

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on 7<sup>th</sup>  
January 2015 at 7.30pm  
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

R Maskell (Chairman)  
M Watson (Vice Chair)  
D Wallis  
P Crook

C Read  
T Kirkland  
M Richards  
J Hoinville

Clerk: G Merry

23 members of the public

In attendance:

C Paternoster (AVDC)

B Chapple (Bucks CC)

**15.001 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Savigar, T Winterbottom and G Plowman

*Due to the confidential nature of items 15.015 and 15.016, the Chairman requested a motion under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from those sections of the meeting. PROPOSED by Cllr Watson, SECONDED by Cllr Crook. There were 5 votes in favour and the MOTION was PASSED.*

**15.002 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**15.003 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014.**

The MOTION to approve the Minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Kirtland, SECONDED by Cllr Crook and PASSED.

**15.004 Matters Arising**

Street Naming – Stablebridge Road: The Clerk reported that 4 names had been chosen from the entries submitted by the children: Estone Road, Roundhouse Road, Vantage Street and Flora Avenue. These have been accepted by Taylor-Wimpey and AVDC who had run their checks for duplication and the school has been informed. The title 'Close' may be used where necessary to avoid through-traffic.

**15.005 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he attended a presentation by ARLA of their plans to build an anaerobic digester on their site in College Road North. It is proposed to site the digester in the northern corner of their property off the Buckland Road near the canal. The chimneys of the power plant will be almost as high as the present storage towers. For Aston Clinton there may be as many as 60 lorries delivering to the site each day.

Cllr Read stated that Buckland PC have reported the figure is 98 lorries and that they are strongly opposing this development. Cllr Chapple reported that the lorries are not permitted to go through the village and that he and Cllr Paternoster are fighting it. A member of the Public reported that 8-10 electrical towers had been approved on 23/12/14 with no notification given.

**15.006 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk stated that as the recipient of the views of the Village she felt it important that the Facilities Committee move quickly on decision-making when they meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. There is work to be done especially with regard to park inspections and allotments.

**15.007 Correspondence Received**

The Clerk reported as follows: -

- Councillors have been invited to read the most recent edition of the Chiltern Society magazine, which has an article on HS2.
- There are regular emails from villagers concerned over the amount of planning applications. With regard to the development 14/02463 Brook St/College Road, the hearing at AVDC is scheduled for

Friday 9/1/15 at 1pm. A Member of the Public reported that PACVE have paid for 2 consultants to go to the hearing and 15+ members of the public were going. Villagers were urged to attend. Cllrs Read, Paternoster and Chapple also confirmed that they were attending.

#### 15.008 Finance and Staff

In the absence of Cllr Plowman, Chairman Maskell and the Clerk reported as follows:

- Precept: A precept figure of £149,367 had been reached, representing an increase of 40%. This included costings for a Neighbourhood Plan. At the public meeting held by Cllr Plowman on 17/12/14 members of the public had not objected to the increase. The precept figure was PROPOSED by Cllr Wallis, SECONDED by Cllr Read and unanimously AGREED.
- The monthly payments schedule was as follows (below). Cllr Wallis questioned why Total Garden Care presented an invoice and the Clerk confirmed that their services have now been terminated. He also questioned why a new name had appeared under Litter Picking and asked whether insurance was in place. Cllr Watson declared an interest and offered to withdraw this service. The payments were then PROPOSED by Cllr Hoinville, SECONDED by Cllr Wallis and APPROVED.

<b>Finances to be agreed at the January meeting of ACPC</b>			
<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03 December 2014	AVDC	?????	£ 85.00
03 December 2014	Cash	Petty Cash	£ 200.00
05 December 2014	Sign Wizard	VAT for Deep Water sign	£ 5.34
05 December 2014	British Gas	Electricity for Parish Office	£ 40.00
11 December 2014	EON	Street Lighting	£ 550.33
17 December 2014	SLCC	Annual membership	£ 190.80
24 December 2014	Gillian Merry	December salary	£ 649.70
	E. Sharp Electrical	Maintenance of street lights - 40/42 Long Plough	£ 100.57
	E. Sharp Electrical	Maintenance of street lights - 126a Weston Road	£ 186.96
	E. Sharp Electrical	Parish Council offices - lighting failure	£ 39.95
	E Goldrick	Toilet Maintenance - December	£ 80.00
	Inside Out Property maintenance	Youth Club - water leak	£ 199.00
	Christine Jensen	Support for Gill	£ 90.00
	Total Garden Care	Churchyard - 12th November	£ 240.00
	Lewis Watson	Litter picking - December	£ 100.00
		Total	£ 2,757.65

- Cllr Wallis reported that he had that day asked Cllr Plowman how much rent was owed by the Hub, who had responded that the figure is now in the region of £5,036.

#### 15.009 Planning

Since the matters of the Arla digester and the 14/02463 development had already been discussed, Cllr Read reported that he had started work on the Neighbourhood Plan and had received quotes of £10,000-£13,000. There are specialist consultants available for this. Cllr Paternoster advised speaking to Louise Anderson, AVDCs Neighbourhood Planning Officer. She further advised that the Clerk establish the correct Parish Boundary as other Parish's plans had foundered on this. The Clerk confirmed she would be contacting Community Impact Bucks to begin the process. **Please see appendix 1 for notes on the meeting with Jean Fox of C.I.B.**

#### 15.010 Facilities

- The first meeting of the Facilities Committee would be Tuesday 13/1/15 and an Agenda had already been posted.
- Footpaths: Cllr Wallis confirmed that he is waiting until after the Facilities Committee had met to report on this.

