

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council - held on 5th April 2017
at 7.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

C Read - Chairman

T Comerford

P Wyatt

P Hughes

R Stewart

L Ronson

M Mason

C Judge

Clerks: G Merry (recording), E Barry

8 Members of the public

17.039 Apologies and Co-option:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Eggesfield, Osborn and Tubb. Following the new recruitment procedure, a new councillor, Mrs Corrine Judge was co-opted onto the council and signed the declaration of acceptance and interest documents.

17.040 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Wyatt declared an interest in 17.047 i) and advised he would not vote.

17.041 To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 1st 2017

The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Comerford and AGREED and signed

17.042 Public Participation

- i Representatives of the tennis club reported that membership of the club had increased recently and it urgently needed a toilet a facility. They asked to retain the ability to go into the Churchill Hall to use the toilets. The clerk advised that in December they had been given notice to end this arrangement, due to the re-launch of the youth club and associated child protection rules. She advised that the matter would be put on the next Sports and Recreation committee agenda but the arrangement with the Churchill Hall must come to an end. Cllr Ronson enquired what had happened re. the tennis club building their own toilet block and it was explained that cost had been prohibitively expensive. The clerk advised there was no S106 money available at present but this item may be added to the 'wish list'. Cllr Hughes advised there are grants available for facility upgrades, for which the tennis club could apply.

17.043 Council

- i **Links to external Organisations:**

AVALC: Cllr Mason reported as follows: AVDC were in attendance but not from the planning dept. Issues with the planning process, communication and the planning portal had been discussed and were being collated by AVALC. The New Homes Bonus was ending and it was unlikely any more funding would be available. The VALP is progressing but not currently finalised. S106 – it had been advised that other parishes could apply for any parish's S106 funding.

HS2: Cllrs Wyatt and Ronson had attended and Cllr Wyatt reported that the meeting had been poorly attended. The major concern had been re. increased HGV movements through the village. There is to be a major depot at Steple Claydon so there will be a knock-on effect throughout the area.

Green Park: Cllr Read had met with Green Park re. the domes. Bucks CC have a long-term lease on the land and are taking back some of the running of the facility from the current

tenants, to maximise income. The domes facilitate meeting/office space during renovation works and allow lettings to continue. Cllr Read had asked for a more ambient colour scheme to be used and for more screening with trees, both of which were agreed.

- ii **Arrangements for the May Meeting:** The clerk explained that the May meeting would encompass the Annual Parish Meeting, where village groups would be invited to talk about their year and the PC Chairman makes a report. In addition, the meeting would incorporate the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, the first item of which must be to elect the Chairman. Council's policies would then be re-ratified, the risk and asset registers agreed and Council's governance reviewed. Since Cllr Tubb would be out of the country on May 3rd, it had been agreed to hold the May meeting on 10/5/17.

17.044 Clerk's Report

On 15th March 15th a meeting was held with TfB represented by L.A.T. Rob Anderson and Cllr Bill Chapple. The meeting had been requested to follow-up items of work requested in response to local resident's needs. TfB have a new reporting system which involves knowing the postcode of the exact site, which makes reporting cumbersome and no other methods of reporting are now accepted. It was apparent that there is little money and many requests have to wait, unless they present a risk to the public :-

- Beaconsfield Road has been prioritised for repairs but not until 2018. Pavements will be patched. Several residents with mobility issues have difficulty accessing from Beaconsfield to the shop/bus stop. RA will try to install dropped kerbs. It was again requested that the pavements to be looked at on the 'Estate' as a whole and London Road.
- Pot holes on London Road by the Vet will be patched – currently 3rd on the list.
- Junction of Lower Icknield and London Road – prone to flooding. RA has had this jetted out and this has cleared the drainage channels so it should no longer flood. He will keep the area on his list for maintenance to alleviate the problem.
- 2 new bus cages next to Weston Court flats will happen but the lining team have quit the job and TfB are looking to sub-contract this work
- Poor road surface finishing by utility companies on Stablebridge Road. Thought to be inadequate work by Thames Water. RA has reported it to them and will keep on his list to chase. Was tested for subsidence but was found not to be that.
- BC concerned that Stablebridge Bridge might be suffering too much weight of traffic and RA agreed to speak to Canal and River Trust (who own it) to have it assessed for possible HGV ban. This could dovetail with proposed Traffic Calming Scheme.
- Overgrown hedge from Woodlands roundabout to Christmas Tree Field – landowner not traced. RA will follow-up.
- The new domes at Green Park will not be staying white but are to have camouflage over-laid.

