

**Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee of Aston Clinton Parish
Council - January 11th 2017 – 6.30pm
Aston Clinton Parish office, Aston Park, Aston Clinton, HP22 5HL**

Present:

ACPC: L Tubb – Chairman
P Wyatt
L Ronson
Absent: M Osborn

ACFC: Jordan King – 1st team Manager
Vanessa Cozens - Treasurer

Clerk: G Merry

Members of the Public: 0

17.01 Apologies

No apologies were received

17.02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

17.03 Chairman, Committee Members and Minutes

Cllr Tubb was NOMINATED as Chairman by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt and AGREED. The clerk stated that Cllr Hughes had been invited to join this committee. The minutes of the 29/6/16 meeting were signed.

17.04 Football: -

- i. **Permits:** A copy of this year's Permit had been sent to JK and a hard copy was also handed out. The clerk stated that the condition the changing rooms/showers were being left in, contravened the terms of the contract. JK stated that the away team supporters and public must not have access to the interior of the changing rooms via the public toilet. The clerk asked for clarification as to how this would solve the problem and read from page 3 of the Permit re. Cleanliness of showers and changing rooms. The clerk also stated that use of foul language contravenes the terms of the Permit and can result in a fine. The C word had been written up on notices inside the changing rooms. VC and JK agreed to inform the FC members of the contents of the Permit and try to ensure better cleanliness. The clerk agreed to organise a sign barring supporters/public from entering the changing rooms via the public entrance.
- ii. **Pitch Maintenance Requirements:** VC had been advised that installation of a soak-away in the 'top' corner of the pitch was possible and would help alleviate some of the drainage issues causing the flooding. The clerk explained that Council must obtain 3 quotes for this type of work and VC agreed to get a quote and spec from the contractor. Cllr Wyatt suggested that use of the portable dug-outs would enable the lower pitch to be used but VC confirmed these are being returned to the supplier. JK added that only the first team needs to use the top pitch and VC agreed to find out from the league if the Colts and reserves could use the lower pitch without penalty. Cllr Wyatt agreed to check the state of the lower pitch. JK asked what the £1100 annual permit fee covers. The Clerk explained it only covers

the PC's costs i.e. cuts during the growing season, weeding/feeding and admin/management, and no profit is made. JK enquired whether rolling could be arranged and the clerk agreed to find out how much extra this would cost, although warned that the cost would need to be added to the fee. Cllr Ronson asked whether the FC had got rid of the old goal posts from behind the 'All Weather Pitch' yet. VC agreed to find out.

- iii. **Ground Sockets:** No commercially available sockets with attached lids could be found. Mr Cozens had worked with Bucks Welding to fabricate one and this was handed around. The Committee approved the design and VC stated that these would now be ordered with a view to installation.
- iv. **Season Dates:** It had been agreed that the off-season for pitch recovery would be mid-May to 1st weekend in July. Any training during this time would not be held on the top pitch. JK requested that the goals be left up overnight on Saturdays, to facilitate the under-18s who play on Sundays. The committee agreed this, providing it was only the goals.

(JK left the meeting at 7.10pm)

17.05 Updates - Park:

- i. **Skate Park:** Gravity Skateparks had stopped responding to all emails and phone calls. Cllr Tubb suggested she write formally now, stating the PC will organise its own ROSPA inspection and deduct the cost from the balance owed. Cllr Ronson showed pictures of the underneath section cracking. The clerk agreed to contact the council's usual play inspector. She also suggested engaging the 3rd concreting contractor, who did a very good job of the ramp surfacing, to finish the job correctly and pay him directly from the available balance.
- ii. **Colts Fun Day:** The Colts had requested returning to the original weekend of 1st/2nd July. This was agreed and the clerk agreed to check whether the Cafe is free to host the scorers etc.
- iii. **LAP Fitness:** The instructor was now complying with the request to lock the 'allotment' gate but was still using heavy objects for his clients to 'drag'. Cllr Ronson had sent photo evidence of this. It was agreed that the clerk would write, stating there must be no further dragging of objects until further notice and the situation would be reviewed in the spring. An application had been received from another instructor to hold bootcamp sessions. However, the committee agreed to turn this down on the grounds of not having 2 competing businesses in the Park.
- iv. **Allotments:** Only 14 payments had been received to-date. Cllr Ronson advised that 5 plots are available and the clerk agreed to publicise this on facebook and in Village Life.
- v. **Youth Club:** Cllr Tubb reported the re-launch was about to happen for the primary age groups with the older group sessions still being worked-on. The FC had requested they be allowed to open their bar from half-time until 2.5 hours after the end of the game. The current hours were too short and they were not able to cover their costs. Cllr Tubb stated this request must go to the full PC at the next meeting for approval. The committee agreed to this for a one-off on 14/1/17 and Cllr Tubb agreed to email all councillors to get quick approval. VC requested the PC allow the area behind the Churchill Hall to be fenced and hard-standing installed, to facilitate outdoor activities. Cllr Tubb agreed to discuss it at the next YC meeting. VC reported that she planned to start a lunch club for senior citizens but this had been hampered by the YC Committee's

insistence on rental at the full rate, meaning VC would have made a personal loss. Cllr Tubb agreed to look into the insurance issue as this was the main problem and the clerk would research funding possibilities via Bucks CC.

17.07 Wendover Arm of Grand Union Canal:

The Wendover Arm Trust had applied to the National Lottery for substantial funding to re-open the Wendover Arm and had passed the first round. The Canal and River Trust were now involved and had contacted the clerk who had offered assistance in publicising this and setting up local consultations. It was agreed that a representative from W.A.T. would be invited to attend a forthcoming PC meeting to present the plans.

The date of the next meeting was not set

Signed **Date**

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