

**Minutes of the Community Centre Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council,
held on 19th October 2016, 8.00pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room**

Present:

Councillors: -

T Comerford - Chairman

M Mason

L Tubb

M Osborn

P Hughes

Clerk: G Merry

1 member of the public

16.10 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stewart and Hughes. Cllr Comerford welcomed Cllrs Mason and Stewart to the Committee.

16.11 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

16.12 Public Participation

- i It was asked how the Café in the Park would be accommodated during the intended build. There had been no real conclusions yet on this matter but portakabins had been discussed for the football club and café respectively. Cllr Osborn stated it would be important to safely control the temporary closure of large sections of the park.
- ii It was asked whether the new build had to go on the site of the current Pavilion/Café. Cllr Comerford stated that the architect had originally explored other sites within the park but none were felt to be viable.

16.13 Review of Plans:

Cllr Comerford would contact Cllrs Mason and Stewart to bring them up-to-speed. The clerk had distributed all design, business case and funding-structure documents to-date. Cllr Comerford confirmed there were designs for a Plan B scenario if the full amount could not be raised for the desired new building. Cllr Tubb expressed concern that although a good proportion of the money had been identified on paper, there were not yet any actual usable funds. Cllr Comerford had advised the clerk that the sum of £45,000 +VAT to go into the 2017-18 budget, to cover the 1st phase i.e. Design Development to Planning application submission. The clerk warned this would mean a large hike in the precept.

16.14 Funding Updates

- i **New Homes Bonus and S106 Money:** The Clerk had spoken with the officer in charge of the New Homes Bonus and reported follows: -
 - The panel have expressed some concern that the project has not been progressed, although are still very supportive. A NHB panel member is interested in attending committee meetings with a view to liaising and advising.
 - The grant can only be forthcoming if the other funding is in place. Therefore, the project cannot start until the other funding is applied for, with some indication of success.
 - Tranche funding can be arranged if not too many tranches and if there is a staged project plan with costings submitted beforehand.

- If the design or business case were to change (e.g. to a Plan B build) a new application would need to be submitted, although the NHB was currently not accepting new applications.

Cllr Comerford advised there was a time limit of 2 years for the NHB, so no real concern yet re. timeframe. Cllr Osborn felt it would be helpful to have the NHB panel member attend committee meetings.

The clerk also reported the following status of the S106 allocations for the Community Centre build:

Site	Ref. No.	Amount	Allocation	Status
Brook Street	14/02463/A	£	Community	Approved - in reserved matters
	OP	234,084.00	Centre	
Longhorn Farm	15/02569/A	£	Community	Awaiting Decision
	OP	220,000.00	Centre	
Stratford Close	14/03662/A	£	Community	Approved and Started
	PP	111,073.00	Centre	
Chapel Drive/G.E.S.	15/00300/A	£	Community	In reserved matters
	OP	280,000.00	Centre	
Land Rear Of Aylesbury Road	16/00780/A		Community	Awaiting decision
	OP	£170,000	Centre	
		<u>£</u>		
		<u>1,015,157.00</u>		

Extra

Land South Of Aylesbury Road	15/03786/A		Park or Comm.	
<i>if one of the others doesn't happen</i>	OP	£304,729	Centre	Awaiting decision

NB. The Stablebridge Road Development took 3 years from original application in 2012 to S106 funds becoming available in July 2015

The Stratford Close money was the only one likely to be available soon and it was suggested this could be used to fund the £45,000 needed for the first phase.

- ii **Sport England:** No progress reported. The clerk agreed to discuss this area with Cllr Stewart.
- iii **F.A.:** Cllr Hughes would be meeting with Peter Rice of ACFC and complete the first stage of the FA grant application. This is to the Football Foundation, the delivery arm of the Premier League, FA and the Government. There are 4 x stages:
 - Complete FEF form (Football Facilities Form) to apply for the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund up to 500K to your regional county FA.(Berks & Bucks
 - The County FA discuss the project with us.
 - If approved then a headline application is completed.
 - If approved then a Full application is completed then a decision made.
- iv **Borrowing:** Cllr Comerford stated that borrowing could not yet be applied for without knowing how much was needed. The clerk suggested applying for the maximum amount anyway, as this could always be reduced if S106 amounts became available. Cllr Mason suggested the Stratford Close money could be enough to service a PWLB loan for the time being i.e. Borrowing £111,073 for now. Cllr Comerford agreed to contact the PWLB regarding borrowing in stages.

- v **Sponsorship:** Sponsors would be approached. The Rothschild family would be approached in exchange for naming rights.
- vi **Other Sources:** Cllr Mason offered to contact some of the smaller organisations from the list of potential funders originally supplied by AVDC. Cllr Tubb and Comerford had already contacted some and would liaise with Cllr Mason over this. Cllr Tubb also mentioned a possible fund associated with the London Marathon which she would follow-up.

16.15 Public Event

- i **Update and feedback:** Cllr Comerford stated an exhibition would be held in the Café with the ability for the public to comment on post-it notes.
- ii **Content/Cost:** Cllr Comerford would organise a date and advise the committee. The architect had advised a cost of £670 +VAT to mount the exhibition. However, Cllr Mason would be able to prepare much of the material and keep the cost down and Cllr Comerford would liaise with her on this. Cllr Osborn suggestion interpretation boards of a more permanent nature to be installed outside the building. Cllr Tubb advised avoiding 3rd December as there was a NHP feedback event that day.

MOTION: To agree to recommend the cost of the exhibition £670+VAT to full council for approval, PROPOSED by Cllr Comerford, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

..... **Chairman's Signature** **Date**