

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council, held on
9th June 2021 at 6.30pm
at the Churchill Hall, Aston Clinton Park

Present:

Councillors: -

D McCall (Chair)

L Ronson

C Judge

J Hughes

C Read

P Wyatt

M Mason

Clerks: G Merry (Locum)

Members of Public: 0

21.14 Election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman

MOTION: To elect the chair for the coming year - Cllr McCall was PROPOSED by Cllr Read, SECONDED by Cllr Judge and AGREED

MOTION: To elect the vice chair for the coming year - Cllr Ronson was PROPOSED by Cllr Wyatt, SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED

21.15 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

21.16 Declarations of Interest:

No items

21.17 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 4th March 2021.

The minutes were proposed. agreed and signed.

21.18 Public Participation

No items

21.19 Playpark and Facilities

- i **Weekly Inspections & Actions:** Cllr Judge's report on the play equipment had been circulated and Cllr McCall asked for comments:

Disabled roundabout: The supplier had checked this and advised Cllr Read how it could be repaired. It was discussed and agreed that Cllrs Read, McCall and Wyatt would do the initial check and if possible repair. If the fault needed specialist knowledge, the supplier would be brought back. Cllr Judge reported the roundabout was also very difficult to push and it was agreed this would be addressed.

Youth Shelter: Cllr Judge reported on some raised bolts presenting a hazard and it was agreed replacement bolt caps should be purchased and installed.

Dug-Outs: The football club are actioning repairs to the Perspex.

Benches: Cllr Read reported the ground under some benches in the park had eroded and suggested installing some of the paving slabs, currently stored in the compound. Community Payback had offered to do this, and this was agreed.

Disabled swing: One swing had been removed as faulty and with the other, the harness had been taken and lost. A replacement had arrived for the faulty swing, and it was agreed that Community Payback would assemble and install the swing, with Cllrs checking it for safety. The clerk advised a replacement harness could be ordered from the supplier for the other swing.

Cllr Hughes enquired about items from the ROSPA inspection and Cllr Judge confirmed these are being actioned.

Bins: Cllr McCall suggested considering a no-bins policy, as in Wendover Woods, although he is not in favour of this. Cllr Ronson suggested that the temporary park-keeper does a mid-week bin empty, especially during the school holidays and this was agreed. Cllr McCall will also discuss with the café re. more bins around their seating area. Increasing the number of bins in the park was discussed and agreed. Cllr Read favoured waste separation bins and it was agreed this would be a longer-term aim. In the short term, the spare bins stored in the compound will be installed, replacing some of the older ones in the park, and Community Payback will be asked to do this.

MOTION: To agree actions as above PROPOSED by Cllr McCall, SECONDED by Cllr Ronson and AGREED

- ii **Bedding Works Around Community Centre:** Cllr Read requested that the temporary park-keeper is tasked with watering the plants around the community centre and down the driveway. The issue with the trees on the driveway has been discussed with a landscape designer and a response is awaited. Cllr Ronson reported on the re-seeding and stone removal in front of the centre and Cllr Hughes is liaising on this. Quotes had been received for various works:

Item 1: Reinstating area in front of front of the community centre (with 2 manholes checked first).

Item 2: Reinstatement of rough area to rear of office. It was agreed this item was on-hold as the building contractor should carry out the work and this needed to be checked.

Item 3: Strimming to the rear of the office building including levelling (2 quotes)

The clerk read out the quotes and the following were agreed:

Temporary path ground reinstatement @ £2430 (Item 1)

Rear of office building @ £795 (Item 3), with clarification to be sought.

MOTION: To approve quotes as above PROPOSED by Cllr Read SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED.

21.20 Allotments:

Review of Allotments: Cllr Mason had circulated a report following recent allotment inspections and there were issues with 2 plots:

Plot 5 is overgrown, with the majority covered by plastic sheeting, therefore not conforming to the agreement. A probationary period had already been offered but the plot remained unworked. It was discussed and agreed to terminate the tenancy with immediate effect and the tenant would be asked to return keys and remove the sheeting. The admin. assistant would prepare a standard letter which Cllr Read would sign.

Plot 44: The plot had been cultivated but the tenant had experienced problems carrying out enough work although was keen to continue. The issue of paving slabs on the plot was discussed. It was agreed the tenant would be sent a standard letter giving 6-months' notice to work their plot. The slabs could remain but must be removed at the end of the tenancy.

MOTION: To agree as above PROPOSED by Cllr Wyatt, SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED.

It was suggested that the allotment agreement could be amended at renewal time, to state that any paving slabs must be removed at the end of a tenancy, or the parish council will remove them and invoice the tenant for the cost. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for discussion.

21.21 All Weather Pitch:

The Colts had requested permission to have a half-hour jazzercise class with music, on the All-Weather Pitch on 12/6/21. It was discussed and agreed this could go ahead, providing music levels are kept

low and speakers face away from the houses. It was agreed that any similar future requests would need to be applied-for on a case-by-case basis, so this should not be seen as a precedent.

MOTION: To determine that music can be played on the All-Weather Pitch, on this occasion only, PROPOSED by Cllr Read SECONDED by Cllr Mason and AGREED.

21.22 Events

Request for Zorb birthday Party:

The request was for 20/6/21 with 10/7/21 as an alternative date. These would be half zorbs covering the top section of the body and it was acknowledged that a precedent had been set with zorbs at Astonbury. The clerk advised checking the PC's insurance policy to ensure there were no exception clauses for this activity. It was agreed the party could take place, but it would be mandatory to be barriered off. The applicants would need to bring their own generator or liaise with the café re. use of electricity to inflate the zorbs and the ideal location would be on the Meadow Pitch.

MOTION: To agree the party can take place providing the above conditions are met, PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Judge and AGREED.

21.23 Date of Next Meeting: to be confirmed

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Date: