

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council - held on 4th
November 2015 at 7.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

C Read (Chairman)

A Mooney

M Osborn

L Ronson

C Birch

T Comerford

P Hughes

P Wyatt

In attendance: C Paternoster (AVDC)

Clerks: G Merry (recording), E Barry (assistant)

11 Members of the public

15.129 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tubb, Eggesfield & Beaumont and Cllr Chapple of BCC.

15.130 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

15.131 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2015.

The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Birch, AGREED and SIGNED.

15.132 Public Participation

- i A member of the public had previously reported a pothole in his road and thanked the clerk for the swift resolution to this.
- ii The clerks were reminded that the village directory on the website is out-of-date
- iii It was reported that there is a lamp post in Chapel Drive with no lamp. The clerk agreed to investigate.
- iv It was reported that the hedge between the Bell and the park needs trimming. The clerk agreed to report to the Bell.

15.133 Clerk's Report

Autumn has seen the last few sunny days in the park and the end of the summer maintenance programme. We have been able to clear some of the overgrowth at the boundary and this has opened up the space in the park, as well as clearing some of the village footpaths. We have also had our new CCTV installed on the Café roof with 360° coverage of the Park.

We were privileged to have a visit from St Stephen's Youth Group from Tonbridge, Kent who were staying at Green Park in October half-term. They asked if they could do a day of voluntary work for us and it just so happened that we needed a large amount of bark shifting into the play park! Around 40 young people plus several adults (including some of our own parish councillors) worked extremely hard, all day in the rain and gradually the massive pile of bark disappeared. Thanks to all involved.

Any locals who would like to volunteer their time to help with litter picking, monitoring dogs, land clearance, pruning, and weeding, clipping or even odd maintenance jobs are asked to contact myself or the Assistant Clerk c/o the Parish Council office.

Santa will be visiting the village again on Sunday 20th December with his helpers collecting funds for the Rennie Grove Hospice the scouts and the guides. He will start his journey in Wenwell close around 3.30pm. We have also heard that our application to install a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) in the park has been approved, with new skate ramps and picnic area to follow.

Many of you will know that following the sad death on the road between Aston Clinton and Weston Turville, a petition was circulated asking for traffic management and lighting on that stretch of road. I had a meeting with Bill Chapple this morning who has met with Sue Brown who is Bucks CC's Team leader for road safety. She will be arranging for the pavement up there to be swept and cleared and is looking into possibility of signs to warn people to look out for people walking in the road.

There are a few items of correspondence and ask members to circulate these because there are a few people who still write letters to us and not just email. I am also asking that members volunteer to respond to letters or take up the matter concerned rather than just tick and pass it on.

15.134 Finance and Staff Committee

- i Month-End Report: Payments for October stood at £21,658 and receipts stood at £3576. All budgets were on track to remain within targets.
- ii The list of outstanding invoices were presented and discussed – as follows:

Nov 2015 Outstanding Invoices to be agreed

NOVEMBER PAYMENTS			Less VAT	VAT	Total
30/09/2015	E Sharp Electrical	3 x Lamps	£161.49	£32.30	£193.79
		Legal Charges:			
29/09/2015	Bucks CC	filing/admin/emails/drafting	£114.00	£22.80	£136.80
29/09/2015	Bucks CC	Legal charges: Land Registry Charge	£18.00	£3.60	£21.60
	Buckland				
01/10/2015	Landscapes	Entrance Drive Quote 4268	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
	Buckland				
01/10/2015	Landscapes	Extra churchyard cuts	£375.00	£75.00	£450.00
01/10/2015	EON	Street Lighting	£609.87	£121.97	£731.84
05/10/2015	British Gas	Monthly DD	£69.00	£0.00	£69.00
	Buckland				
05/10/2015	Landscapes	Sept. site maintenance	£522.50	£104.50	£627.00
07/10/2015	Viking	Office supplies	£159.00	£32.39	£191.39
13/10/2015	Sign Wizzard	Park Signs	£78.88	£15.78	£94.66
14/10/2015	Tesco	Bin Bags x 20 packs	£40.40	£0.00	£40.40
15/10/2015	E Sharp Electrical	1 x lamp	£60.09	£12.02	£72.11
26/10/2015	Bucks CCTV	CCTV Installation	£2,300.00	£460.00	£2,760.00
27/10/2015	E McGoldrick	Bins and Litter	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00
23/10/2015	BT	Quarterly charge	£102.37	£20.47	£122.84

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

- iii Donation to Youth Group: Cllr Mooney reported on how hard and enthusiastically St Stephen's Youth Group had worked over half-term and proposed a donation of £250.

MOTION: To agree to pay a donation to St Stephen's Youth Group of £250, PROPOSED By Cllr Mooney, SECONDED By Cllr Wyatt and AGREED

- iv Precept Matters: The clerk reminded Cllrs that their projected spend figures for the next financial year were due in by mid-November.

15.135 Planning Committee:

- i Cllr Read reported that AVDC has changed their website and he was having difficulty uploading consultee comments. The following decisions had been taken: -
 - 15/03387: Extension in Chivery Close – No objection
 - 15/03528: Extension in Putnam's Drive – No objection
 - 15/03584: Industrial Unit 7 Acre Farm, Aylesbury Road – No objection
 - 15/03676: Extension in Long Plough – No objection
 - 15/03581: 15m Wind Turbine at Klargesters – To be discussed at the next planning meeting
 - 15/03661: 1 dwelling next to 'The Chimneys', Aylesbury Road – to be discussed at planning meetingPre-application: 92 houses at Aylesbury Road (Shanly Homes) – Cllr Read was sceptical as what could be done but the committee may be able to object on shortage of school places.

