

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council - held on 2nd
September 2015 at 7.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

L Tubb (Chairman)

S Beaumont

A Mooney

C Birch

P Wyatt

C Read

Clerk: G Merry

24 Members of the public

In attendance: Cllr C Paternoster (AVDC), B Chapple (AVDC/BCC)

15.106 Cllr Tubb reported that resignations had been received from Cllrs N and J Savigar. It was decided to defer the matter of selecting a new Chairman for another month.

15.107 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Comerford

15.108 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

15.109 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August 2015.

The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney, SECONDED by Cllr Read, AGREED and SIGNED.

15.110 Public Participation

- i It was asked why Cllrs N and J Savigar had resigned. Cllr Tubb responded that no reason had been given.
- ii It was reported that the meeting held that day at the Planning division of AVDC, to discuss 2 local applications, had been disheartening but members were commended for the speeches they had given. Cllr Tubb agreed and thanked them on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Paternoster offered to accept letters of complaint from residents and to pass them on.
- iii The composition of the Parish Council working party that had met with Prof. and Mrs Peile to discuss the development at Old Rectory Farm was questioned. Cllr Tubb explained that the working party had consisted of Cllrs Read, Wyatt & Comerford along with the Clerk and that no approval or objection had been given. It had been a fact-finding exercise.
- iv It was asked why the badge of office was no longer being worn by the Chairman as this was considered a mark of respect. Cllr Tubb responded that the recently departed Chairman had opted not to wear it for meetings but had worn it on official occasions.

15.111 Clerk's Report

The summer months have seen the Park full of children, families, picnic blankets and dogs. Special thanks must go out to our caretaker Eamonn who has had to do the bins and the toilet every day and continues to open and lock the barrier every day on a voluntary basis. Play Around the Parishes was a huge success again this year with massive numbers of children enjoying the bouncy castle, craft activities, soft play and face painting. Only one day was rainy, so everyone enjoyed the shelter of the

Pavilion and carried on playing. Many thanks to Lesley and Chris Ronson for their help with overspill parking!

Now the damp and darker season is upon us, we know we have to brace ourselves for an increase in dog mess. Children who are exposed to dog mess are at risk of contracting toxicara, an infection that can lead to blindness. It is foul for other park users and a huge problem for our footballers. We are currently waiting to here if our funding application has been successful for the CCTV but when that is installed it will be easier to catch and fine the culprits.

We are pleased to welcome 2 new councillors on-board this evening, however, we now have 2 casual vacancies so are looking to recruit councillors again. You don't need to have any special knowledge or background, just a bit of time and a willingness to get involved.

*Finally a letter of support was received this month which I would like to conclude by reading out: -
"I want to express my thanks to the Parish Council for sorting out a number of issues that have been outstanding for some time.*

- 1. The footballers are under control and are enjoying their football. The all weather pitch is now managed properly and the anti social behaviour has stopped.*
- 2. The Park is trim and looks well managed and we have had flocks of people enjoying the park.*
- 3. There is now an appropriate facility offering refreshments and I just hope they can carry on.*
- 4. The stream has been "fixed". I have just visited with a neighbour and it is flowing well.*
- 5. The potholes in the car park and the main entrance to the park have been repaired.*

In such a short time so much has been done. The new focus is very welcome and long may it continue".

15.112 Finance and Staff Committee

- i Month-End Report: Cllr Beaumont reported that the Finance and Staff Committee was currently inquorate and for now would be reverting back to the old system for authorisation of payments, whereby the outstanding payments were presented to full Council. A list of payments had been circulated to Council (see appendix). Cllr Read had an additional outstanding invoice for The NHP consultant and agreed to pass it on to the Clerk.

MOTION: To agree that the Clerk pay the outstanding invoices, PROPOSED by Cllr Wyatt
SECONDED by Cllr Beaumont and AGREED.

