

Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Sub-Committee of Aston Clinton Parish
Council, held on 6th March 2018 at 6pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

P Wyatt - Chairman

C Judge

L Ronson

S Howard

ACFC Committee Members: I Middleton, M Dedman

Clerk: G Merry

1 M.O.P. (Cllr C Read)

18.05 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tubb

18.06 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Howard declared an interest in item 18.09 i.

18.07 To Approve the Minutes of the Sports & Recreation sub-committee held 15th January 2018.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

18.08 Recreation

- i **Compound:** The clerk had circulated the tenancy agreements for occupancy of the compound, for the 3 tenant organisations, as agreed last year. Cllr Ronson suggested the Scouts now be asked to leave the shed, as they had their own container within the compound and the PC needs the space for the Santa Float. It was agreed to recommend this to the Facilities committee. The clerk also agreed to remind the Colts they only have space rented in the shed and not the general compound. They will be reminded to pack everything away in the shed.
- ii **New Ramps:** The new ramp from the public toilet leading to the café was complete but needed a handrail. Cllr Read reported that it would be important to have a rail that matched what was on the original side and had contacted 2 fabricators for prices. It was agreed that Cllr Read would order the rail and the clerk would organise for the welder to weld it into place on site.
- iii **Puddle in Play Park:** The Cllr carrying out the weekly play inspection was reporting a large, semi-permanent puddle at one of the entrances. Possible solutions were discussed, and it was agreed to wait for the ground's contractor to start and then ask their advice.
- iv **Other Repairs:** The clerk confirmed that the ground mats had now been replaced and the trim trail repairs were starting on 8/3/18.

18.09 Sport - Football

- i **STP Security and Management:** Trespassers were still breaking into the new STP and one set of images from the CCTV had already been passed to the police, who had identified the perpetrators. It was agreed to use anti-climb paint on the floodlights, starting at fence height. The warning signs had also been installed. The problem of trespassers being able to reach in and unlock the gate from the inside was discussed. It was agreed that a metal or Perspex cover was needed, on the inside, so that the release mechanism was not reachable. Cllr Wyatt

agreed to investigate this. In addition, a covering of mesh with smaller holes surrounding the area around the lock could be installed. In terms of management, it was agreed that Cllr Howard or Mrs Cozens would be the contacts in the event of an emergency and emergency numbers would be added to the hiring form. There also needed to be a strict No Smoking clause. The STP is not currently hired out at weekends but the PC will be informed if this changed.

- ii **Other:** The football committee members discussed the proposal they planned to present to the parish council. The team would like to progress to step 6 and ultimate step 5 in their league. This would require a barrier to enclose the pitch and enable charging, if necessary. This could be encircled by a hedge to make it more ambient in the Park. The preferred plan would entail moving the pitch to the area beyond the tennis courts and included a clubhouse with changing rooms/showers and a spectator stand. Mr Middleton felt there would be sufficient funding in the Berks and Bucks League fund for grassroots football and from the FA. The club planned to fund the build themselves.

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