

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON CLINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 3rd JULY 2013 AT 7.30pm
AT ASTON CLINTON PARISH MEETING ROOM**

Present:

Councillors:

R Maskell (Chairman)
J Watson (Vice Chairman)
B Harrison
Mrs T Kirtland
D Wallis
P Crook

Mrs L Mooney
Mrs M Richards
G Plowman
M Parsonage
M Watson

Locum Clerk Mrs C Jensen

Two members of the public

13.99 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Miss Claire Hill, the Parish Clerk.

13.100 Declarations of Interest

No interests were received.

13.101 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th June 2013 were unanimously **APPROVED** and duly signed

*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.*

Update on the boundary issue.

13.102 Chairman's Report

The Local Area Forum (LAF) has allocated a sum of money in an effort to address the long standing issue of travellers occasionally staying in College Road South. Initially part of the funds will be available to fund a study that may come up with a solution to the problem.

In the meantime the Parish Council has had a new hasp welded to one of the gates. This council has provided a lock and several keys. BCC has provided a second lock.

At the LAF meeting concern was raised that the damage to the roundabout at the end of the Aston Clinton By- pass has not been repaired. The answer from Bucks CC, there is no money for repairs.

The Parish Council's solicitor has provided an agreement for the approval of the Council to alterations at The Hub. The only change to the original plans was to install paving slabs instead of decking. It was agreed that this is an advantage from a Health and Safety aspect.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman should sign the document as a matter of urgency to allow matters to proceed.

13.103 Clerk's Report

In the absence of the Clerk, no report was available.

13.104 Finance

Payment of the following accounts was unanimously **APPROVED**

Direct Debits		
EON	Street Lighting	£566.81
British Gas	Parish office electricity- payment plan	£189.87
British Gas	New car park lighting	£18.15
Total DD's		£774.83

All other payments		
Almar printers	A3 burial ground notices	£25.20
Almar printers	Stationery items	£14.31
ANM Environmental Services	Pump fault inspection	£138.00
Bucks Country Council	4 month pension contribution April – July 2013.	£1,008.00
George Browns	Filters/belts	£189.77
CPS Ltd	Replacement child swings set	£996.00
Digital Services	Ink cartridges	£47.00
E Sharp Electrical	Local Street Lighting	£432.31
Fire FM	Maintenance contract (x2 visits p.a) Emergency Lighting The Hub	£84.00
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HMRC	Adjustment for 2012/13	£387.47
HMRC	Quarterly contributions for PAYE/NI	£247.57, £196.12, £250.36 = £694.05
Lime tree garden services	Footpaths 32/2, 34/1,32/1, 31/1 and fountain cut.	£312.00
Lime tree garden services	Additional footpath request (lower Icknield way). CH	£30.00
Lock and Key Centre	Keys/keytags	£29.40
Nicholls Farm	Supply and application of fertiliser in park	£306.00
Oliver Landpower Ltd	Wooden bearings and nuts for roller	£122.03
R&G King	Park- dispose of containers/dig off and dispose of spoil from around glass bins, cover area with scalplings near re-cycle bins.	£516.00 (106 funds)
R&G King	Additional access to park from car park to playing field	£2,214.00 (106 funds)
R Wright	Remove 45 litres of grease and effluent + jet wash clean.	£558.00
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£128.00
A J Eyres	June salary	£806.26
C Hill	June salary	£984.13
D Evett	Mowing of Park	£285.00
Evett Agriculture	Hire of roller for park/repair puncture/maintenance on tractor/mowing	£870.80
Wendover Arm Trust	Wendover Arm Trust	£25.00 (Section 137 donation)
Total of BACS/DC/CHQ payments		£8,391.73
Total to Pay:		£9,166.56
Receipts		
The Hub	June rent + S&SC funds	£1,034.00 (DC)
HMRC	Vat claim for March 2013	£1390.44 (DC)
AVDC	106 funds for car park lighting	£1,627.00 (DC)
Aston Park FC	March/April fixtures	£99.00 (DC)
Chapel View funerals -100330	Internment fee for Smith.	£610.00 (Chq)
Total		£4,760.44

It was unanimously **AGREED** to move the surplus of £1,936 (from year 2010/11) from the current account to the reserve account.