17.045 Finance and Staff Committee

It had been agreed to authorise payment of invoices via email so that payments could be made by year-end on March 31st. The list was as follows, with all but the Gravity invoice authorised and paid :

Date	Company	For	Amount £	Vat £	Total £	
18/07/2016	Gravity Engineering	Skate Ramp	8000?	2000?	10000.00	Balance
02/03/2017	Buckland Landscapes	Tree Clearance Green End St (storm Doris)	185.00	37.00	222.00	
02/03/2017	Buckland Landscapes	Feb Site Maintenance	1176.08	235.22	1411.30	
06/03/2017	Sign Wizzard	Skate Park sign	46.82	9.36	56.18	
07/03/2017	Buckland Landscapes	Tree Clearance ACL5 (storm Doris)	165.00	33.00	198.00	
07/03/2017	Earth Anchors	3 new dog bin posts	234.95	46.99	281.94	
14/03/2017	The odd job man	Churchill Hall roof & repair bus shelter	390.58	78.12	468.70	
16/03/2017	E Sharp Electrical	Replace 2 faulty emergency lights	95.00	19.00	114.00	
17/03/2017	E Sharp Electrical	Brook St & G.E.S. Street lights to LED	9099.59	1819.92	10919.51	
17/03/2017	E Sharp Electrical	Weston Rd, 2 x Long Plough	260.37	52.07	312.44	
29/03/2017	Viking	Stationery	58.74	14.68	73.42	
27/03/2017	Mark Nicholson Fencing	Allotment Fencing	5415.00	1083.00	6498.00	
23/03/2017	R Ashford Ltd	Dropped kerbs and lining car park - Café	2455.00	491.00	2946.00	
31/03/2017	E McGoldrick	Bins and toilets	155.00	0.00	155.00	
31/03/2017	G McEnery	Cleaning	50.00	0.00	50.00	
29/03/2017	Café in the Park	Café toilets	100.00	0.00	100.00	
31/03/2017	BALC	Subs 2017-18	551.65	0.00	551.65	
31/03/2017	MJ Welding	Buffers for Play Park Gate	150.00	30.00	180.00	

- i **Financial Situation March '17:** The Clerk presented the month-end accounts for March. These showed a total income for the year to-date as £288,061 and the total expenditure as £223,668. Cllr Hughes reported that the Finance and Staff committee had not been quorate so could not take place. However, the invoices for payment had been agreed at the Facilities meeting and via email. Cllr Read enquired whether the matter of the electricity supply to the Café had been resolved. The clerk reported it was in-hand and still with the complaints department of British Gas. Staff were due an incremental increase on April 1st and this had been recommended by the Staffing sub-committee.

MOTION: to approve staff incremental salary increases from 1st April, PROPOSED by Cllr Hughes, SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED.

17.046 Planning Committee: Cllr Read reported from the last planning meeting as follows: -

i **Small Applications: -**

17/00496/APP – 36 Aylesbury Road – Single storey front extension: **RESOLVED:** In support.

17/00218/APP – Traa-Dy-Liooar Green End Street – Replace two sheds with a log cabin: **RESOLVED:** No objection.

17/00502/APP – 64 Green End Street – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three dwellings: **RESOLVED:** Objected

17/00518/APP – Land Adj. Overways London Road – Erection of one detached dwelling with garage: **RESOLVED:** No objection by a vote of 5 no objections to 2 objections.

17/00522/APP – 4 Talbot Road – Single storey rear conservatory extension: **RESOLVED:** No objection.

17/00636/APP – 26 College Road South – Demolition of existing outbuilding and new roof over garage: **RESOLVED:** No objection.

17/00598/APP – 41A London Road – Single storey side extension: **RESOLVED:** No objection.

Large Applications: -

17/00458/ADP – Land To East College Road North – Approval of reserved matters for Phase 2 of the development pursuant to planning permission 15/00904/APP, including layout (amending the approved layout granted under permission 16/02856/ADP), scale and appearance of B2/B8 industrial/warehousing buildings with associated car parks, service yards, access road and services: **RESOLVED:** No objection.

