

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on
18th November 2015 at 7.00pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

A Mooney - Chairman

P Wyatt

C Read

S Beaumont

P Hughes

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

15.106 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tubb, Comerford, Ronson, Egglesfield, Osborn and Birch

15.107 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

15.108 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 21st October 2015.

The minutes were PROPOSED By Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and signed.

15.109 Public Participation

There were no items

15.110 S106 Matters

- i Current Projects: The Clerk reported that the MUGA had been ordered and work would start on 30th November. Cllr Read explained the need for temporary tracking on the ground during the installation. The clerk agreed to clarify the access arrangements and what would happen to the spoil. The clerk reported the access path would be started on 25th January. The exact route would be dictated by the siting of the MUGA and the spoil would go to the nettled areas.
- ii Future Projects: The following projects had been identified as desirable, subject to agreement and funding: -
 - a) Electrics to the MUGA: It is hoped to run the electrics required for lighting for the MUGA and skate park. Cllr Read outlined the need to install the ducting at the same time as the path, and the contractor would be asked to add to their quote to allow for this.

Cllr Beaumont arrived at 7.30pm.

- b) Play Park: Cllrs Wyatt reported that the working party have identified short-term and long term plans. In the short term it was hoped to install a bucket swing, bird's nest swing and flush-to-the-ground roundabout all of which would be suitable for disabled children to use. In the long term, ideas were being developed for a new toddler section to the park, to be paid for from S106 money. It was hoped to replace the slide by 2016-17 from precept money. The need for new surfacing for the first 3 items was discussed to allow access and this must be costed into the plans. Cllr Wyatt has asked Arla to donate towards this.
- c) Widening the driveway had already been allocated from S106 money. There was a need to remember drop-downs for wheelchair access.

- d) Fountain and Molique Aubrey: These need cleaning. Cllr Hughes took the file away with a view to investigating how to access the money held in this account. The clerk reported that a volunteer plants the trough with flowers and had indicated she would be happy to continue.
- e) Signs: It would be desirable to replace the village signs and the clerk had circulated some examples. The current ones are BCC standard issue and at least one is dented. The clerk agreed to speak to the ATC clerk as to what process must be followed. It was agreed to investigate something not too ostentatious but distinctive for the village, possibly incorporating the Aston-Martin connection.
- f) Hanging Baskets: The clerk agreed to speak to ATC's contractors to ascertain the cost of this. It was important to generate pride in the village. There was discussion as to whether these improvements would be seen as too cosmetic, when the roads, paths and pavements are in need of repair. It was pointed out that these are not within the powers of parish councils and all that could be done was to point out the problems to the county council.
- g) Repair and Resurface car park: It was agreed it would be better to wait until the new community centre is built. However a quick fix option was needed in the short-term and the clerk agreed to ask our contractor paving for their advice.
- h) Car Park Lighting: It was discussed that lighting was needed all the way down the current knee rail and was agreed to implement this once funds are available.
- i) Lighting for pathway to office: It was agreed there was a need for this and the merits of sensor lighting or bollard lighting was discussed. The clerk agreed to get quotes for both, possibly powered by solar.
- j) Park Gates: It was discussed that once the driveway work is completed the current barrier will not span the road and it would then be desirable to have new gates.

It was agreed the clerk would get approximate costings for all projects with a view to putting them into the precept calculation and scheduling over the coming 2-3 years.

MOTION: To agree the allocation of funds from the Chapel Drive S106 money. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney to earmark the full amount to the new community centre, SECONDED by Cllr Beaumont and AGREED.

15.111 Sports and Recreation

- i) Santa Float: The clerk would remind all that 12th December 10am had been agreed, to meet to build the sleigh, test lights, discuss the route etc. The permit had been received from AVDC and Mr Lane had agreed to volunteer to drive again this year.
- ii) Fees and Permits: The clerk reported on the current fee structure for caravan club stays, fitness companies and events in the park. The following increases were agreed: -
 - Caravan Club Stays: to increase to £10 per unit, per night from April 2016
 - Regiment Fitness: to increase to £40 per month from April 2016 with notice given now.
 - Marquees for private functions: £100 to be charged per event with a view to reviewing whether this covers costs of making good afterwards.
- iii) Tennis Club: The tennis club had requested permission to build a toilet with washing-up facilities. This was agreed in principle, subject to the plans being approved by the parish council and all building regulations being followed.

15. 112 Grounds Maintenance

- i) Next Year's ITT: It had been agreed at the Grounds Maintenance meeting that the areas would be divided as follows: -

- Area 1 – weekly cuts
- Area 2 – fortnightly Cuts
- Area 3 – monthly cuts
- The 2 nettled areas - one would be buried under the spoil from the path installation. Cllr Mooney asked the clerk to re-work his Grounds Maintenance costings to include landscaping this area after the path is installed. The other would be turned into the new picnic site.

- ii Overspill Car Park: This had already been agreed but the contractor was discussed and the clerk had circulated 3 quotes, one of which was considerably lower than the others.

MOTION: It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney to contract Haydon Hill paving to undertake this work, SECONDED by Cllr Read ad AGREED.

Fleming Trailer Platform: This item had not sold in the auction and an offer had been received locally for less than the original asking price.

MOTION: It was PROPOSED to offer this item for £100 by Cllr Wyatt, SECONDED by Cllr Hughes and AGREED.

15.113 Community Centre

- i Café in the Park: The clerk signalled her concern that the lease was still not signed but had called a progress meeting with the café for the following week.
- ii Maintenance: The clerk had requested quotes from a local property maintenance company for the damaged areas. The UTC had not been back in touch and were no longer being considered as an option for maintenance work.

Other:

Footpaths ACL35 (Putnam’s Drive to Long Plough) and ACL10 (Beechwood to Lower Icknield) would both be cleared as part of the footpaths reclamation programme.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday 16th December at 7.00pm, subject to confirmation

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

..... Chairman Date: