



ASTON CLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held at 6.30pm on 16th March 2022 at the
Parish Council Office, Aston Clinton Park, London Road HP22 5HL

PRESENT: Cllr P Wyatt (Acting-Chair), Cllr P Birchley, Cllr M Collins, Cllr A Goode, Cllr A Judge, Cllr C Judge, Cllr M Mason, Cllr D McCall & Cllr L Ronson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Payne (Clerk/RFO) & two members of the public.

21.194 Questions and Comments from the Public.

A member of the public informed Council that he was still awaiting a response from a councillor to numerous emails regarding an issue. The Clerk agreed to speak to the councillor to find out the reason for the delay in responding. **ACTION: Clerk**

A member of the public enquired about the use of remote-controlled cars in the park and the need to update the park's bylaws to allow their use as currently the bylaws do not permit 'machines' to be brought onto the park without lawful right or privilege. Cllr Ronson reported that the terrain of the park together with its popularity with families and dog walkers did not lend itself to being an ideal location for the use of remote-control cars.

21.195 To Receive Apologies for Non-Attendance. Received and noted from Cllr J Hughes & Cllr C Read.

21.196 To Receive Declaration of Interests or Request for Dispensations. None declared.

21.197 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Acting-Chair.

21.198 Council

- i. Reports from external bodies: Cllr Mason and Cllr Wyatt reported that they had attended an informative training event organised by BMKALC on Section106 and Community Infrastructure Levy.
- ii. Council had been circulated and noted the new Buckinghamshire Council Licensing Policy and Procedure for notifying town and parish councils.

21.199 Finance

- i. The draft minutes of 17th February 2022 Finance & Staffing Committee meeting were noted and **it was resolved that accounts with Unity Trust Bank and Starling Bank be opened and £85,000 transferred to each account and the Unity Trust Bank account would be the Council's main current account.** **ACTION: Clerk**
- ii. Appointment of an Assistant Clerk: Five candidates had been shortlisted but two had subsequently withdrawn as they had found alternative employment. Two had been interviewed and a final candidate is to be interviewed. An extraordinary meeting will be called to consider the interview panel's recommendation. **ACTION: Clerk**
- iii. The month-end balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts at 28th February 2022 were noted. Income was £300,472 and expenditure £230,377.
- iv. The payments totaling £11,712.56 were approved.

Payments over £500

Company	Description	Amount £	Vat £	Total £
Aston Commercial Cleaning	Cleaning RKP February	£ 560.00	£ 112.00	£ 672.00
Community Heartbeat	Gold Support for 2 Defibrillators	£ 850.00	£ 170.00	£ 1,020.00
Direct Pumps and Tanks Ltd	RKP pump empty waste	£ 715.00	£ 143.00	£ 858.00
Frank Cooper and Son Limited	Ground Maintenance 11 of 12	£ 1,442.92	£ 288.58	£ 1,731.50
Kenneth Workman	Park Keeper duties Feb 22	£ 732.00	£ -	£ 732.00
Npower Business Solutions	Streetlight electricity Jan 22	£ 947.38	£ 189.48	£ 1,136.86
UK Dept Management Office	Public Works Loan repayment	£ 1,990.54	£ -	£ 1,990.54

21.200 Facilities

- i. The draft minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2022 and their recommendations were noted.
- ii. Dylan Memorial Skatepark Proposals Update: Nothing to report.
- iii. New Playpark Equipment: Cllr C Judge reported that as the trim trail was at the end of its life it would be cost effective to have it replaced at the same time as the upgrade to the playpark. The four companies that had originally quoted have therefore been asked to amend their quotes to include a trim trail. The updated quotes are expected within the next two weeks. An extraordinary meeting will be called later in the month to consider them and appoint a contractor. **ACTION: Clerk**
Cllr Judge confirmed that S106 funding was available for the project.
- iv. London Road Funded Benches: Cllr A Judge reported that funding was now available for a second bench which would be installed at the bus stop near the Mela restaurant. Two bench designs were considered. It was agreed that the wildlife design with a plaque engraved Lest We Forget be ordered.

21.201 Events

- i. Santa's Float (19 Dec 2021): Council had been circulated notes from a recent debriefing meeting which had discussed the route, float, collection process and selected charities.
- ii. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party (4 June 2022): Cllr C Judge reported that the possibility of arranging a flyby by a Hurricane was being investigated and additional funding sources were being sought.

21.202 Planning Committee

- i. The draft minutes of 3rd March 2022 Planning Committee were not available for consideration and would be presented at the next Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 7.23pm

Signed.....Date