16/02476/ADP – Land Off Chapel Drive And Rear Of Green End Street – AMENDED PLANS: **RESOLVED:** No objection with the following condition: The footpaths surfacing to match with the footpath material used in phase 1 Chapel Drive which we believe to be of a bonded resin.

APPEAL: 16/00033/REF – 15/02134/AOP – Land Off College Road – Public Appeal inquiry 14th March. APP/J0405/W/16/3147513: **RESOLVED:** Cllr Read would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the appeal. The assistant clerk would ensure that the details when available would be published via social media.

Planning applications for report:

16/00052/REF – 15/02665/AOP Land adjacent to Old Rectory London Road. APPEAL decision: APP/J0405/W/16/3153066 – 4 dwellings. Cllr Read reported that decision was to approve the application subject to confirmation from Bucks County Council of whether a covenant that exists on the land would be in conflict with the development of this site.

15/00116/REF 14/03785/APP Land at 22 & 22a New Road. APPEAL decision: APP/J0405/W/15/3138163 - 5 dwellings: The appeal was dismissed on a number grounds

- ii. **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Assistant Clerk reported that the committee had met with AVDC and had received feedback re. the policies stated in the Plan and was continuing to work with the landscaping consultant. The Plan was currently being fine-tuned.

17.47 Facilities Committee:

- i Cllr Read reported from the recent Facilities committee meeting: The skate ramp had been discussed at length including with a member of the skate park user-group. Although deemed safe by ROSPA, the sloping was incorrect and it had been agreed the ramp was not fit for purpose. It had been agreed to re-build the ramp using specialist contractors providing this remained within the original budget. Cllr Tubb would also write to Gravity and request a refund. Recommendations were being made for suppliers for the new All Weather Pitch and for replacement lighting columns in Wenwell Close. The 'Peile' bridge would have ground work carried out, to deal with the amount of mud in winter and this would be done by Mr Ronson and Cllr Read. It had also been agreed to allow the Colts to hold a weekend of friendlies, allow the year 6 BBQ to take place as normal and to prune back trees in ACL34. The following recommendations were proposed and discussed:

MOTION: to agree to engage the recommended contractor for the new All Weather Pitch, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Comerford and AGREED.

MOTION: to agree to engage the recommended contractor for 2 replacement lighting columns, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson SECONDED by Cllr Stewart and AGREED

MOTION: to agree the recommended course of action re. the skate ramp PROPOSED by Cllr Wyatt SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED.

Re. the skate ramp, Cllr Read explained the proposed contractor had provided a quote which was less than the balance still available. Cllr Ronson reminded the clerk the cost of 2 skips was to be deducted from the balance available.

- ii **Van Parking:** The clerk explained that with the new disabled parking places, there was almost nowhere for vans to park as they could not fit under the height barriers. Some visitors to the park used vans as their family vehicle as well as their business vehicle. Various measures were discussed. However, it was agreed that the height barriers would remain in place and generally vans should be discouraged from coming into the park. The clerk felt this would result in vans parking on the driveway/verges and this affected safety. The lack of parking availability was discussed as an ongoing problem and the way forward may be parking charges with a contractor engaged to enforce this. The clerk agreed to keep this on the agenda.

17.48 Community Centre:

Cllr Comerford referred to the designs now displayed in the PC office and re-iterated these are still in draft form. He had met with the architect to discuss how the main hall could be placed on the south side to maximise the view of and access to the Park. This may have an impact on the overall footprint and this issue was currently being worked-through. The revised plans would be displayed and brought to council for agreement once finalised. It was hoped to know whether planning permission had been agreed by October 2017. Research on grants to meet the shortfall was ongoing.

Public Participation:

- It was enquired whether the Churchill Hall/Parish Offices would remain once the community centre was built and Cllr Comerford responded that they would.
- Cllr Paternoster asked that any issues with AVDC planning portal be brought to her attention. She also reported the VALP is being finalised and will be put before AVDC in July prior to 6 week's public consultation. She reported the HS2 tunnel is planned to come out at Wendover so the earth/chalk to be moved unfortunately needed to go somewhere.

17.49 Date of next meeting: May 10th 2017, with the APM starting at 6.30pm

..... Chairman's Signature Date