

**Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee of Aston Clinton Parish
Council - June 29th 2016 – 7.30pm
Aston Clinton Parish office, Aston Park, Aston Clinton, HP22 5HL**

Present:

P Wyatt – Chairman
S Beaumont

M Osborn
L Ronson

Clerk: G Merry

Members of the Public: 0

16.01 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tubb

16.02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

16.03 Football: -

- i. Permits: It had been agreed to keep the same permits as last year and the fees would remain at the same amount. However, since then, both FCs had asked to change the out-of-season timeframe, whereby the pitches were not supposed to be used. ACFC had been asked to stick to the Meadow pitch are not doing so, due to Regiment Fitness using it. It was agreed the clerk would ask Regiment to use the area east of the Bowls Club, as the pitches must be allowed time to recover. ACFC would again be asked to use the Meadow Pitch for training. The 'down' season is supposed to be 1/6 – 31/7 and although both teams had signed their permits, it was questioned whether the members had been made aware. The clerk agreed to check if there was at least 1 month where the out of season dates for both clubs would intersect. It was felt to be unworkable to enforce the rule this year but the clerk would write to both FCs for next year and underline that there must be no out-of-season playing. It would also be conveyed that although permit fees had not been raised, maintenance costs to the PC had gone up and this would be brought into the decision for next year re. fees.
- ii. Pitch Maintenance Requirements: Buckland Landscapes were to be asked what would be the minimum the pitches must be kept user-free, following weed and feed treatment. A timeframe for the work would then be agreed. This would take place on the bottom pitch. ACFC would be requested to use the top pitch for their friendlies on 9/7 and 30/7.
- iii. Dug-Outs: Mr Dedman of the FC had given a date of 6/8 for installation of the new dug-outs. The clerk would chivvy for this to happen and would emphasise that any delay would be taken into consideration for next year's fees as it also impacted on the management of the park and clerk's time.
- iv. Kiddikicks have an open permit but only use the park once a week, on the understanding they negotiate with the other 2 clubs re. space. The clerk was awaiting days and usage numbers from them.

16.04 Updates:

- i. Skate Park: The contractor had given a date of 16/7 to finish and there would not be much spoil as they were using it to level the ground for the new ramp. The clerk expressed concern that the contractors had not built a skate ramp before, and the quality of surfacing was particularly important. It was arranged that Cllr Ronson and Mr Loxley would oversee the work. The clerk explained that the S106 money to pay for the project would not be forthcoming if the project did not pass its inspection.
- ii. Colts Fun Day: Paperwork had been received, except for the pitch layouts. Mr Gray from the Colts had assured Cllrs that marshals would monitor use of other park amenities and a full litter sweep would take place at the end of the event. No inflatables/bouncy castle etc would be used.
- iii. Signage: The 'No events' and 'No ball games' signs had gone up but the Pond signs had not yet been installed. The clerk had purchased a drill to make signs easier to install in future.
- iv. Allotments: It was discussed and agreed that Allotments would now come under the Grounds Maintenance sub-committee, due to the Sports and Recreation portfolio being vast. There would be a meeting of the allotment working party on Friday 15th July at 10am.
- v. Defibrillators: A training and awareness session had been arranged for 12/7 at the school. It was agreed to hold a second one in September at the Park/Parish Council. The clerk agreed to organise publicity for these events.
- vi. Youth Club: Cllr Tubb had attended a Youth Club committee meeting. They were still only doing outside lettings but were planning training and working on holding youth events in the future. The clerk reported a Referee training course would be hosted in the Hall during August.

16.05 Tennis and Bowls Club

An agreement with the Tennis Club had come to light which ties the PC into a rental agreement until 2037. It would not be possible to change the terms of the agreement. The Bowls club drains issue had been investigated by a drain contractor and the report was awaited, although he had verbally indicated it was highly doubtful that blockages came from the cafe. Cllr Osborn stated he would like the PC to engage with both the Tennis and the Bowls Club to improve inclusivity and also wheelchair access.

16.06 3-Year Plans

There was general agreement to move towards a more community-focussed approach that encompasses access for all. Members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was not set

Signed **Date**