

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on
17th February 2016 at 6.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

A Mooney - Chairman

P Wyatt

C Read

J Egglesfield

T Comerford

M Osborn

L Ronson

Clerk: G Merry

2 members of the public

16.001 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tubb, Birch, Beaumont, and Hughes

16.002 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

16.003 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 18th November 2015.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

16.004 Public Participation

- A representative from the Tennis Club stated that she had submitted some ideas for future involvement in the current youth club building. The clerk explained that this would not be discussed at this stage as discussions were still ongoing with the youth club.

- A representative from the skateboard user-group explained why they would prefer one supplier over the other and he would help advise on siting the new ramp.

16.005 Sports and Recreation

- i. Progress on Skatepark: The clerk presented 2 sets of designs with quotes and both were discussed. Although one was preferred over the other, it was felt that the supplier should be asked for more detail as to what their quote covers, particularly in respect of making-good afterwards. The ideas of bunding-up the new ramp onto a grassy bank was preferred and the clerk agreed to speak to them re. these issues and to get more detail, revised designs and a site visit. It was also agreed that May half-term would be a good target completion date but the method of accessing the site needed to be specified to minimise any more damage to the park. If the hoped-for completion date would result in further damage it was preferable to leave it until later and aim for the summer holidays.

MOTION: To engage Gravity Skateparks as the preferred supplier, subject to the above conditions being met, PROPOSED by Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Comerford and AGREED.

- ii. Play Park: Cllr Wyatt had now heard from the P.R. company responsible for the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme. The clerk had already put it on facebook and had requested help with Twitter. She agreed to draft a press release and also put something in the school's Friday Flyer to maximise voting in-stores from 27th Feb to 7th March. The results of the public vote will be known by end of March.
- iii. Youth Club: A proposal had been submitted by the Tennis Club/U3A; however Cllr Mooney re-iterated that a process was still ongoing between the working party and the youth club.

This process must be seen-through before other ideas could be considered. Cllr Comerford expressed concern that lettings and other activities planned for the youth club building must not conflict with planned usage of the new community centre as this could affect its viability. It was also suggested other groups could have use of the youth club building but that would be for the youth club management to oversee. The working party would be meeting with the youth club again on 23rd February.

16.006 Grounds Maintenance

- i. **New Path:** The clerk reported that having agreed certain snagging conditions at the signing-off meeting, the contractor is now disputing these and sending aggressive emails which the clerk read from. Council expressed its disappointment with the finishing and making-good, although pleased with the new path which has been correctly installed. Turf from the spoil should have been used to butt-up to the edges. Cllr Wyatt expressed extreme disappointment with the top corner of the football pitch, although the clerk made the point that all concerned had allowed the contractor to continue using that area for access. It was agreed that lessons had been learned in the handling of this project i.e. more detail in writing as to what constitutes making-good; more detail as to exactly what is in the quote; detailing of stages of project along with project overseeing and decision-making; authority to make staged payments written-in etc. The clerk advised not to withhold money for fixing the top pitch but contract Buckland Landscapes who it could be relied upon to do the work properly. They would also be contracted to fix the pot holes in Park View which had occurred as a natural result of several winter-time projects. A quote had been received which was reasonable.

MOTION: to agree to Buckland Landscapes quote for repairing the football pitch and Park View, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED By Cllr Wyatt and AGREED

It was further agreed to withhold 10% of Haydon Hill's final bill to ensure they return in the spring to flatten the heavily damaged areas of the Park.

MOTION: To agree to retain 10% of Haydon Hill's invoice as surety for final work PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED By Cllr Wyatt and AGREED

- ii. **Old Rectory Farm:** Based on a draft deed received from the solicitors, Cllr Mooney and the clerk had met with Dr and Mrs Peile to discuss the fencing detailed in the deed. It transpired that the Peiles had already installed fencing so the deed was not necessary at this point. The clerk had instructed the solicitor accordingly.

Councillors agreed to finish the meeting at this point and left. The following items will be carried forward: -

16.007 Community Centre

16.008 Date of Next Meeting

(after note) The next meeting is set for Wednesday 16th March

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

..... Chairman Date: