

Minutes of the Meeting of Aston Clinton Parish Council - held on Wednesday
3rd January 2018 at 7.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room

Present:

Councillors: -

L Tubb - Chairman

J Eggesfield

L Ronson

C Judge

S Howard

P Hughes

C Read

M Mason

R Stewart

P Wyatt

C Paternoster (AVDC), M Collins (AVDC), B Chapple (AVDC and Bucks CC)

Clerks: G Merry (Recording) & E Barry

2 Members of the public

18.001 Apologies:

There were no apologies

18.002 Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Howard and Wyatt declared an interest at 18.009 i) and 18.009 iv), as they are members of the football club committee.

18.003 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th December 2017.

The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Stewart, SECONDED by Cllr Eggesfield, AGREED and SIGNED.

18.004 Public Participation

- i It was pointed out that in the comments for the planning application for the Rothschild Arms, there was an offensive comment from a member of the public. Cllr Tubb responded that this was most likely submitted under a false identity and should be removed.
- ii It was reported that the road surface and pavements along Aylesbury Road were in a poor condition with mud and pot holes. Cllr Read responded that the planning committee would be appointing one member per development to be responsible for each development in the village. They would monitor such matters as construction traffic, mud etc. and where necessary, speaking to the site managers. Cllr Chapple asked that any such problems also be reported to him for passing on to enforcement.

18.005 Council

- i **Councillor Vacancy:** Cllr Tubb reported that there was still a vacancy on the council and the applicant who had not yet been resident in the parish for one year, was still interested and could be co-opted in April.
- ii **Links to external Organisations:** The clerk reported on the public forum held with the neighbourhood policing team just before Christmas. The local forum comprises Aston Clinton, Weston Turville, Wendover, Buckland and Halton. 99% of the meeting was concerned with anti-social behaviour in Weston Turville. It was advised that non-emergencies should continue to be reported on 101. However, any crime in-progress, including anti-social behaviour, can be reported on 999. For Aston Clinton, the issue of pavement parking was raised, and it was advised that if a car is parked so that a double buggy cannot pass beside it, this should be reported to the police. There is also a dedicated email address for making reports to our local neighbourhood team via the website on:

<https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N419/>. The email address is WendoverNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Persistent pavement parking can also be reported to Transport for Bucks on <https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/>. This is also the website to report any issues with the highway, road surfaces, pot holes, signage issues, pavements etc. Fly-tipping should be reported to AVDC on <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/general-reports>.

18.006 Clerk's Report

The Santa float held on December 17th was a great success, despite the atrocious weather. It raised £1,264.07, a little less than last year but a tremendous achievement. £421.36 will each go to Rennie Grove Hospice, the Scouts and the Guides, so well done to all involved. This week work starts on the beach bridge and the skate ramp, with the car park surfacing starting on January 15th. The tender process for the Grounds contract closes at the end of January and the driveway surfacing will be tendered out to start in the Spring. The new STP is finished, all but a few snagging issues which are being addressed and the FC have several bookings in the weeks ahead. Not all committees met in December and the office was also closed for 2 weeks. However, several projects will be instigated this month as well as general repairs. We will be starting work on the new website next week.

18.007 Finance and Staff Committee: Cllr Hughes reported from the Finance and Staff committee:

- i **Reconciliation of Payments:** The folder of paid invoices to-date for December had been checked off against the bank statement by councillor Tubb.
- ii **Month-End Accounts:** The Clerk presented the month-end accounts for December. These showed a total income for the year to-date as £230,039 (108.6% of budget) and the total expenditure as £111,411 (48.7% of budget). Some large projects were still to happen but the delayed invoices from the new street light provider (NPower) had now arrived. The sum set aside for submission of a planning application for the new community centre, would be carried forward to next year. There were no queries.
- iii **Payments to be agreed:** The clerk had circulated the list of invoices to-date - below. It was agreed to remove the Gravity Skate Ramp invoice from the list. The invoice from ETC Sports for the new All-Weather Pitch was discussed. There were still some snagging issues causing concern and it had been recommended by the Finance and Staffing committee to only pay half the bill at this stage. Since then the 2 dips in the ground had been addressed. It was agreed not to pay in full until all issues were resolved, and it was agreed to settle 75% of the bill. The ground condition/levels would be monitored in the coming weeks:

