

Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Sub-Committee of Aston Clinton Parish
Council, held on 15th January 2018 at 7pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

L Tubb – Chairman

P Wyatt

L Ronson

C Judge

S Howard

Clerk: E Barry

0 members of the public

18.01 Apologies

There were no apologies

18.02 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Wyatt and Cllr Howard declared an interest in item 18.04 (ii)

18.03 To Approve the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation sub-committee held 29th August 2017.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

18.04 Football

- i **Preparation prior to matches.:** The Committee discussed practicality and safety issues around when and how the football goal post nets are put out prior to matches (An incident had been reported to the Parish Council where a dog had its head caught in the net the night before a match).

It was AGREED that putting the goals out the day before a match was acceptable provided that the nets were be tied up to and on top of the goal posts out of the way. Cllr Tubb AGREED to email the Football club.

- ii **Long-term ACFC plans:** The Committee discussed the fact that if the Football club were to progress to the next league, it was now clear that among other things, there would be a requirement for fixed fencing around the perimeter of the football pitch and future requirement for a supporters' stand. This would mean that in all likelihood, the football pitch would need to be moved to accommodate these changes. Cllr Howard reported that the football club were looking at the possibility for portable fencing that could be taken down in the off season.

Cllr Tubb recapped the following options presented by the football club at the Parish council meeting held on 3rd January:

Option 1: The football club would find a new site, ideally within the Parish.

Option 2: A new pitch was to be sited on the Meadow pitch with associated additions

Option 3: The pitch was to stay where it was with associated additions

Option 4: The pitch was to move to next to the tennis courts with associated additions

Cllr Tubb felt that both options 2 and 3 would not be appropriate for various reasons and that option 4 had seemed to be the preferred option if the football club were to remain at the park. She asked the committee for a general opinion of whether they were in favour or not of option 4 and the group were split down the middle with Cllr Ronson and Cllr Judge expressing two serious concerns, in particular, with the requirement for a supporters' stand and the impact this would have on the park.

Cllr Wyatt volunteered to take photographs of the stand at Ashlyns School in Berkhamsted and email to the group.

- iii **Request for a plaque on the new STP:** A request had come in via the Colts for a memorial plaque. Although the Committee agreed that they were not against the principal of the plaque, they voted two in favour and 3 against it being sited on the STP.

Date of next meeting: No date was set for the next meeting.

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