

Minutes of the Planning Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on 1st  
June 2015 at 7pm  
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

P Wyatt

T Comerford

C Read

L Tubb

Cllr C Paternoster (AVDC)

Clerk: G Merry

4 members of the public

**15.012 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair**

Cllr Read was PROPOSED as Chairman by Cllr Wyatt, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED. Cllr Read took the chair and asked for nominations for vice chair. Cllr Tubb was PROPOSED by Cllr Comerford, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED. Cllr Read PROPOSED the co-option of Tony Winterbottom, SECONDED by Cllr Tubb and AGREED. Cllr Tubb PROPOSED the co-option of John Watson, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED.

Cllr Read PROPOSED excluding the press and public for item 15.019 in under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - this was SECONDED by Cllr Comerford and AGREED. Cllr Read also stated that this matter would be taken out of the sequence and discussed at the end.

**15.013 Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

**15.014 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**15.015 To Approve the Minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 22/2/15.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**15.016 Matters Arising**

TW reported that there had been a response to his and the Clerk's letter to AVDC re. unbridled development and a subsequent follow-up meeting with Cllrs Paternoster (AVDC) and Chapple (BCC). Cllr Read felt the letter was ambiguous but TW stated that BCC would help. Cllr Paternoster reported that BCC have a new cabinet member for education and that she will be meeting with him to discuss school needs for Aston Clinton. Cllr S Beaumont (ACPC) was in attendance and as a teacher at the village school reported that the bottom end of the school is over-subscribed and that the Local Authority will always say this is due to out-of-catchment children, without whom there would not be a problem. It was discussed that similarly, the Health Centre will always say they will expand their capacity to suit the population because they get paid per patient, yet appointments are increasingly hard to get. TW stated that the western end of the village had been earmarked for development but with much of the land belonging to BCC it was crucial the NHP addresses this so that BCC can be encouraged not to sell the land. Cllr Read is liaising with AVDC's NHP officer and Cllr Tubb reported the NHP steering group has received an offer of free secretarial help.

### **15.017 Current Applications**

- i. Small Applications: JW will continue to examine and report on small applications. The Clerk agreed to include JW and TW on email circulation and JW to include the new members on his.
- ii. Large Applications: 15/01395 an application from Rectory Homes for 50 houses off Aylesbury Road to add to the previous application for 29. The deadline has now been extended to 19<sup>th</sup> June but the P.C. will be objecting on several grounds. Cllrs Read and Tubb will prepare the objections including the de-stabilisation of the one remaining house.
- iii. 85 dwellings in College Road South in addition to the 91 already applied for. This is an outline-only with no formal application yet although many residents had received a leaflet. BCC had not been consulted and had stated that this area is a known flood plain. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the developer Sedgewick Associates and confirm that the Parish Council will be objecting.
- iv. Request to remove 2 trees off 16 Green End Street. There had been a request from the occupant to remove the trees in order to build an extension but the trees did not prevent him building as well as being large, mature and very beautiful trees. The original application had been flawed in that it stated no trees would be removed. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Comerford, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED that the Clerk write to the resident refusing permission, copy-in AVDC and state that removal may result in a civil action. Cllr Read has applied for TPOs on 2 trees.
- v. The Chilterns at Stablebridge Road – Taylor-Wimpey had requested the P.C. take on the maintenance of the proposed recreational area and would offer a degree of funding per year for this. It was agreed that this should be a self-sustaining development managed by Management Company and that P.C. would not get involved in any such arrangement. The Clerk agreed to write to this effect.

### **15.018 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Tubb stated the need to speed up progress and it may be possible to bring forward the housing needs survey. There will be a village information day but there is a need to obtain the information first. The aim will be to hold this on September 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and use the Pavilion. The Clerk will check the availability. The grant for the NHP has been approved. Cllr Comerford offered to come onto the NHP steering group.

### **15.020 Any Other Business**

Cllr Beaumont stated that for large meetings, public forums etc. she could borrow chairs from the school.

### **15.021 Date of next meeting**

The dates for the meetings will be floating but will be held monthly.

### **15.019 Old Rectory Farm**

The proposal to build 4 dwellings on the land at Old Rectory Farm was discussed and the fact that the landowner had asked to meet with the committee prior to putting in planning permission. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange the meeting but this would need to be deferred until July.

..... Chairman ..... Date