Date	Company	For	Amount £	Vat £	Total £	
18/07/2016	Gravity Engineering	Skate Ramp	8000?	2000?	10000.00	Bal.
04/12/2017	Bucks CC	Make safe lamppost - Wenwell Close - Feb '17	£ 695.77	£ -	£ 695.77	
05/12/2017	Buckland Landscapes	Nov Site Maintenance	£ 2,237.50	£ 447.50	£ 2,685.00	
06/12/2017	Johnston Publishing	Advert - Grounds Tender	£ 162.50	£ 32.50	£ 195.00	
07/12/2017	UK Security group	Annual secure server charge	£ 20.83	£ 4.17	£ 25.00	

07/12/2017	R.B. Tree Care	Ash Tree in woods	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	
18/12/2017	R.B. Tree Care	Make safe storm damaged trees - churchyard	£ 90.00	£ -	£ 90.00	
18/12/2017	E Sharp Electrical	Long Plough	£ 58.42	£ 11.68	£ 70.10	
18/12/2017	E.T.C. Sports Surfaces	Installation of STP and associated grounds work	£ 73,104.00	£ 14,620.80	£ 87,724.80	
19/12/2017	E Sharp Electrical	Café Immersion heater	£ 56.00	£ 11.20	£ 67.20	
19/12/2017	Buckland Landscapes	3 x footpath maintenance - Quote 5175ND	£ 660.00	£ 132.00	£ 792.00	
31/12/2017	E McGoldrick	Bins and toilet - Dec	£ 120.00	£ -	£ 120.00	
31/12/2017	G McEnergy	Office cleans - Dec	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00	
O/S NPower Invoices: -						
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting June 17	£ 283.00	£ 56.60	£ 339.60	
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting July 17	£ 548.32	£ 109.66	£ 657.98	
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting August 17	£ 548.32	£ 109.66	£ 657.98	
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting Sept 17	£ 530.63	£ 106.13	£ 636.76	
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting Oct 17	£ 611.30	£ 122.26	£ 733.56	
14/12/2017	Npower	Street Lighting Nov 17	£ 591.57	£ 118.31	£ 709.88	
Other						
31/12/2017	AC Scouts	Portion of Santa monies	£ 421.35	£ -	£ 421.35	
31/12/2017	AC Guides	Portion of Santa monies	£ 421.35	£ -	£ 421.35	
31/12/2017	Rennie Grove Hospice	Portion of Santa monies	£ 421.37	£ -	£ 421.37	
DDs - For Info						
05/12/2017	British Gas	Monthly DD	£ 98.00		£ 98.00	

MOTION: It was agreed that invoices were approved for payment, with 75% of the ETC Sports invoice to be paid, PROPOSED by Cllr Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Eggesfield and AGREED.

18.008 Planning Committee:

- i. Cllr Read reported from the last planning meeting as follows: -

Small-Scale Applications: -

- 17/03755/APP 31 Weston Road - Removal of existing conservatory and single storey rear extension - **Objected**.
- 17/04352/APP 33 New Road - Demolition of existing flat roof extension to the rear, single storey rear extension, attached double garage to front and raising height of existing ridge to create one and half storey dwelling - **Objected**.
- 17/04327/APP 4 The Close Upper Icknield Way - Single storey side extension and demolition of existing conservatory replaced with permanent structure - **No objection**
- 17/04440/APP Riviera 11 Upper Icknield Way HP22 5NF - Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of double garage to front - **In support**

Large-Scale Applications: -

- 17/01087/AOP 140-142 London Road - AMENDED PLANS: Outline application with access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered and all other matters reserved for the demolition of existing dwellings and the erection of a block of eight flats - **Objected** to the amended plans
 - 17/02012/APP Land East College Road North - MINOR AMENDMENTS: Development of land into a new motor dealership including erection of a new dealership facility comprising of showroom with administration offices, workshop with a MOT facility and associated parking, external display and valeting bays - **Further comments made** following amended plans
 - 17/04419/APP Bridgeway Mansion 138 London Road - Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission 16/02033/AOP to allow amendment to the approved plans to incorporate minor internal and external amendments to include solar panels, front porch, Velux windows, study rooms in 4 flats and the extension of the bay window projection - **Objected**
 - 17/04459/APP 11 London Road - Demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of 8 dwellings - **Objected**
- ii. **NHP:** The assistant clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation period ends on January 17th. The steering group is currently in the process of selecting an examiner. Cllr Paternoster advised appointing an examiner as soon as possible.

