

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on
20th April 2016 at 6.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

A Mooney - Chairman

P Wyatt

L Ronson

J Egglesfield

S Beaumont

M Osborn

L Tubb

C Read

Clerk: G Merry

16.018 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Comerford and Hughes

16.019 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

(Cllr Beaumont arrived at 6.40pm)

16.020 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 16th March 2016.

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

16.021 Public Participation

There were no items

16.022 Working Plans: The working party had walked around the park the previous day and had identified the following to be done

- Removal of old barrier in front of compound. The Clerk agreed to arrange this.
- Signage for car park gates - 2 more had been ordered by the clerk.
- Football container to be moved into compound. The construction company would be approached for this as a favour.
- Neighbour to be asked to remove broken tree and repair damaged right of way track. The clerk would arrange a meeting.
- Footbridges - possible remedial work with monies received from construction company. The clerk agreed to email the company and initiate this discussion.
- Gravel beach area – extra gravel to be installed later in the summer.
- ROSPA report into pond – implementation of recommendations: -
 - i. To install a sign in the centre of the pond. Cllr Tubb agreed to investigate a way of doing this.
 - ii. Removal of horizontal tree. The Clerk would obtain 3 quotes and explore the possibility of using the tree to install the sign.
- 4 new trees to replace and add to, 2 dead ones. The clerk would ask the contractors to quote for this.

It was also agreed that no one except pre-approved by council contractors could work in park.

16.024 Sports and Recreation

- i. Progress on skatepark/picnic sites: There had been no word yet from Gravity for a timeframe for the skate ramps. The picnic benches and bins were due to be installed w/c 25/4/16. The spoil would be used to repair damaged ground adjacent to the new path.

(Cllr Osborn arrived at 6.50pm)

- ii. Play Park: The original proposal and cost had been agreed. However, in order to fully integrate the access between the items it had been necessary to obtain further quotes from Caloo. This also presented an opportunity to make the 'Puss in Boots' item safer by replacing the surface with state-of-the-art safety surfacing. Cllrs considered the options and the clerk stated she is confident of having sufficient money in the Stablebridge S106 fund, to cover the extra cost. It was then resolved to have the option whereby the Puss-in-Boots was surfaced, as follows:

MOTION: To agree to Option B @ £10,447.39 plus VAT, PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED.

It was further discussed that such a large area of wetpour would look stark in black and the clerk agreed to find out cost of incorporating colour from Caloo.

- iii. Youth Club Update: Cllr Tubb reported on the recent meeting with the working party. This had taken place in the youth club and the committee had gone through their renovation plans. The FC were planning a storage area for alcohol but Cllr Mooney reiterated council's position that there must be no alcohol stored on the premises. If the FC wanted a variation to this clause they would need to make a formal proposal which would then be put to the council. Cllr Tubb had drawn up a draft tenancy agreement which council discussed at length. It was agreed to hold firm on the 'no storage of alcohol' clause for the foreseeable future. It was also agreed to change the wording re. licensed hours for serving alcohol, to read "For officials, and players only, for 2.5 hours from the end of the match and only on match Saturdays". Any breach of this would result in termination of the lease. Cllr Tubb agreed to change the wording before presenting the agreement to the YC.

MOTION: To agree the licensing and admittance terms for the proposed youth club tenancy agreement, with the revised wording as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Tubb, SECONDED By Cllr Mooney and AGREED.

It was agreed that the youth club will be the principle tenant, with all other users being sub-tenants. Cllr Osborn suggested speaking with the Colts to gauge their interest in being involved, as a way of bridging the gap between the youth club and the adult FC team.

- iv. Astonbury: The working party had met briefly and would be meeting with A.L.F. soon. Cllr Tubb would attend the forthcoming 'Wendover Celebrates' which had a ticketed evening event with bands.

16.025 Grounds Maintenance

- i. Park:
 - Dog Day Care: A proposal had been received to set up a dog day-care business operating from a wooden cabin in the park. It was discussed but agreed to decline the request on the grounds of viability and unwillingness to set a precedent.

- Closing times and Toilet: Park summer closing times were discussed and it was agreed to revert back to 10pm closing from May 1st. The toilet would remain as opening during weekends and school holidays only, although the cafe now had their own key to facilitate wheelchair users.
 - Cala Homes: The developer building the houses next to the park had offered to do some work in return for having their site office in the park adjacent to the fence. This would involve 2 x 2-storey containers flush up to the fence but no parking spaces would be lost. The proposed works were agreed as at 16.022.
- ii. School Clock: The fault had been assessed by a specialist company who had quoted £3,839 for its repair. This would involve scaffolding the clock tower, taking away the workings and then re-installing. It had transpired that the parish council has traditionally paid for the clock which was bequeathed to the village by the Rothschild family 150 years ago. The cost would be a significant amount from the emergency repairs budget for the year and the PC already pays for the bi-annual service. It was agreed that the clerk would speak to the school who may be needing some repairs to the roof anyway, and Cllr Tubb would write to the Rothschild family requesting help.
- iii. Footpath: A proposal had come from Bellway Homes via BCC to re-locate footpath AC6 to better-accommodate their development off Chapel Drive. Cllr Read stated the inspector's report from the appeal had stipulated all footpath sitings must be retained and he felt that Bellway had in any case acquired sufficient land already. It was unanimously agreed to object to the request and the clerk would email the BCC officer the following day.

16.026 Community Centre

- i. Cafe: A base rent of £1000 was being paid on time every month and the clerk was awaiting turnover rent figures from Cllr Comerford.
- ii. Community Centre: The fundraising working party had met again and were researching a wide variety of funding options.
- (Cllr Read left the meeting at 8pm)
- iii. Events:
- The Macmillan 'Colour Rush' was scheduled once again for 9th October and Green Park had requested help with overflow parking. The clerk explained that last year they had ignored advice that due to regular park commitments on a Sunday, there would not be spaces available, and had sent their participants to the park anyway, causing significant congestion. The clerk agreed to discuss the matter with the regular Sunday park users and make them aware, so that they could work on their own solutions e.g. early-arrival, use of marshalls etc. Green Park to try to find alternative parking ideas.
 - August 14th proposed fundraiser: The organisers had been invited to attend this meeting but had not come. They also were asked to submit details of their insurance, risk assessments, layout, security, ticketing arrangements and charitable status, none of which had been received. Cllrs were concerned that the organisation had not been properly thought-through but the event was still being advertised. It was decided to offer a deadline of April 30th for the organisers to attend a meeting with a working party of Cllrs Mooney, Ronson and Tubb. The working party is open to any councillor who is able to and wishes to attend. Documentation must also be forthcoming from the event organisers on or before this date otherwise permission would regretfully be denied.

16.027 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th May with the working party walking round on Tuesday 17th at 10am.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

..... Chairman Date: