

**Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Sub-Committee of Aston Clinton Parish  
Council, held on 1st June 2015 at 8pm  
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room**

**Present:**

Councillors: -

P Wyatt

S Beaumont

L Ronson (Co-opted)

N Savigar

J Savigar

Clerk: G Merry

3 members of the public

**15.009 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair**

Cllr Wyatt was PROPOSED as Chairman by Cllr J Savigar, SECONDED by Cllr N Savigar and AGREED. Cllr Wyatt took the chair and asked for nominations for vice chair. Cllr J Savigar was PROPOSED by Cllr Beaumont, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED.

**15.010 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Comerford.

**15.011 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**15.012 To Approve the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.**

The minutes were not available and would be signed next time.

**15.013 Matters Arising**

- i. Signage for All Weather Pitch: Mrs Cozens reported that Mr Mike Dedman is arranging this but is currently on holiday.
- ii. Security for AWP: Mrs Cozens reported there is now a proper padlock and only she and Mr McGoldrick (caretaker) have a key. Any future users will be charged for a key.
- iii. Rusty Goalpost: This has been removed from the Meadow Pitch.
- iv. ACFC Previous Permit Document: Mr Dedman was to provide this but Mrs Cozens thought there probably is no longer a current one. Cllr J Savigar felt that it had been superseded now anyway because a new one has been prepared.
- v. Football club grass-cutting requirements: Mrs Cozens stated that Wed/Thurs are better days for cutting as by Friday they have already marked out their pitches. It was stated that Buckland Landscapes may not be able to change now as work had been scheduled already for the year.

**14.014 Football Pitch Requirements for 2015/16 Season**

- i. The Colts Return: The Colts wish to return to Aston Clinton with approx. 10 teams to play on Sundays over 3 pitches, including the Meadow Pitch. For the coming season, they will keep one team at Weston Turville. Mrs Cozens felt their return would allow for greater co-operation between the Colts and ACFC. Cllr Beaumont expressed concerns about the parking capacity and it was stated that parking would be staggered throughout the day.

There will also be Colts training on Saturdays and this will be on the Meadow Pitch. Mrs Ronson felt the P.C. will be paying to provide football pitches and the amount suggested will be costly, such as wear and tear on Council facilities like the car park. Cllr Wyatt stated that a draft permit will address this and is under way. Cllrs J Savigar and Beaumont both expressed concerns that the proposed amount of football will inhibit other park users. There was a need to clarify usage levels from the Colts before a decision could be made. It was to be noted that the Horticultural Society had requested a marquee in the park for their 2016 Show.

- ii. ACFC Reserve Team: Mrs Cozens confirmed that ACFC will be running their reserve team next season and in theory they are only at home every other weekend so there should be no fixture clashes.

At 8.50pm Cllr Beaumont left the meeting.

#### **15.015 Grounds Maintenance Requirements for Pitches**

This had mostly been covered elsewhere but it may be possible to widen the area beyond the tennis courts for a suitable pitch size. It was also agreed that the Meadow Pitch would be suitable for caravan parking and Colts Fun Day parking.

#### **16.016 Football Permits**

Cllr N Savigar reported that 2 permits had been constructed from best practise elsewhere and had been circulated. The fee structure was still being finalised. Once the matter of fees had been resolved, this would go to the Facilities Committee on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Motion:** That the sub-committee recommends the new draft permits to the Facilities Committee for football to be played in the park – PROPOSED by Cllr N Savigar, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED, subject to resolving the logic of the fee structure.

#### **15.017 Colts Football Fun Day**

Cllr Savigar and Wyatt had spoken with Andy Smith but the committee needed more details about the day. The Clerk agreed to find out more details using a checklist from Cllr Savigar, and to start a folder.

#### **15.018 Other Park Matters**

- i. Caravans Clubs: These will use the Meadow Pitch. Mrs Ronson confirmed that they will be given a key on deposit for coming and going through Park View. They will be informed that the barrier now closes at 10pm. Mrs Ronson and Mr McGoldrick will ensure the stop-cock is turned on inside the changing room and the tap is available.
- ii. Allotments: Mrs Ronson reported that there have been some violations of the allotment agreement and the Clerk will deal with it.
- iii. Compound Usage: Both the Scouts and the Football teams would like to use the Compound for storage. Some football equipment is already stored in there and the scouts could use the shed if the grounds equipment is sold off. It was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda and discuss re-configuring the Compound with these 2 user groups in mind. Site visits and clearance work can continue in the meantime.

**15.019 Any other business**

Mrs Cozens asked what the permit fees would be. Cllr N Savigar advised that these would be in the permits when issued and the clubs could counter them if they wished.

**15.020 Date of next meeting**

The dates for the next meeting will be floating but possibly in September assuming there is agreement over the football permits.

..... **Chairman** ..... **Date**