18.09 Facilities Committee: There had not been a Facilities committee meeting in December.

- i **ACFC Request for late Bar – 27/1/18:** The football club had postponed their Christmas Party until this date and had requested permission to run a late bar in the Churchill Hall.

MOTION: to agree to the football club's request for a late bar on 27/1/18, PROPOSED by Cllr Mason SECONDED by Cllr Eggesfield and AGREED.

- ii **S106 Money – 17/04459/APP - £35,000:** The clerk had circulated a summary of current S106 allocations and reminded councillors of their previous S106 priorities. Cllr Stewart suggested that surfacing Park View may qualify for S106 as it constituted improved access. The clerk agreed to enquire about this. The clerk advised that noticeboards did not qualify, although 'Interpretation Boards' such as those found in tourist areas and leisure gardens etc, would qualify as part of any rejuvenation project. It was agreed to defer the matter until the Facilities meeting on January 17th. **MOTION** deferred.
- iii **Car Park Surfacing Contract – revisions to specification:** A detailed meeting had been held with the contractor and slight adjustments to the original spec. had been agreed. The clerk had asked the contractor to confirm whether this affected costs but had not yet heard back, as he had been on holiday. For this reason, the **MOTION** could not yet be agreed.

- iv **STP Lease:** The football club had concerns that the term of the lease was only for 5 years and with the current parish council ending in 2019, they were concerned that any new parish council may not continue to honour the agreement. They had also requested the removal of the landlord's break clause, although the council as landlord, could still terminate the lease if the terms and conditions were not adhered to. Cllr Read expressed concern that a previous lease with The Hub had not contained a break clause and this had led to problems evicting the tenant. Cllr Tubb stated that that lease had not been fit for purpose whereas this one allowed for eviction in the event of a breach. It was discussed whether there was an alternative to having no break clause at all and Cllr Mason suggested a 5-yearly 'review' built into the lease. This would not change the terms but would help mitigate risk. Cllr Tubb agreed to devise appropriate wording and circulate the revision. It was also discussed that the lifespan of the new pitch was approximately 10 years. Although there was no obligation on the council to replace it, Cllr Ronson suggested setting aside the rental income, to help fund a replacement.

MOTION: To agree the lease arrangements and wording for the Synthetic Turf Pitch (with the revision as discussed), PROPOSED by Cllr Read SECONDED by Cllr Stewart and AGREED.

- v **Approval of Quotes – Café Door:** Quotes had not yet been received and so the **MOTION** was deferred.

18.10 Community Centre Committee: The committee had not met in December

Public Participation:

- i It was asked why this Council may not continue after 2019. Cllr Tubb clarified that parish council elections were due in May 2019 and in theory, the current council could be voted out. The member of the public stated his hope that this would not happen.
- ii It was reported that a tree had been unlawfully removed during a recent build of 5 houses in Brook Street. Cllr Read agreed to look into this.
- iii Cllr Collins (AVDC) stated that subject to the rules of pre-determination, he would do all he could to support the movement to save the Rothschild Arms from the current planned development. He felt the local British Legion as an organisation (of which he is a member), would also object, as the pub has been very supportive of the RBL.
- iv Cllr Chapple reported that he will meet with TfB officers to discuss ways in which the planned closure of Brook Street from February-April could be adjusted to minimise the impact on residents.
- v Cllr Chapple reported that the odours emanating from the anaerobic digester were to be addressed and the Environment Agency was involved.

Cllr Tubb thanked the 3 District Councillors for attending.

18.011 Date of next meeting: Wednesday February 7th at 7.30pm

Signed Date