

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Wednesday 1st May 2013 at 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting Room, Aston Park,
London Road,
Aston Clinton, HP22 5HL.

Councillors present:

Richard Maskell (Chairman)
John Watson (Vice Chairman)
David Wallis
Mrs T Kirtland
Martin Watson
Mike Parsonage
Mrs M Richards
Paul Crook
Members of the Public: 10

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

13.064 Election of Chairman

There was one nomination for Chairman of the parish council for 2013/14. The current Chairman, Richard Maskell. Proposer Martin Watson seconded by Teresa Kirtland and approved unanimously.

13.065 Election of Vice Chairman

There was one nomination for Vice Chairman of the parish council for 2013/14. The current Vice Chairman, John Watson. Proposer Paul Crook seconded by Marion Richards and approved unanimously.

13.066 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Lindy Mooney, Geoff Plowman and Brian Harrison.

13.067 Declarations of interests

For Councillors to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests.
None

13.068 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd April 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 involving residents of Aston Clinton.

13.069 Chairman's report for May 2013

None

13.070 Clerks Report

Footpath maintenance; a quote has been received based on previous quote. Clerk advised that the contractor requires additional information on which

footpaths need maintenance before he can quote to order. Other quotes to be obtained once an assessment has been made.

13.071 Finances

The finances for May; the sum of £15,094.71 was approved unanimously.

Direct Debits		
AVDC	Dog hygiene bins collection Oct 2012- March 2013.	£698.89 (taken in April)
AVDC	Grunden bins for park and church Jan to March 2013	£739.75
British Gas	Parish office electricity supply-payment plan	£189.87
British Gas	New car park lighting	£7.68
EON	Street Lighting	£566.81
Total DD's		£2,203.00
All other payments		
Almar printers	A3 parking signs	£11.40
Aylesbury Mains	Replacement street lighting columns X 4.	£6,103.44
BALC	Annual subscription: Clerk and council members training courses at a reduced rate. Download NALC publications. Legal advice services for council	£489.12
Digital Services	Remote keyboard for office pc.	£25.00
Dyno-rod	Clear of pipes from Youth Club to The Hub	£156.00
R&G King	Top soil and mulch for new footpath	£918.00 (106 funds to reimburse net of £765.00)
R&G King	Line marking for new car park	£1,140.00 (106 funds to reimburse net of £950.00)
R&G King	Replace x 3 manhole covers in Aston park	576.00
Lock and Key Centre	Replacement height barrier keys	37.80
Parrott and Coales LLP	Professional service charges from 23 rd Feb to 20 th March 2013	£528.00
William Peters – plumber	The Hub – gent toilets, replace pipework to stop leak	£114.00
William Peters – plumber	The Hub – ceiling leak through passageway to kitchen	£168.00
E Sharp electrical	Street lighting	£202.12
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£100.00
A J Eyres	April Salary	£802.15
C Hill	April Salary	£958.18
Don Evett	Dec/Jan/Feb/April; salary for temporary groundsman role.	£150.00
Evett Agriculture	Temporary groundsman for April.	£412.50
Total of BACS/DC/CHQ payments		£12,891.71
Total to Pay:		£15,094.71

The Clerk produced copies of the bank statements, monthly and annual reconciliation to all members of the council to view the financial year of 2012/13. The members agreed that these were the true copies of the income and outgoings for the year.

13.072 Allotments

None at present

13.073 Transportation

None at present

13.074 Environment

None at present

13.075 Park & Recreation

None at present

13.076 Football

None at present

13.077 Churchyard

The grass cuttings need to be moved by the contractors.

13.078 Correspondence

Letter from Park View residents; (the letter was emailed to all members before the meeting). Quotes have been received to resurface Park View which has not been resurfaced for twenty five years. The council will review the funds required at the next Finance meeting and report back to the residents.

The Youth Caravan Club are looking for a venue in 2014 for 250+ young people to hold their annual event. Clerk to liaise with them as to what their requirements would be. It was suggested that Green Park may be a better venue.

13.079 Matters arising

Cllr Marion Richards asked when the new bin for Upper Icknield Way would be installed; Cllr Watson advised that this was in hand to do.

Cllr Martin Watson wished to point out to members that often AVDC turned the street lights off along Aylesbury road to save funds however; it would appear that the new installation of lighting near the recycling centre was not therefore cost effective. Vice Chair John Watson added that the potholes in the village require urgent attention and therefore the money could have been better spent.

13.080 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.

Richard Nicholls advised that the lighting has been installed for the lorry movements along the A41 for the Arla development.

Tony Winterbottom thanked the Parish Council for their help and support with the Aston Clinton Tennis Club floodlighting.

Residents of Weston Road advised that the flue had been installed at the Rothschild Arms, however, it would appear it is not compliant and therefore there was still an issue with smells from the takeaway. Also there are still issues with cigarette butts in the street, increased car noise, people using the takeaway and late night deliveries.

Cllr Carole Paternoster advised that the enforcement officers are still investigating the above issues.

The Police are investigating the recent demolition of railings outside a resident’s home in Weston Road when a car careered into them.

A meeting to be arranged with all parties concerned as to a way forward.

Ralph Weston of the Royal British Legion requested that the council continue to cut back the brambles at the copse and could the plaque be moved and remounted on a brick pillar? Members approved for the plaque to be re-installed on a pillar; RBL to arrange this.

Mrs Lyon of College Road South (CRS) advised an increase in lorry traffic along the road. It would appear that Sat Navs in HGVs are still sending Lorries to CRS rather than to College Road North.

More signage is required at the top of CRS to deter Lorries from using the road. The top and bottom gates currently have no locks on.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10.

13.081 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th June 2013 in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

Signed by.....

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