Cllr Read stated that there would be a planning meeting within the next couple of weeks. Cllr Wyatt stated that the 92 houses proposed for Aylesbury Road would take the village over the 700 houses whereby it should be possible to have a new school or school extension. Cllr Paternoster advised that this did not seem to be taken on-board by the planning authority.

- ii Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Read reported that the committee is short of people and Mr Disbrey had been invited to join. The plan is now in the consultee stage with a view to writing a village questionnaire to go out in the New Year. Cllr Ronson enquired where the funding comes from. Cllr Read reported that funds had been set aside in the precept but there had also been a grant received of £3000, the second tranche of which is now being applied for.

15.136 Facilities Committee

Cllr Mooney reported on the committee's decision not to adopt recreation areas in new developments on the grounds of cost and sustainability into the future. There is now a new working party planning for the short and long-term future of the play park and it had been decided not to carry out any more maintenance work until the group had made their recommendations.

Compound: An agreement is being issued to allow the Scouts and the football teams to have shared tenancy of the compound on payment of a peppercorn rent.

Pavilion/Cafe: The UTC students are still scheduled to assess and fix the building but it was possibly taking too long to now be workable. The Café goes from strength to strength which will result in more income for the Parish Council. The lease has been received back from the tenant with a few requested amendments which were not insurmountable.

Dog Fouling: The clerk reported on the increasing number of complaints. It was debated whether to have more dog bins and where they could be sited. There was general agreement that it is difficult to predict where and when fouling takes place and the priority should be within the park. There was agreement that purchase of new bins needed to hand-in-hand with a poster and advertising campaign, stressing the new CCTV and using Village Life and other media. There was also a need to convey to the public how much money is spent on dealing with the problem and ultimately that affects local taxes. Cllr Mooney also requested that the last poster campaign now needs to be removed from the fences.

MOTION: to agree whether to install further dog bins in village, PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED, subject to assessment of costings and siting of bins at the next Facilities meeting.

Park Plans: Cllr Mooney stressed that the current parking is insufficient at weekends and outlined the plan for an overspill car park at the Park View end. The clerk had circulated 3 quotes for paving but Cllr Read felt that the quotes were too different to make a good comparison. The clerk explained that all 3 contractors would take the spoil away but this would increase the price substantially. Cllr Mooney felt that the spoil could go behind the All Weather Pitch and any traffic around the AWP would mostly be on hard-standing.

MOTION: To agree to install the overspill car park PROPOSED by Cllr Mooney SECONDED by Cllr Hughes and AGREED subject to fine-tuning the quotes. This would be debated and resolved at the next facilities meeting.

Park Signs: Then clerk presented the quotes and outlined the problem of obtaining quotes generally and in particular from local suppliers. There was general agreement to go to a proven supplier who had examples of what is wanted readily available. It was also agreed to have the wording on both sides and place the signs perpendicular to the road to be visible from both directions. There would be a multi-modular sign further in to which the others park groups would contribute.

MOTION: To agree the supplier for the new park signs as per quotes PROPOSED by Cllr Comerford, SECONDED By Cllr Birch and AGREED. It was agreed to order from Osprey Signs of Scotland.

Park Barrier: It was discussed whether to change the closing time for the park barrier to 9pm for the winter months. The clerk advised that the signage company could provide a sticker to go over the 10pm. It was agreed that the clerk would implement this change.

Sport and Recreation:

Santa Float: Cllr Ronson reported that the sleigh is in order but the lights will need checking and Cllr Wyatt agreed to do this. Cllr Birch has organised Mr Lane to lend his truck again this year.

Event 2017: The parish council is hoping to host a music festival in the park in 2017 having turned down the organising of a fete for 2016 due to lack of lead-in time. An organising committee will be required but with the emphasis on local involvement. The clerk would submit a small article for the next Village Life.

Defibrillator: It had been agreed by the Facilities Committee to purchase 2 defibrillators but in the absence of Cllr Beaumont it was not possible to vote on which insurance package to purchase. The matter would be deferred back to the facilities committee.

Community Centre: The result of the New Homes Bonus application is still awaited and Cllr Comerford will be establishing a sub-committee to look at other sources of funding.

15.137 Items for Next Meeting/comments from the public: -

- The need to shame the perpetrators of dog fouling with publicity was highlighted. Mr Just offered to put an item in Village Life.
- It was asked when the park would return to 10pm closing. It was agreed to use the spring and autumn clock-change dates for this.
- It was reported that the application next to 'The Chimneys' had been applied for 12-15 years ago and had been turned down. If built it would directly look into the neighbour's home.
- It was reported that in preparation for the application for the 93 houses on Aylesbury Road, the developer had already cleared the copse and had the bat's habitat. Also, that the land floods. Cllr Read stated this will all be assessed and the application stage.
- It was enquired how long the CCTV footage is kept and the clerk replied 7 days at the moment though upgrades are possible.
- It was asked whether there had been any progress on 1, Putnam's Drive. Cllr Read reported that the land does not belong to the householder but the P.C. had made the decision not to pursue the matter unless there is encroachment.
- It was asked what the P.C. could do to help save the Rothschild Arms which had reportedly been sold by the brewery. Cllr Paternoster had given the clerk some documentation relating to Community Right to Bid but there was a need to have the facts first. Cllr Birch reported she had not received anything in writing and had not yet requested action.
- It was reported that AVDC are now stating as policy that primary school children will be bussed to Wendover when all the proposed new houses are built.

15.138 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd December 2015 at 6.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed Date