

Minutes of the Community Centre Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council,
held on 8th February 2017, 7.00pm,
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

T Comerford - Chairman

L Tubb

P Hughes

M Mason

R Stewart

Absent: M Osborn

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

17.09 Apologies

No apologies were received

17.10 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

17.11 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2017

These had been circulated and were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

17.12 Public Participation

There were no items

17.13 Project Update

The architects had offered to accompany councillors on a visit to the Westbury Community Centre. Cllr Comerford will co-ordinate this. He will also draft a formal letter engaging Hayward-Smart as Architects, to be sent from the Clerk. In addition, he will draft an update for the next Village Life.

17.14 Consultation:

- i. **Feedback from Questionnaire:** Cllr Comerford reported that completed questionnaires from the website were now coming through to himself and Cllr Tubb electronically and although many were supportive of the the build, most had said no to an increase in council tax. There had been helpful comments on design and all responses would be passed onto the architect so that final plans will reflect public comments. The questionnaire will remain on the website until summer 2017.
- ii. **AVDC:** Cllr Comerford will contact Jan Roffe of the New Homes Bonus and the District councillor from that panel who had wished to be involved.

17.15 Funding Updates: Cllr Comerford handed out an updated cost/income summary

- i. **S106 Money:** Cllr Tubb had spoken with AVDCs Senior Community Development Officer about a different matter and he had indicated the 5-allocations-rule for S106 may not be set in stone. It was at least worth finding out whether a larger amount could be exchanged for a smaller amount already allocated. Cllr Tubb was waiting to hear back from him on this matter.
- ii. **Sport England:** The Strategic Facilities Fund required affiliation with the Local Authority. However, AVDC were currently undertaking a Leisure Needs Assessment and were not in a position to endorse any application until that was concluded. Cllr Tubb will monitor the outcome of this. Cllr Stewart felt the other 2 funds could still be applied for and offered to prepare Expressions of Interest. She would check on the closing dates for

these and in the meantime, asked to meet with Cllr Comerford to put the wording together for the application forms.

- iii. **F.A.:** Cllr Hughes reported that Cllr P Wyatt is in discussion with the football club, with a view to finalising the application. Peter Rice will also be asked to help as he is involved with the Berks and Bucks league and has indicated his support. The deadline is 20/2/17.
- iv. **Borrowing:** It was recognised that borrowing will mean an increase in council tax and needed to be a last resort, only if all other applications failed. As such it is on-hold for the time being.
- v. **Other:**
 - London Marathon Fund: AVDCs Senior Community Development Officer had also advised pursuing this as they may be keen to fund in this area. The next deadline is 18th April 2017.
 - Retail Unit: A community shop selling local produce was popular but would not accrue enough in rental income. A retail 'Hub' idea was not supported in the NHP by the local people and respondents had shown preference for a small shop. Provision of rental space was also under consideration but rental income would not come soon enough to pay for the build.
 - Cllr Mason is to meet with the Heart of Bucks Fund and is researching funders who may have money available for internal fittings e.g. seating etc.

17.08 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th March at 7pm

..... Chairman's Signature Date