190 Churchyard**

Nothing to discuss

### **13.191 Correspondence**

None

### **Planning;**

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

### **13.192 Matters arising**

Cllr Marion Richards reported the verge along Weston Road from 31-33 has got bad again. Despite previous attempts to restrict parking on this verge, it is still being used and now the verge is very muddy and slippery. Clerk to contact Transport for Bucks to request a site visit.

Cllr Paul Crook asked if all clubs had paid a permit for the park for commercial use. The Clerk advised that Regiment Fitness had paid, (permit for 6 months). Dog Walking businesses are yet to acknowledge a request for a permit.

Cllr Dave Wallis advised that all was set up for the Santa float around the village on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Helpers required on the day.

**13.193 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.

A resident is concerned regarding a dog walking group that meet in the park daily at 2pm. A large number of dogs, some walkers are worried about the dogs' behaviour.

Playpark – gate not closing; park inspector to view on his next visit and advise on the repair costs.

New public toilets for the park; it was suggested that this be funded by the PC. Cllr Dave Wallis advised resident that many councils have closed their public facility as the costs are over £15k per annum to maintain.

Residents of Long Plough reiterate their reasons behind their request for a salt bin. The members and residents discussed this issue at length.

Members inquired as to where the bin would be located, if agreeable to all in the road and requested to know, who would salt the road?

The representatives from Long Plough were given a leaflet by the Chairman of a company that could provide a bin at a fraction of the cost of the ones that can be purchase from Bucks CC.

The location of a dog bin in Long Plough was also raised further to the correspondence with the Clerk and a resident. The members were guided by the contractor of AVDC as to where to position the bin. Clerk to contact AVDC to request its re-location.

Footpaths; Putnams Drive to Green End Street is overgrown and needs to be cleared. The Chairman advised that 3 candidates were currently attending a spray course to have a licence to spray herbicides which could include the local footpaths.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55

**13.178 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

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