

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council - held on 3rd August  
2016 at 7.30pm  
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

**Present:**

**Councillors: -**

C Read – Chairman

J Eggesfield

L Ronson

R Stewart

T Comerford

M Osborn

P Wyatt

B Chapple (BCC/AVDC)

C Paternoster (AVDC)

Clerks: G Merry (Recording), E Barry

2 Members of the public

**16.71 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tubb, Hughes and Beaumont

**16.72 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**16.73 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2016.**

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

**16.74 Public Participation**

Cllr Chapple gave feedback as follows:-

- i. **Christmas Tree Field:** Quoting from emails received from BCC officers Ian Prosser and Olivia Stapleford, a summons should have been issued in this matter but had not, due to the lawyer dealing with the case leaving Bucks Law Plus and the merger with HB Law. Mr Prosser would be taking this up again with HB law and had received significant photographic evidence. This matter would now be prioritised by enforcement officers. Cllr Chapple confirmed that previously submitted evidence would be passed on to the new legal team. Cllr Paternoster added that the AVDC environmental team also have the evidence and their enforcement officer has spoken to the perpetrator and informed him that he must apply for planning permission for all 4 activities. However, he is entitled to apply for retrospective planning permission and the enforcement can only follow after that.
- ii. **Junction Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way:** Cllr Chapple confirmed that a V.A.S. (Vehicle Activated Sign) was to be installed as a result of the various accidents at this spot, including one fatal. The Local Area Forum were part-funding this along with BCC. The vegetation is also being cut back and Cllr Chapple is trying to arrange for a speed reduction to 40mph.
- iii. Cllr Chapple is keen to get traffic calming measures for the village, as Aston Clinton has once again become a rat-run to other areas. He requested feedback from the parish council on this and the assistant clerk confirmed she would be discussing this later on in the agenda.

**16.75 Council**

A new councillor had been approved and was asked to join the table.

**MOTION:** To agree to the co-option of Roisin Stewart onto council, PROPOSED by Cllr Eggesfield, SECONDED by Cllr Osborn and AGREED. Cllr Stewart signed declaration forms and submitted them to the clerk.

#### **16.76 Clerk's Report**

*"We are now well into August and it is fantastic to see the park so busy everyday and all the equipment being well used. It has been worth all the hard work and extra hours to get it done in the one year and has really helped us be seen as a pro-active and caring council. The integrated play park was officially opened by the little boy whose mum first brought to our attention that there was no play provision locally for children in wheelchairs. We hope the resulting publicity from this will encourage more wheelchair users to come to our park and use the facilities.*

*We have had a well-documented increase in vandalism and this got so bad at point, that we felt we had no option but to employ private security overnight in the park. We were criticised on social media for this but we would like it be known as widely as possible, that it was only for 2 nights and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night, it resulted in an arrest. The culprits were detained and I am told the CCTV footage is indisputable. The matter is now with the police and we are considering having the occasional overnight patrol from time to time, depending on whether the anti-social behaviour continues.*

*Meanwhile, everything is growing rapidly and this has resulted in an increase in complaints about growth, although a lot less than in previous years, thanks to our new contractors Aylesbury Town Council doing a fine job of the verges. It is still coming to light, the services that the county council no longer do. We wish this had been made clearer to us when we were setting budgets last year but there is no doubt that the parishes will have to take on more local services in the coming years. Again, we were criticised for raising our precept. However, with hindsight we were wise to pre-empt the coming storm of devolution that will bring more responsibility and cost onto our heads.*

*I will finish by thanking everyone involved in getting us ready for this incredibly busy time of year: Chris Ronson for carrying out the ground repair work voluntarily, Eamonn for the extra bin empties and toilet cleans and all our councillors who don't just sit around this table but are out there in the park doing the jobs that help save us money.*

#### **16.77 Finance and Staff Committee**

- i **Accounts** – July '16: The clerk had circulated the spreadsheets and handed-out hard copies. Receipts to-date stood at £153,702 (76% of total budget) and payments stood at £59,374 (33.6% of total budget). The clerk cautioned against overspending at this time of the year as the auditor had advised holding a larger reserve at year-end and it was still early in the financial year.
- ii **Invoices for Approval:** The clerk had circulated the O/S invoices to 31/7/16, as follows:

**O/S Invoices**  
**31/7/16**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Total</b>
				£	
31/05/2016	Caloo	New integrated play equipment (re- presentation)	£ 28,000.00	5,600.00	£ 33,600.00
16/06/2016	Bucks county council	Legal fees re. boundary dispute	£ 144.00	£ 28.80	£ 172.80
30/06/2016	Bancroft Consulting	Traffic Survey - NHP - pt 1	£ 2,624.80	£ 524.96	£ 3,149.76
05/07/2016	Buckland Landscapes	June Site Maintenance	£ 1,176.08	£ 235.22	£ 1,411.30
14/07/2016	Buckland Landscapes	Quote 4512 Beach (Shingle)	£ 280.00	£ 56.00	£ 336.00
14/07/2016	Viking	Printer Paper and Ink	£ 58.67	£ 11.73	£ 70.40
16/07/2016	L Ronson	Reimbursement Fuel/parts - strimmer	£ 18.74	£ 3.74	£ 22.48
19/07/2016	Buckland Landscapes	Quote 4528 footpath ACL 28	£ 470.00	£ 94.00	£ 564.00
20/07/2016	E Sharp Electrical	Lamp - 1 Chestnut Close	£ 87.88	£ 17.56	£ 105.33
21/07/2016	UK Security/Bucks	Supply and Install new cable for camera	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
22/07/2016	CCTV	Overnight Security x 2	£ 700.00	£ 140.00	£ 840.00
25/07/2016	Mason Grab Hire	Digger - 2 days	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
15/07/2016	People & Places	Online NHP Survey	£ 199.00	£ 39.80	£ 238.80
31/07/2016	E McGoldrick	Bins and toilet cleans	£ 350.00	-	£ 350.00
25/07/2016	Mason Grab Hire	Digger Hire x 2 days + diesel	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
29/07/2016	Aylesbury Lock and Key	3 x new Compound Keys	£ 15.00	£ 3.00	£ 18.00
18/07/2016	Gravity Engineering Ltd	Skatepark mini ramp and grind box	£ 25,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 30,000.00
<b><u>Direct Debits</u></b>					
02/08/2016	AVDC	Quarterly Eurobins Parish Office/youth club	£ 520.40	-	£ 520.40
01/08/2016	British Gas - Elec	monthly DD	£ 63.00		£ 63.00
23/07/2016	BT -	Quarterly Bill	£ 139.97	£ 27.99	£ 167.96

Cllr Read enquired about the payment for bike racks and the clerk responded this was a measure to encourage cycling to the park, as a response to the lack of parking at weekends. It was agreed that for security these should be sited within view of the Cafe or CCTV camera. Cllr Osborn felt that extra CCTV may be needed in the park itself, possibly adjacent to the MUGA, and it was agreed to monitor the current bout of ASB. The clerk also confirmed that the charity bins by the park wheelie bins had been removed to tidy the area up and discourage people from thinking the bins were a recycling point for the village.

**MOTION:** To approve the payment of the invoices, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and APPROVED.

- iii **New Council Terms and Conditions for Suppliers:** Cllr Tubb had prepared a contract which could be used for future large-scale capital projects, to address some of the difficulties with recent projects in the park. Councillors expressed approval but it was agreed there should be a numerical definition of 'large-scale' which would be the cut-off point, below which a different contract would be applied.

**MOTION:** To agree the new Terms and Conditions, PROPOSED by Cllr Comerford, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED.

**16.78 Planning Committee:** Cllr Read reported from the last planning meeting: -

**i. Small Applications: The following had been APPROVED:**

16/01014/APP – 5 The Pleasaunce – Dropped kerb.

16/01677/APP – Woodside Cottage Park View – Erection of a detached single garage

16/02138/APP – Log Cabin 17 Upper Icknield Way – Erection of two storey side extension to provide residential annex

16/02136/APP – Linden Cottage Aston Hill Chivery – Front and rear dormer windows and front rooflight to facilitate loft conversion

16/02382/APP – 27 Overstrand, single storey side/rear extension. Garage/store rear extension

**Large Scale Applications:**

16/02033/AOP – 138 London Road – This had been OBJECTED to on the grounds of scale, traffic infrastructure & increase, consideration of the VALP and the NHP.

16/02307/APP – Land North of Brook Farm Brook Street, removal of condition – OBJECTED.

16/02417/APP – 40 Aylesbury Road – Erection of part single and part two storey care home. This had been OBJECTED to on the grounds of scale, incongruence with neighbouring properties, overshadowing and access.

Woodlands: It was reported that the majority of dwellings would be in our village and it was not clear who would qualify for the S106. Access is planned to Woodlands from Arla which should alleviate some of the through-traffic in the village.