- ii Precept Matters: Cllr Beaumont outlined the timeframe for precept application as: -
 - Budgets requirements in from Sub-Committees/Committees by Oct F&S Meeting
 - First pass at precept Nov F&S
 - Proposal of Precept to Council Dec F&s and Dec P.C.
 - Precept agreed by Council Jan P.C.
 - Precept submitted to AVDC Jan 2016

There was therefore a need for Committee Chairs to look at their half-yearly expenditure to-date and plan remaining expenditure for the year.

- iii Equality and Diversity Policy: Cllr Beaumont reported that AVDCs Independent Remuneration Panel had had recently reviewed members allowances for Town and Parish

Councils which had allowed for Parish Councils to set their own policies on reimbursement of expenses. ACPC had already identified the need for a policy which allowed for equality and diversity in its membership and Cllr Beaumont would be working on a policy to submit at the next F&S committee meeting. The motion was therefore amended as follows:

MOTION: To write a scheme to reimburse expenses to members, in line with AVDCs Independent Remuneration Panel's review of members allowances for Town and Parish Councillors in accordance with local authorities (Member's Allowances) (England) Regulations 2004. PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney, SECONDED by Cllr Beaumont and AGREED.

- iv Report and recommendation for new Assistant Clerk: The Clerk reported that 4 candidates had been interviewed resulting in one being recommended. An evaluation sheet had been circulated to members.

MOTION: To approve the Staffing Sub-Committee's recommendation for the new Assistant Clerk, PROPOSED by Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Birch and AGREED.

15.113 Planning Committee

- i Small Applications: Cllr Read reported as follows: -
 - a. 15 Milton Road – 15/02356 – extension had been objected to
 - b. Gib Lane Solar Farm – 15/02533 – extension to solar farm – no objection made.
 - c. Weston Road, Weston Road/Longhorn Farm, Park Farm/Church Lane, Old Rectory Farm – none of these had been discussed yet.
 - d. Putnam's Drive – Cllr Read had contacted Bucks CC who had confirmed the land is not theirs. He is now trying the Land Registry.
 - e. The matter of the TPOs for trees at 16, Green Ed Street was still ongoing.
- ii Large Applications: Cllr Read expressed disappointment at the outcome from the AVDC meeting re. Stratford Close 15/03662 and Chapel Drive. Both had been objected to on the grounds of lack of village infrastructure but both had been passed by the AVDC members.
- iii Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Read underlined the need for the NHP was even more pressing now and urged everyone to come to the launch event as it was essential that the plan was based on the resident's views.

15.114 Facilities Committee

- i Report from Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee: S106 priorities had been decided at the Facilities meeting and although the Community Centre was the first priority, it had been decided to apply for a MUGA, new skate ramps and a new picnic area with the Stablebridge Road money. It had also been decided to purchase play bark for the playground to bring those surfaces back up to safety standards. The 3 areas that required new safety surfacing would be reviewed toward the end of the year. Cllr Wyatt reported on the proposal presented by ACFC, to install 2 new permanent dug-outs in the park.

MOTION: To discuss and agree the siting of the proposed football dug-outs, PROPOSED by Cllr Read SECONDED by Cllr Mooney and AGREED, subject to siting visit with ACFC.

- ii Report from Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee: Cllr Mooney reported that work to the Culvert/Brook was now complete, although no new beach had been possible. The pollution to the Brook had been reported to the E.A. BCC's devolution policy is to be escalated to

encompass transport. Cllrs Mooney and Wyatt would be attending a meeting to discover more.

- iii Community Centre: The New Homes Bonus application was being prepared and would meet the Sept 30th deadline. Plans had been received and approved at this stage with a view to fine-tuning after the outcome of the NHB application was known. A Quantity Surveyor was currently working on costings.

