

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASTON CLINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30pm
AT ASTON CLINTON PARISH MEETING ROOM**

Present:

Councillors:

R Maskell (Chairman)
M Watson (Vice Chairman)
G Plowman
Mrs M Richards
D Wallis

J Hoinville
P Crook
T Winterbottom
Mrs C Paternoster (AVDC)
B Chapple (Bucks CC)

Locum Clerk Mrs C Jensen

Twenty eight members of the public

14.121 The appointment of a locum clerk

In the absence of an incumbent clerk, Mrs Jensen, an experienced clerk who lives locally, agreed to act as locum clerk, following advice from the Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils.

14.122 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Savigar and Mrs T Kirtland.

14.123 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interests were received.

14.124 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Winterbottom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Richards and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th August 2014 should be **APPROVED**.

It was proposed by Cllr Crook, seconded by Mrs Richards and unanimously agreed that the minutes from the the extraordinary meeting held on 20th August 2014 should be **APPROVED**.

As requested at the meeting of 6th August, it was recorded that Cllr Mrs Savigar abstained from the vote for the retention of the finance and staffing committee.

14.125 Chairman's Report

Thanks were expressed to Teresa Kirtland for the splendid flower arrangement she completed on behalf of the Parish Council at the Church Flower Festival.

14.126 Clerk's Report

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

14.127 Finance

Payment of the following accounts was **APPROVED**, by a vote of 6 for and 2 abstentions.

ACCOUNTS

Finances for September 2014

Direct Debits		
EON	Street Lighting	£568.68
Aylesbury Vale DC	Hire of eurobins for the park	
Aylesbury Vale DC	Mixed recycling	£60.00
British Gas		£27.15
BT	Internet services	£65.76
Total DD's		£721.59
All other payments		
E Goldrick	Toilet maintenance	£80.00
Bucks CC	Legal fees period 9	£820.80
M Watson	Gloves & refuse sacks	£36.32
HMRC	Employees Payslip	£32.19

Horwood & James	Legal fees re. Pavilion	£60.00
Evett Agriculture	Park maintenance for June, July & August	£1266.00
Total garden care	Works at St Michael's church	£576.00
Alnut Transport	Play bark	£1,003.20
A Casey	August salary	£795.73
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park July & August	£75.00
D Evett	Mowing the Park	£54.00
Total of BACS/DC/CHQ		£4,799.24
Total to Pay:		£5520.83
Receipts		
Aston Clinton FC	Half season Pitch hire	£561.00
The Hub	Rent for August	£885.00
Total		£1,446.00
		Current Account £6,873.34

Cllr Hoinville suggested a check be made to ensure one of the invoices was not paid twice. It was noted that an invoice from the Wendover Arm Trust was listed, but the parish council has already decided not to continue with this subscription. It was **RESOLVED** not to include this in the payments. The locum clerk reported that the finances for the year 2013/2014 were in order; three minor corrections were made, and an omitted entry has now been included in the cashbook. The locum clerk will contact Mazars, the external auditor, for advice on the best way forward. The new or amended annual return will be published once it is approved and signed by Mazars. Cllr Plowman requested a copy of the amended return as submitted to Mazars.

14.128 To discuss the removal or replacement of the lamp post damaged by a car in New Road

It was unanimously **AGREED** to ascertain the cost of having the post removed completely. A claim would be made on the Motor Insurers Bureau; the locum clerk will obtain details.

14.129 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Maskell confirmed that RAF Halton has contacted the Parish Council to begin making arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday service. Cllr Mrs Richards confirmed that a meeting will be set up with Cllr Mrs Kirtland, Mrs Richards and Warrant Officer G Mifsud from RAF Halton. Concern was expressed that uniformed children who attended the meeting last year were unable to see the event from where they were standing. It was **RESOLVED** that they be could be brought onto the road to improve their perspective of the event. In addition, seats in the Church were at a premium, and it was felt that villagers should be allowed seats, and the Air Training Corps cadets could stand through the service. Cllr Mrs Richards will ensure this is discussed at the meeting.

14.130 Devolution of grasscutting services from Bucks CC, and AVDC proposals

Cllr Maskell reported that enquiries have been made with surrounding parish councils and group clustering is not a viable proposition. It was proposed by Cllr Watson and unanimously **AGREED** to accept the offer from AVDC to undertake grasscutting services.

14.131 Membership by the staff of the Local Government Pension Scheme

This matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and Staffing Committee.

14.132 Minutes of parish council meetings.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Savigar, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

14.133 Hire of equipment for use in the park.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Savigar, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

14.134 Safety measures for the pond in the park

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Savigar, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

14.135 Correspondence, circulars and consultation documents

A request has been made for younger children to use the park for football. Further enquiries will be made into the availability. A report will be available for the next meeting.

14.136 Matters of report

Culvert is still to be cleared. The Environment Agency, propose to dig, at their expense, a channel from the entrance to the culvert across the field and parish council land to rejoin the stream. Bucks County Council are to provide a survey of the route for the parish council to consider.

Cllr Chapple agreed to liaise in this matter, since ownership of the problem is a "grey area". The subject will remain on the agenda until the issue has been resolved.

14.137 Planning

A planning report will be available at the next meeting.

The locum clerk will contact AVDC to ensure that Aston Clinton Parish Council is kept up to date with new procedures, and provide them with appropriate email addresses.

14.138 Open Forum.

A member of the public expressed concern that there is insufficient time allotted for members of the public to express their views on matters. The locum clerk explained that a time limit is imposed to prevent meetings from becoming over long. A suggestion was made that the open forum session be moved to the beginning of the meeting. This will be discussed at a future parish council meeting.

It was suggested that consideration should be given to consulting RoSPA for advice on safety measures for the pond in the park.

Cllr Chapple commented on the lack of discussion relating to item 131 on the agenda regarding membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. It may be prudent to form a decision before hiring a new Clerk and RFO.

14.139 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the full Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed _____
Chairman of Aston Clinton Parish Council

Date _____