

Minutes of the Facilities Committee of Aston Clinton Parish Council held on
19th June 2018 at 7.00pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

C Read (Chairman)

L Ronson

P Wyatt

S Howard

Clerks: G Merry (Recording) & E Barry

Members of the Public: 1

18.044 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mason and Tubb.

18.045 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Howard declared an interest in item 18.050 ii.

18.046 To Approve the Minutes of the Facilities Committee held 30th May 2018.

The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Howard, SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt, AGREED and SIGNED.

18.047 Public Participation: There were no items

18.048 Project Updates

- i **Bus Shelter:** This has now arrived at Buckland Landscapes yard. Cllr Read agreed to contact the relevant person at BCC to arrange the permits.
War memorial: The quote for repairs to the bollard, ironwork and hedge had been accepted by the insurers and has been paid. However, the excess of £250 has been deducted. The clerk has written to enquire the procedure for reclaiming this amount as a 3rd party were at fault. Cllr Ronson will speak to the contractors re. leaving the hedge to grow back for itself.
Bowls Club Door: Work to install the door is confirmed as starting on 2/7/18. Cllr Read agreed to attend on the first day to oversee.
Cricket Club mowing: This has started, and the cricket club are pleased with the work.
Churchill Hall Door: The contractors are to return to replace the 'thumb lock;' which is not correct. They will also attend to the surround – inside and out - which is not finished.
- ii **Café Plans and Update:** The clerk and Cllr Tubb had held a regular catch-up meeting with the tenant and the notes from this had been circulated. There was discussion regarding the converted horse-box idea for pop-up catering and the committee were unhappy that the intention is for this to be sited in and possibly left in the Park. It was felt this would create problems of litter, pollution, noise, as well as safety issues re. driving across the Park. It was agreed the clerk would ask the tenant for more information on how often he would seek to run this.
- i **Driveway Project:** On the recommendation of the contractor and by agreement of the committee, the footpath will no longer be extended to the bin store but stop before the corner. Dropped kerbs and a marked crossing to the car park side will be added, with an additional pathway adjacent to small car park entrance and to join up with pathway to cafe, ensuring a safer crossing point. The passing bay has been installed and has squared corners. This was discussed but it was agreed this may encourage cars using it, to slow down. The cost of traffic management on the main road will be £834 for the 2 days and will be manned by TfB.

MOTION: to agree the changes to the specification as above PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson SECONDED by Cllr Howard and AGREED

MOTION: to agree the increase in budget to pay for the required traffic management, PROPOSED by Cllr Howard SECONDED by Cllr Ronson and AGREED

18.049 Grounds Maintenance:

- i **Internal Footpaths:** Over and above the 9 footpaths included in the annual contract, the committee had asked for quotes to clear ACL15 and to surface ACL 34 and 37. The quote for for ASCL 15 (Aston Hill, east of Rhencullen Farm) was AGREED at £140. However, the quote for surfacing ACL 34 and 37 was £3,740 and it was agreed to obtain at least one more quote before authorising this work.
- ii **Arboriculturist:** Cllr Read has been dealing with this but has not yet received the quote.

18.050 Sports and Recreation:

- i **Annual Inspection Report:** Cllr Tubb had made some recommendations and Cllrs Read and Ronson also suggested as follows: -
 - The slide is well-made and popular and just needs painting.
 - The 'witches hat' is also very popular and needs a section of netting replacing, as well as wet-pour in due course.
 - The single-spinner needs painting and wet-pour
 - The Multi-play – it was suggested the metal barrier at the 'blank end' should be removed, as it prevents the younger children from climbing up and using the slide. Steps could be installed instead, and the barrier moved to the other end.
 - The Spring Daisy can be left
 - The old roundabout could benefit from being removed, wet-pour added underneath to raise the ground level and then re-bedded. This would narrow the gap under it.
 - The see-saw needs new seat rubbers.
 - The old wooden bench needs refurbishing.
 - The park could benefit from a new 'Puss in Boots' item for younger children (under 3s)
 - It would be desirable to replace all the play bark with wet-pour, although there is not currently a budget for this.
 - The sleepers need to be replaced. The clerk agreed to obtain a quote for thisAs the 2 assessments had been done separately it was agreed to defer decisions to the Sports and Recreation meeting. Anything needing to be done to gates would automatically be carried out. Cllr Ronson expressed concern that the large swing set has warped and needs to be replaced. The mats need to be cut out and replaced with a centre strip. The chains could be replaced or replace the entire swing.
- ii **Pitch Costs:** The football pitch was in need of immediate remedial work and although 2 quotes had been received, one was not comprehensive enough. It was agreed that Cllr Ronson would ask Buckland Landscapes for a further quote and matter would be discussed at the next Sports and Recreation meeting. 2 quotes had been received for weed and feed. It was agreed to ask the current ground's contractor to carry out the work in October. This cost would inform the decision over football permit costs.
- iii **Railing:** The welder had been waiting for costs for the ground work. It was agreed that Cllrs Read and Wyatt could do this, and the welder would just need to do the railings.

18.051 Events

- i **S137:** The Guides/Brownies/Rainbows were in need of some extra support towards their annual coach outing, as this would enable wheelchair users to also attend. The clerk explained that £180 was needed and although there was only £87 remaining in that budget, money