15.115 Co-option of New Members:

- i Cllr Tubb Introduced Paul Hughes and Mike Osborn and invited them to join Council at the table. Their membership of ACPC was AGREED and Acceptance of Office/Declaration of Interest forms were completed and signed.
- ii Cllr Osborn will join the Finance and Staff Committee, Facilities Committee & Community Centre Sub-Committee. Cllr Hughes will join the Finance & Staff and Facilities Committees.
- iii Cllr Read suggested a new co-option to the Community Centre sub-committee and would let the Clerk have the details. There would be a working party of the sub-committee to finalise the NHB application, as soon as Cllr Comerford returns from holiday.

15.116 Items for Next Meeting

There were no items

The Chairman then allowed comments from the public: -

- i Cllr Paternoster urged the Council to continue with its NHP as it would allow for policies influenced by the village. Cllr Tubb reiterated the times for the launch event.
- ii The 2 new Councillors were asked to talk about themselves which they duly did.
- iii Mr Just reminded councillors of the briefing for the NHP Launch to be held the following day.
- iv Council was urged to proceed with caution regarding Putnam's Drive and any possible land/boundary contention.

15.117 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Signed Date

Finances for Sept. meeting of ACPC

Payment						
<u>Date</u>	Company Name	Description of outgoing	Status	Less VAT	VAT	Total
03/08/2015	Gillian Merry	Salary	Pd	£1,083.24		£1,083.24
03/08/2015	HMRC	Tax and NI	Pd	£358.35		£358.35
05/08/2015	AVDC	Eurobins quarterly	Pd	£443.20		£443.20
05/08/2015	PBL WRK Loan	Loan/mortgage	Pd	£1,990.54		£1,990.54
05/08/2015	Bucks CC Pensions	GM pension	Pd	£396.02		£396.02
06/08/2015	B.T.	Quarterly bill	Pd	£73.07	£14.61	£87.68
06/08/2015	British Gas	Monthly DD	Pd	£69.00		£69.00
07/08/2015	The Anthony Hall	Balance on hall Hire NHP Ev	Pd	£52.50		£52.50
07/08/2015	SLCC	Advert	Pd	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
11/08/2015	EON	Street Lighting	Pd	£630.20	£126.04	£756.24
17/08/2015	Thames Water	Water Rates	Pd	£64.38		£64.38
19/08/2015	Aylesbury Lock and	Outer Office Door repair (lc	Pd	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00
19/08/2015	Digital services Ltd	Hard drive repair/replace	Pd	£212.50	£42.50	£255.00
19/08/2015	Mazars LLP	External Audit fee	Pd	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00
19/08/2015	Solopress	Banners NHP event	Pd	£515.00	£103.00	£618.00
19/08/2015	Bergson and Eaton	Balance on Pavillion Door	Pd			£2,338.00
21/08/2015	British Gas	New Car Park lighting	Pd	£36.58	£1.82	£38.40
21/08/2015	H.P.Instant Ink	Ink	Pd			£18.49
24/08/2015	E Sharp Electrical	Repair to Icknield Way Inte	Pd	£644.00	£128.80	£772.80
24/08/2015	Glasdon Uk Ltd	3 New Dog Bins	Pd			£932.79
August Total				£2,767.66	£535.16	£11,072.63

PAYMENTS TO BE AGREED:						
24/08/2015	Lesley Ronson	Skip Hire - Compound	O/S	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
31/08/2015	Eamonn McGoldric	Bins, Litter pick, toilets	O/S	£430.00		£430.00
26/08/2015	Digital Services Ltd	Restoration of PC Laptop	O/S	£87.50	£17.50	£105.00
25/08/2015	AVDC	Play Around the Parishes x	O/S	£600.00		£600.00
25/08/2015	M Havasova	Office Clean	O/S	£15.00		£15.00
24/08/2015	Landmark Surveys	Topographical Survey Pavili	O/S	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00
25/08/2015	Inside Out Property	Lock Replacement	O/S	£85.00		£85.00
31/07/2015	E Sharp Electrical	Lamposts x 5 in village	O/S	£245.94	£49.19	£295.13