

**Minutes of the Aston Clinton Parish Council Meeting
Held on; Wednesday 4th September 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

Brian Harrison

Paul Crook

Martin Watson

Dave Wallis

Members of the Public: 6

Clerk: Ms Claire Hill

13.131 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Geoff Plowman, Mrs L Mooney, Mike Parsonage.

13.132 Declarations of interests

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

None

13.133 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th August 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.*

Involving staff issues

13.134 Chairman's report for September 2013

Cllr Mike Parsonage has resigned as a councillor. I must thank him for the invaluable work he has done for the parish council; particularly during the last eighteen months he has been a considerable help.

Clerk to write thank you letter.

Trees for the bund. ARLA have agreed to provide £1,000 towards the planting of the trees. We have been advised by the Aston Clinton Horticultural Society as to which type of tree (alder & upright willow). Landscape Matters of Kingswood can supply.

13.135 Clerks Report

Counter for parish office; awaiting another quote.

Big Betty Car Boot Sale – London Road, 15 sales have taken place, now re-located to Aylesbury.

Approval requested to replace the telescope at the top of the play park equipment known as "Puss in Boots". Regular users of this equipment have

been saddened by its disappearance. Members agreed that the under 5's should have a replacement telescope at the cost of £65.00 plus Vat.

13.136 Finances

1st quarterly update of outgoings: (Excel sheet supplied separately).

The Chairman clarified the budget for Miscellaneous; this was due to the transport survey funds.

Finances were approved unanimously for September, the sum of £5,495.73.

Direct Debits		
EON	Street Lighting	£566.81
British Gas	Parish office electricity– payment plan (for 5 months to cover winter)	£318.99
BT	Internet Services for office	£60.96
Total DD's		£946.76
All other payments		
Bucks County Council	Legal Services June/July 2013	£1,296.00
NG Cobb (playpark inspector)	Repair to Hogs Back play equipment in park	£72.00
Fire FM	Fire Extinguisher annual service – The Hub. Incl. 1 replacement extinguisher.	£174.00
Fire FM	Fire Extinguisher annual service – Parish Office/Youth Club. Incl. 1 new extinguisher for compound.	£174.00
Lime tree gardens	Strim various pathways in village and weedkill in park.	£456.00
Lock and Key	Parish office keys for member use	£33.60
Staples	Stationery items (paper/ink/lever arch folders/envelopes)	£120.23
E Sharp Electrical	Local street lighting	£99.37
Total Garden Care	Hedge cut fountain as per JW request.	£72.00
Total Garden Care	Mow and strim churchyard	£576.00
C Hill	August salary	£919.77
C Watson	Empty bins and litter pick in Aston park	£112.50
D Evett	Mowing of Park	£237.00
Evett Agriculture	Temporary groundsman	£7.50 + £296.00 = £303.50
Total of BACS/DC/CHQ payments		£4,545.97
Total to Pay:		£5,492.73
Receipts		
The Hub	September rent	£1,034.00 (DC)
Caravan Club	July pitch fees	£84.00
HMRC	Vat claim for April to June 2013	£3,186.09
Total		£4,304.09

Councillor Dave Wallis suggested a budget be set for footpath maintenance for the year 2014/15 Precept.

13.137 Allotments

Huge thanks goes to Chris Ronson for continuing to fill the water tank for all the allotment holders; a worthy winner of the Horticultural Society Rolfe Cup, presented at the show this year. Clerk to write letter of thanks.

13.138 Transportation

None

13.139 Environment

None

13.140 Park & Recreation

Stream in the area of the beach is now at an appropriate level. The beach has been well used during the summer months by children and dogs!

Ash trees at entrance of park; contractor requested approval to trim these. The Park committee is to attend site and confirm which trees require pruning.

Commercial users of the park; it was agreed that any adult participation classes to apply for a permit, also dog walking businesses.

Entrance to park requires patching as there are a number of pot holes. Clerk to contact contractors to obtain quotes.

13.141 Football

Update on football club meeting:

AC Colts: pitch fee payment terms and contract approved by Football committee. All teams to return to Aston Park for the 2013/14 season.

This item was approved unanimously by all members.

Aston Park FC pitch fees are to be negotiated at an additional meeting with the Football Committee.

Tournament Fees; it was agreed to levy £2.00 per visiting team for these events as the park cannot be used for other events on said days.

Concerns over parking at weekends; it was suggested that notices be erected to request football participants use the main car park only and leave the new car park for Tennis/Bowls and park users.

13.142 Churchyard

None

13.143 Correspondence

None

13.144 Matters arising

Cllr Teresa Kirtland requested that Remembrance Sunday letters be sent out to all participants.

Cllr Paul Crook advised on fly-tipping in Bishops Field; Clerk to advise Bucks CC.

Cllr Dave Wallis advised that the Tring Hill footpath (in Buckland Parish) commencing at Homesitters is very narrow due to the overgrowing trees causing walkers in some areas to walk in the road. Clerk to contact Buckland PC.

Hare Lane to airfield; footpath needs attending to. Clerk to contact RAF.

Cllr Brian Harrison reported a break-in along College Road South.

Cllr Martin Watson requested the Clerk ask AVDC for a larger bin for the park, if available, instead of having four 1100 litre bins.

13.145 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.

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25.

13.130 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October in the Parish Meeting Room, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, at 7.30pm.

Signed by.....

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