

**Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on  
21st September 2016 at 6.30pm  
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room**

**Present:**

Councillors: -

P Wyatt – Chairman

M Osborn

T Comerford

L Tubb

L Ronson

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

**16.061 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Read (Cllr Read arrived at 7.40pm).

**16.062 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Osborn declared an interest in 16.066 iii), as one of the tree surgeons is a friend.

**16.063 Election of chairman**

Cllr Wyatt was PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED

**16.064 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

**16.065 Public Participation**

There were no items

**16.066 Grounds Maintenance**

- i. **Repair Work:** Cllr Read and Mr Ronson had, stone-picked, raked and seeded the damaged track area and this was ongoing. Cllr Ronson had met Buckland Landscapes and discussed incorporating footpath clearance into the regular contract, as a way of budgeting better and lessening the ad hoc work. Cllr Ronson will work with Mr Loxley on a list of footpaths requiring once/twice yearly clearance. It was noted that the ground's contract is due to go out to tender in January for the next financial year.
- ii. **Footpaths:** ACL10 (Beechwood Way to Lower Icknield) is still not finished and is being done by the Community Payback team. ACL8, behind the Post Office needs to be the next one on their list to do.
- iii. **Churchyard:** 2 quotes had been possible and one was a little cheaper and included a drawing showing which trees to attend to.

**MOTION:** To agree ad course of action and contractor to pollard the lime trees in the churchyard, contractor B was PROPOSED by Cllr Tubb, SECONDED By Cllr Ronson and AGREED. A site meeting would be arranged to ascertain which trees to be pollarded when.

**16.067 Sports and Recreation**

- i. **CCTV:** It had been previously agreed to look into installing more CCTV, particularly in the area of the MUGA and skatepark. The clerk had not obtained 3 quotes due to the fact that any company other than the current provider would have to patch-in to the current provider's system, making it complicated to use. In addition, 2 funding applications had needed to be submitted at very short notice and there had only been time to obtain the 1 quote. The quote incorporated the latest technology in camera provision, in addition to a

less expensive option. The designs were discussed and the clerk advised that the outcome of the funding applications would not be known until the New Year. The addition of lighting to the proposed pole would be possible and it was agreed that more lighting was statistically more of a deterrent to A.S.B. than having less.

- ii. **Football:** The football working party had met with ACFC and discussed recent issues. Re. the storage of beer in the Churchill Hall, the FC had reported they did not intend to store barrelled beer but bottled or canned beer. The youth club had also indicated they would prefer this to barrelled beer. Cllr Tubb has approved the cupboard/lock and stipulated the PC and YC must be provided with a key. Cllr Osborn enquired as to the clearing up process following after-match hospitality and Cllr Tubb reported that there had been no mess since the start of the Season in August. This would continue to be monitored.

**MOTION:** To agree that the FC can store bottled and canned beer in their locked cupboard, PROPOSED by Cllr Tubb, SECONDED by Cllr Comerford and AGREED.

Post Sockets: The FC had requested permission to install ground sockets to facilitate the roping-off of the pitch for matches. The clerk had advised them that sockets are currently advised which can be capped and locked. The FC would need to ensure compliance with this as there had been incidents in other parks of dogs being injured in the holes. The socket system was however, considered safer than the current system of using sharpened spikes which could shoot out and cause injury. This would also make the roping-off process quicker and easier, negating the need to drive across the park. It was agreed that this would be a condition of agreement.

**MOTION:** To agree to the FC's request to install post sockets, PROPOSED By Cllr Ronson, SECONDED By Cllr Tubb and AGREED - subject to the provisos as above.

Permit Dates: The FC had requested consideration for an amendment to the dates detailed on their annual permit. It was increasingly difficult for them to leave the pitch clear during July as they needed to play pre-season friendlies and the season had also been brought forward. It had been agreed that closing mid-May and starting again early July, following the Colts tournament weekend, would work for both parties.

**MOTION:** to agree to the FC's request to modify out-of-season dates on their permit as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED.

Pitches: It was also noted that the Colts had shortened the lower pitch without permission and this meant the adult team had no alternative pitch to use if there were any issues with the top pitch. The clerk agreed to address this with the Colts.

Parking for Events: The clerk reported that someone from the forthcoming 'Colour Rush' event at Green Park had contacted the Colts to ask if they would be using all their usual parking availability. This followed the clerk expressly stating to them that there would not be available parking, especially bearing in mind last year's gridlock. The clerk suggested the PC allow the Colts to reserve a parking area for their participants, especially the away teams. It was decided that this could not be adequately managed and marshalled though and all that could be done was to reiterate the probable lack of available parking.

(Cllr Read arrived at 7.40pm)

- iii. **Trim Trail:** The clerk advised that the Trim Trail needed some maintenance and there was concern that posts were becoming loose. Cllr Read advised that the ground will swell to

