

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on
17th August 2016 at 7.00pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

L Tubb - Chairman

M Osborn

P Wyatt

L Ronson

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

16.053 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Comerford

16.054 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Osborn declared an interest in 16.057 vi), as one of the tree surgeons is a friend.

16.055 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 15th June and 19th July 2016.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

16.056 Public Participation

There were no items

16.057 Grounds Maintenance

i Feedback from working party/Repair Work:

Damaged Track: Haydon Hill's repair work had had limited effect but it was agreed the ground was too dry for any action to be taken at this stage. Cllr Wyatt expressed concern that the top corner of the football pitch (adjacent to changing rooms) had not recovered and could be hazardous. It was agreed to monitor this for the next 3 months to see if any self-seeding takes place, then possibly re-turf. In the meantime, Cllr Wyatt will speak to Mike Dedman of ACFC to assess the viability of moving the pitch 1-2 feet closer to the A.W.P. It may then be possible to pave a pathway from the car park to the café patio, wrapping around the Pavilion building.

Repaired Area to south of path: The Grounds Maintenance working party had assessed the next stage of work needed. There will be a stone-pick on 22/8/16 for all available councillors and volunteers, after which Mr Ronson will spread top soil. He will advise the clerk when it will be necessary to rent the digger and dumper again. The clerk cautioned that the Grounds Ad Hoc budget was limited and that this committee can only authorise up to £500. Cllr Tubb agreed to check Mr Ronson's employment contract to ensure it was in-date and if necessary write an extension letter.

- ii **Bridge Work:** Quotes had been received for installing steps, a concrete path or block paving to address the slippery surface at the bridge adjacent to the Peile property. However, the working party had proposed a cost-effective solution whereby a mini digger is rented and Mr Ronson excavates to approx. 6" depth. Cllr Read would then install type 1 granite and wacker-plate the area to a firm surface. The spoil could be left in the rough vegetation at the side. Cllr Osborne felt that this would also address access issues for wheelchairs etc. which steps would not. The clerk agreed to cost this solution and it was agreed just to do the one bridge for now.

MOTION: To carry to the work as detailed in the quotes. MOTION NOT BROUGHT as a different solution was agreed as outlined.

- iii **Weed Spraying:** BCC had informed the clerk that as a budget-cutting measure, they no longer sprayed the pavements. However, the problem would eventually cause long-term damage. The clerk felt that this would likely be part of the next phase of devolution policy and the parish councils may need to budget to take on this service. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Steve Webb of Aylesbury Town Council's contract service to discuss the best way forward.
- iv **Footpaths:** Almost all those identified for clearing had been actioned. The community service team were working in the New Road area and next be asked to clear AC7 from The Orchard to the new development. Buckland Landscapes would be asked to clear the overhang. Cllr Osborn reported that a footpath from the brook adjacent to 49 Weston Road was so overgrown it was encroaching onto the resident's car port. The clerk agreed to check whether the Canal and River Trust still maintain this area but if not would get it cleared by Buckland Landscapes.
- v **Barbed Wire:** Cllr Ronson reported that there is exposed barbed wire on the ground next to the fence, on the way to the lake woods. It was agreed that this needs to be removed and Buckland Landscapes would be asked to do it once the growing season is over.
- vi **Lime trees in Churchyard:** Approx. 20 trees needed to be re-pollarded as branches were falling onto graves. It was agreed to ask for a second quote and the Clerk would ask the tree surgeon who removed the tree over the pond.

MOTION: To agree to get a second quote as outlined, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED.

16.058 Sports and Recreation

- i **Youth Club Tenancy:** Concern was expressed that the FC were extending their licensing hours. Cllr Tubb reported the FC had confirmed the hours they had served alcohol on the first match Saturday and it did comply with the agreement. The FC were applying for a general license, as that was the only viable way of doing it, but would still have to abide by the terms of the tenancy agreement i.e. 2.5 hours after matches on match Saturdays only. The FC had requested permission to store barrels of beer securely in the building and Cllr Tub had explained this must be taken to the full council for agreement. They had also requested longer hours but Cllr Tubb had explained the council's opposition to this and they had withdrawn the request. Cllr Tubb offered to carry out spot-checks to ensure compliance. Concern was expressed that the youth club had not yet signed the agreement and Cllr Tubb would chase them for this at the forthcoming committee meeting.
- ii **S106 priorities:** The clerk reported on advice from AVDC that it may be possible to allocate the larger amount (£304,729) to the community centre, despite having already allocated 5 amounts, if the wording was open enough. There was general agreement that more park equipment was not necessary and that the new items had proved so popular this year, that car parking was now inadequate on busy days. Cllr Osborn suggested the council considers charging a nominal parking fee. Local people would not be disadvantaged as they could walk or cycle but this might help to address the current influx from other areas. This would not need to be policed as the majority of people would comply. It was then agreed that it would be proposed that the £25,000 available would cover the allotment fencing/upgrade with any surplus towards the Aubrey Moliqne fountain refurbishment.
- iii **Bike racks:** it was agreed that these would be sited against the changing room wall, facing the park with the possible option to them install a path around that end of the building from the car park.
- iv **CCTV:** Cllr Osborn requested consideration for a further camera on a pole next to the play park area as all the councils most expensive assets are in that area. This would also act as a

