

**Minutes of the Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting  
Held on; 5<sup>th</sup> March 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

Dave Wallis

Martin Watson

Brian Harrison

Paul Crook

Cllr Carole Paternoster

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

Members of the Public: 6

**14.033 Apologies for absence**

Tony Winterbottom, Geoff Plowman, Joe Hoinville

**14.034 Declarations of interests**

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

None

**14.035 Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 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.

Correspondence between the Parish Council and its solicitor; this was agreed unanimously.

**14.036 Chairman's report for March**

Officially, this is our clerk's last meeting as Claire has accepted the role of a Deputy Town Clerk. When she was appointed she quite quickly picked up the work and has always been extremely conscientious. She has agreed to help with the change-over to the new clerk.

The Electoral Review by the Boundary Commission is now out for public consultation. This Council has written supporting the draft proposal in respect of the Aston Clinton Ward.

The Aston Clinton Church Flower Festival on the weekend of 12/13 July will have the theme of the Great War. I will obtain the Parish Council minutes for 1914-1918 to see if there is anything of interest for the Parish Council display.

### 14.037 Clerks Report

Email from Transport for Bucks regarding blocked drains/pot holes/Brook Street utility trenches. Member duly acknowledged the explanation into on-going works. However, pot holes are a main issue as it would appear the same holes are showing signs of cracking; Clerk to contact TFB again to ascertain who is accountable for the repairs, who signs off the work and pays the invoice?

**14.038 Finances for March 2014.** The sum of £5,238.97 was approved unanimously.

<b>Direct Debits</b>		
EON	Street Lighting	£567.68
British Gas	Parish office electricity	£54.94
BT	Internet services for parish office	£62.70
<b>Total DD's</b>		<b>£685.32</b>
<b>All other payments</b>		
Bucks CC	Legal fees period 10	£2,300.40
Digital Service	Remote support for Clerk	£45.00
Harrison Displays	Union Jack flag for village	£79.14
HMRC	PAYE for January 2014	£218.13
E Sharp electrical	Local street lighting	£150.65, 136.12 = £286.77
M Ramsay	Outlook and website issues	£150.00
C Hill	February salary	£1,039.21
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£75.00
Evett Agriculture	Park contractor	£208.00
D Evett - 103879	Park contractor	£152.00
<b>Total of BACS/DC/CHQ</b>		<b>£4,553.65</b>
<b>Total to Pay:</b>		<b>£5,238.97</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
HMRC - DD	Vat refund December 2013	£705.06
Tennis Club - 100350	Peppercorn rent for 2014	£12.00
Allotment rents - 100351	30,31	£22.00
Aston Clinton FC - DD	Peppercorn rent for 2014	£10.00
Abbey Memorials - 100354	Memorial permit	£310.00
AC Colts - 100353	Final payment for 2013/14 season	£907.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,966.56</b>

### 14.039 Allotments

Clerk to advertise empty plots.

### 14.040 Transportation

Nothing to discuss.

### 14.041 Environment

Potholes: Royal Siam roundabout/Upper Icknield Way, has already been repaired a number of times! Clerk to also report again; the middle of the road near the Vets,

strip in the middle of the road from VAS sign towards the village, Twitchell Lane near school.

#### **14.042 Park & Recreation**

The stream is the same level as it was; Bucks CC and the Environment Agency have visited the culvert, it will be cleared once the water level has decreased a considerable amount.

Charity containers in the park; one new shoe container has arrived in the park without permission. Clerk has written and put a note on this container and also the red one, advising removal. (Charity containers cause a lot of debris when full. It was agreed that as there are a number of sites locally, Aston Park will no longer house these containers.)

#### **14.043 Football**

Fertiliser has been ordered for the pitches.

It is hoped that all clubs can resume play in the near future; the pitches are now drying out; the exception is the Meadow pitch at the back of the park.

#### **14.044 Churchyard**

The Clerk advised that a new request had been received for an interment of ashes into an existing grave plot. Members agreed as the plot is already in use, that a nominal fee of £50.00 to be charged; (advice received from KY Green funeral directors in Aylesbury).

Proposer for the £50.00 charge Vice Chair John Watson, seconded by Cllr Teresa Kirtland and approved unanimously.

Cllr Marion Richards advised that there is a lot of rubbish in and around the noticeboard in the churchyard. Members agreed they would get a working party together to tidy.

#### **14.045 Correspondence**

None

#### **Planning;**

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

#### **14.046 Matters arising**

Cllr Teresa Kirtland advised that the theme for the flower festival this year is "The Home Front"

A Green End Street lighting column has eroded; Peter Sharp will check and report back.

Cllr Marion Richards requested a LAT (local area technician) visit Weston Road again as the verges are still very muddy and bald in places. (It was of the opinion of the last LAT that the verges would dry up and it is the residents who use the verges to park on). It was recommended to tarmac over or place bollards onto these areas. Cllr Paul Crook advised that some lights are on all the time in Wenwell Close. Peter Sharp advised that new timers are on order to alleviate the problem.

Cllr Dave Wallis reported more rubbish has been dumped at the back of the shop. Clerk to report to Environmental at AVDC again.

Cllr Brian Harrison advised a new Fish and Chip van in the village visits Beechwood Way and Long Plough on Wednesdays 6-9pm and Fridays 4-6pm. Chips are great!!

**14.047 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.

Dog bin in Long Plough; Vice Chair John Watson to visit two residents whose houses back onto the green It is hoped the bin can be re-sited to the back of this grass area.

Peter Sharp reiterated that the pot holes on the Royal Siam roundabout are showing signs of cracking again despite numerous repairs and why can't the contractors repair the whole area rather than one pot hole at a time?

Mr Lyon, village noticeboards; this was been mentioned by the Clerk in the winter, they need repairing and varnishing in the spring. Clerk to arrange.

Mrs Lyon reported a milk container from Arla has been sighted in the village; it is believed that trucks should know they must use the by-pass. Clerk to contact Arla. Mrs Lyon, parish council website; clubs and societies should be encouraged to contact the council to advertise their events and days of operation. The Clerk is happy to receive any information to place on the website.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05.

**14.048 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

Signed by.....

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