

Aston Clinton Parish Council
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MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on 29th April 2015 at 7pm at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

R Maskell (Chairman)

T Kirkland

G Plowman

J Savigar

C Read

J Hoinville

D Wallis

T Winterbottom

Clerk: G Merry

6 members of the public

15.004 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Watson, Richards and Crook

15.005 Declaration of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest

15.006 Allocation of S106 Money for New Community Centre

Cllr Maskell explained that the S106 money is a levy placed on housing developments, to be allocated towards community infrastructure. The rules were changed some years ago to state that the money can only go towards leisure facilities and now short notice had been given for yet another change. Cllr Savigar explained that only a week ago, the officer at AVDC in charge of managing the allocation of S106, had notified her and the Clerk of this change. It imposed a deadline of April 30th by which councils must present minuted resolutions that define which projects specific allocations of S106 money will go towards. The change is as a result of C.I.L. (Community Infrastructure Levy) guidelines now being used by developers from outside the area. The absence of a local plan for Aylesbury Vale means that developers are now using CIL criteria to award funding.

Cllr Read expressed concern that by making this resolution it may appear that Council endorses the Brook St development. This matter was discussed including the fact that Council had objected to the development and this is on public record. It would be unlikely that Council's view would be misconstrued however, without a decision today, there was a risk of losing the money should the development go ahead.

There was discussion as to why other developments were not also included in this deadline. Cllr Savigar reported that AVDC had indicated these would be considered on a case-by-case basis with their own deadlines. Cllr Winterbottom also expressed concern that developers will use CIL to oppose contributing in the future.

It was discussed whether AVDC forcing this decision was unconstitutional. There was general agreement that their advice must be taken at face value.

MOTION: To resolve that Aston Clinton Parish Council will undertake the necessary steps towards building a new community centre.

It was decided this motion was not necessary as a resolution had been passed at the last PC meeting to undertake a feasibility study for the community centre.

MOTION: To resolve that Section 106 money from planning application 14/02463/AOP, land north of Brook Farm, Brook Street, Aston Clinton, will be used towards funding the new Aston Clinton community centre. The motion was PROPOSED by Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Winterbottom and AGREED unanimously.

The Clerk agreed to clarify the situation with regard to the other developments planned for the village. Councillors wished to have it recorded that if further decisions were needed re. allocation of money from the other developments, these could be agreed by email.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

..... Chairman

..... Date