13.105 Allotments

There was nothing to report

13.106 Transportation

There was nothing to report

13.107 Environment

There was nothing to report

13.108 Park and recreation

Commercial operations in the park.

Over the last few years a number of commercial operators have started using the park. While the members welcome the park being used, it is not a free asset; there is a maintenance cost to the council. Hirers of the facilities pay a fee towards the upkeep, and three clubs in the park pay a rent. After some debate it was agreed that a recommendation would be made to the full council that from 1st September 2013, in accordance with the bylaws, commercial operators would require an agreement from the council to operate in the park. It was proposed by Cllr M Watson, seconded by Cllr P Crook and unanimously **AGREED** that commercial operators must apply to the Council Clerk for a six month permit at a cost of £25 per month and be able to produce a public liability insurance.

The six trees which lined the old roadway had died or were just not there. Cllr Mrs M Richards volunteered to provide replacements.

A quote of £900 has been received to install safety nets under the Burma rope bridge. Members unanimously agreed that this was too expensive. Cllr B Harrison proposed, Cllr M Watson seconded, and all **AGREED** that the Parish Council should purchase the necessary materials at a cost of £90, to build a wooden bridge under the rope bridge using the expertise of councillors. AVDC will be consulted to check that the Parish Council plans are acceptable from a health and safety perspective.

13.109 Football

It was reported that the football tournament held on the weekend proved to be a great success. It was suggested that the current fee of £1 per team for the Colts should be reviewed. This matter will be included on the agenda for the next meeting. A review for the football clubs will be considered when their next annual contracts are due. It was suggested that a parish council meeting should be held prior to the meeting with the football clubs.

13.110 Churchyard

There was nothing to report

13.111 Correspondence, circulars and consultation documents

There was no additional correspondence for consideration.

13.112 Planning Applications

Concern was expressed that the Parish Council had not been advised that a public enquiry was held relating to 48 houses proposed for Stablebridge Road. A letter of complaint will be sent to AVDC, asking for an explanation of this lack of consultation.

13.113 Matters to go on the agenda for next month

Cllr Mrs M Richards proposed a new rubbish bin should be installed along the Upper Icknield Way. The existing bin is inadequate, and rubbish is left strewn over the verge. This will be put forward for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

13.114 Matters of Report

Members were advised that they are invited to the parish church at 7pm on Friday 12th July for a preview of Aston Clinton's History event. It was noted that new photographic images from the Rothschild family have been discovered.

It was reported that the memorial plaque at the edge of the woods has been removed, and is in the custody of Cllr P Crook. Another plinth will be made to accommodate the plaque at a better height. The Clerk will

contact the insurance brokers to ascertain the health and safety position regarding works carried out by councillors and volunteers.

Cllr G Plowman reported the lack of grasscutting at the junction of Wenwell Close; brambles are growing out of the pavement. The Clerk will contact Bucks CC.

Cllr D Wallis reported that the footpath from the airfield to the canal is virtually impassable. The Clerk will contact RAF Halton to see if they will trim it.

Cllr B Harrison reported that additional police movement has been noted around the village.

Mrs C Jensen reported the street light opposite the Wendover Woods junction along the Upper Icknield Way is on continuously. This will be reported to E Sharp Electrical.

A member of the public reported that the issue of speeding cars along College Road North has improved. It was reported that fly-tipping along the road has increased.

Local Area Forum. Cllr Bill Chapple said that the grasscutting of the verges was sub-standard and BCC are reviewing the contract.

13.115 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed _____
Chairman of Aston Clinton Parish Council

Date_____