**ii. VALP:** The VALP had stated “no more houses in Aston Clinton”. However until the VALP comes in, developments will continue. The parish council’s position continues to be no support for more houses and to fight for traffic-mitigating measures. This would formulate the basis of Cllr Read’s response to the VALP on behalf of the PC.

**MOTION:** To agree a response to the draft VALP and authorise the chair of planning to submit it on behalf of ACPC, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Eggesfield and AGREED.

- iii. **S106/CIL Strategy:** The Assistant Clerk had looked into how S106 money is allocated and how best to address the 'leisure projects only' rule, as the village now has plenty of leisure provision but needs traffic mitigation, pavement refurbishment etc. She had been speaking to Andrew McDougall, BCC's Senior Infrastructure Coordinator who had confirmed that S106 agreements are made early in planning discussions with developers, after which they are legally-binding. Traditionally parish councils have had no input into this process and only find out about amounts of S106 long after agreements have been made. The situation may change in the future and in the meantime Mr MacDougall had encouraged ACPC to state its needs at this time. A meeting was to be held on 5/8/16 to this end and the Assistant Clerk suggested that preliminary findings from the recently-commissioned traffic survey could be sent for consideration at this meeting. Cllr Chapple confirmed that he would be attending the meeting and would present the traffic findings as part of ACPC's case for widening the remit of S106 allocation. Cllr Chapple confirmed the meeting will largely be focussing on Woodlands. He agreed that the only chance of getting any traffic-calming measures lies with the developers. The clerk advised that there were currently 2 S106 amounts requiring allocation but more time/discussion was needed and these would be deferred to the September meeting.
  
- iv. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Read reported that the Plan was on-target and there would be forthcoming consultation meetings with village groups.

#### 16.79 Facilities Committee:

##### 1. Grounds Maintenance

- i. **Update:** Cllr Ronson reported the area to the south of the new path had been much improved by the recent remedial work but was not yet finished. It would need rotavating, flattening and seeding in September. Decisions on whether more equipment would need to be rented would be deferred until after Haydon Hill had carried out their repair work. The fir tree in the play park was to be topped as it obscured the CCTV's view the skate park. There had been some theft of produce from the allotments and it was hoped that the proposed fencing would alleviate this. The spoil mound behind the AWP had been much reduced and the containers had been moved into the compound by Cala Homes. The FC would be asked to remove their old fencing and other debris.
- ii. **Vandalism:** The clerk reported there had been 10 incidents of ASB and vandalism for the year and it was hoped that the recent arrest may lead to examples being made. Cllr Osborn suggested a scheme similar to a neighbourhood watch scheme be considered for the park.
- iii. **Allotments:** A proposal had been submitted by the allotment holders and had been circulated to councillors. A 4' high fence was proposed – sufficient to keep out the muntjack deer and also deter vandals. . The fence would be 4' high tensile fencing, with rabbit wire clipped around the base and dug down by 8" to prevent tunnelling by rabbits. The fence would surround the allotments so that all internal fencing could be removed, with 3 gates at access points. The proposal also requested a small shed for tools to be kept communally

**MOTION:** To approve the proposed specification for the fencing and allotment upgrade, PROPOSED by Cllr Osborn, SECONDED By Cllr Wyatt and AGREED.

##### 2. Sport and Recreation:

Cllr Wyatt reported that the new integrated play park had been officially opened by the little boy whose mum first brought the lack of provision for disabled children to the council's attention.

He expressed disappointment with the lack of media interest and in particular the minimal coverage in the Bucks Herald. There had been some concern about the pooling of water in the new skate ramp but Cllrs Hughes and Eggesfield had spoken to the users who had assured them this was normal. It would not be possible to have fabricated the ramp with a run-off for water as this would have affected their ability to skate. The clerk confirmed both FC's had paid their annual permit fee.

**3. Community Centre:**

Cllr Comerford reported the working party was looking into borrowing options and the clerk had forwarded information from BALC who would need to steer any borrowing application. The criteria included public consultation and Cllr Comerford confirmed this would begin with an exhibition in the Cafe.

**Comments from the public: -**

- i. It was asked if the parking outside the Guide Hall could be addressed, as it was preventing the bus accessing the bus stop and creating congestion which could be dangerous. The clerk advised that the PC has no authority with parking matters but would contact the managers of the Hall to see if there were measures they could put in place.
- ii. Traffic measures were requested at the Aylesbury road end of the village, from the petrol station to the 30mph sign.
- iii. Views were expressed that the village is now part of a regular route from the M25 north to Bicester and the County Council must take this situation in hand.

**16.80 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Signed ..... Date .....