#### 15.011 Communication and Engagement

- Santa's Float: A sum of £882.48 had been collected which will be divided equally between the Ian Rennie Hospice, the Scouts and the Guides. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Colin Lane for the use of his vehicle and offer for the PC to donate towards his fuel costs.
- Communications and Engagement Strategy: This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**15.012 Public Participation**

1. It was asked why Cllr Maskell had not declared his interest in respect of Item 15.015. Cllr Maskell reported that the item had been changed. The Clerk further explained that the original wording of the item would not have stood up to legal scrutiny. She had sought the advice of a qualified Clerk who had counselled the revised wording. The Clerk offered a revised Agenda to the member of the public.
2. It was reported that the village school had been invoiced for clearing a path adjacent to the school. The member of the public was advised that this was neither the responsibility of the school, nor the Parish Council.
3. It was queried why the subject of Flood Risk had dropped off the Agenda.
4. It was reported that land opposite O’Callaghan’s Nurseries on Aylesbury Road, owned by Bucks CC had been earmarked for a development of 250 houses. It was suggested that Bucks CC would want the revenue from this.
5. It was questioned why matters to do with the Hub remain in closed session. Cllr Read responded that there was no intention to mislead the Public but that confidential legal matters were being discussed.
6. It was reported that the Leaseholder of the Hub now has a full-time job with accommodation, elsewhere and was only opening up the Hub on weekends.
7. It was requested that the minutes are published more quickly.

**15.013 Business for the Next Meeting**

Cllr Wallis requested the following item: *(After note: Cllr Wallis has withdrawn this item)*

**15.014 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm (After note: Members are asked to attend from 7pm for meeting with Adventure Learning Foundation – please see [www.green-park.org.uk/alf-is-launched/](http://www.green-park.org.uk/alf-is-launched/))**

*At this point members of the public left the meeting. The following 2 items were re-ordered from the original Agenda.*

**15.015 Report and Recommendations from the Hub Committee.**

Cllr Read and the Clerk reported that in the light of recent developments, vacant possession via peaceful re-entry was now possible. This course of action was PROPOSED BY Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Wallis and AGREED, with 6 members in favour and 2 abstentions. The Clerk agreed to confirm the legal position with Horwood and James.

**15.016 Ongoing Defamation Suit**

Cllr Wallis stated that he had withdrawn his motion as stated on the original Agenda. There followed discussion as to whether the recent libel action was considered an individual matter or a Parish Council matter, at which point Cllr Wallis left the meeting. The matter was not resolved.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX 1

### MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 6.30pm Jean Fox of Community Impact Bucks attended to discuss with council a Neighbourhood Plan for Aston Clinton Parish

Present: Cllrs Wallis, Maskell, Richardson, Kirtland, G Merry (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

- A Neighbourhood Development plan will take a minimum of 18 weeks to complete but the reality is more like 6-9 months.
- The P.C. is the responsible body but a Steering Group carries out the work, made up of the public, volunteers and local experts.
- It is funded by the P.C. and must have Terms of Reference.
- More funding is available after March 2015 when £7000 per parish is available. However, applications will not be accepted until the P.C. has declared its neighbourhood area.
- JF advised that current planning applications cannot be changed so the PC would be better off looking to the future. She felt that NDPs are not popular with AVDC who are looking to develop their own plans but advised us to go-ahead. The AVDC Plan is not expected until 2017 but the whole of Aylesbury Vale is under threat from developers right now. She felt that if parishes do not do this planning themselves, someone else will e.g. developers, and that AVDC would find it hard to refuse planning permission then.
- There would be a need to look ahead as far as 2020/2025 and decide what infrastructure the village will need. It is possible to build into the plan a 'Rural Exception Scheme' which allocates for lower cost housing.
- RM mentioned that a survey was done previously a part of the now redundant Vale of Aylesbury Plan.
- RM queried the cost. JF stated that Winslow's had cost £30,000 but they are designated a small town and also, this had included £10,000 in extra consultants' fees. We would be looking at approx. £15,000 including a great deal of work done internally. JF stated that the Steering Group is the key, due to the expertise available.

### Process

1. The first thing to do is declare a Neighbourhood Area. The PC does this and JF has templates available.
2. Form a Steering Group. Pitstone advertised for volunteers, especially people with legal, planning, web design expertise etc. and had 29 responses.
3. Consultation then takes place lead by the Steering Group. Winslow had done a large consultation including a referendum which attracted a 98% turn out to vote. It is possible to identify certain areas for certain types of housing and to write your own policies. The village then has full input into design, layout etc. The plan also includes commercial lots etc. A member of the Public questioned whether developers could make contributions. JF stated that they could and that uses for S106 money could be written into the plan.
4. A village referendum may be held. TK enquired who would attend this from Aston Clinton. JF stated the need for marketing the idea through community engagement. MR and RM offered to coordinate with Village Life magazine to include leaflets to be distributed with the magazine. TK stated the need for the Village and in particular the PC to have a positive approach.
5. A Visioning Meeting will be held at which accurate maps will be needed. The Clerk was asked to ensure these were sourced. From this a Draft Plan is developed through a consultation Process.

The Clerk agreed to get the templates from CIB to start the Neighbourhood Area documents. Other things to do: check the 2012 Vale of Aylesbury Fact Pack for work previously carried out. Check on what S106 money can be used for (we have £16,000 available in that fund).