ASTON CLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Council Meeting**
held at 6.30pm on **17th July 2024** at the
Parish Council Office, Aston Clinton Park, London Road HP22 5HL

PRESENT: Cllr M Mason (Chair), Cllr K Hickson, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr C Judge, Cllr D McCall, Cllr C Read, Cllr L Ronson & Cllr P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr H Stephens (Assistant Clerk)

24.32 Public Participation (limited to 15 minutes) No members of the public were present.

24.33 To Receive Apologies for Non-Attendance Received from Cllr P Birchley and Cllr M Collins.

24.34 To Receive Declarations of Interests or Requests for Dispensation None received.

24.35 To Receive & Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th June 2024
The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

24.36 Council

i. **Reports from external bodies:** Cllr Wyatt reported that he had attended a meeting held by the *Wendover and Villages Community Board* where Thames Valley Police representatives stated that speeding on the A41 bypass was due to be tackled with greater usage of speed camera vans. It was further reported that the Community Board had only £74,000 grant money still available this financial year.

Streetlights: Cllr Hughes had attended a cross-parish meeting about the use of environmentally friendly LED lamps in streetlights and reported that Wendover Parish Council were looking to bulk purchase warmer colour LED bulbs to replace their current white LED bulbs and were also considering turning off streetlights for a period during night times to allow darker skies and reduce costs. It was agreed that buying into the warmer colour LED bulb scheme with local parish councils would be pursued. Arla and Olleco would also be approached to join the scheme. **ACTION: Cllr Hughes/Wyatt**

Land North of Brandon Close Development Appeal: Cllr Read reported that residents of the Chapel Drive development would attend the inquiry hearing to speak on the application.

ii. Co-option Policy: The Co-option Policy was reviewed with no changes.

24.37 Finance & Staffing

i. The Finance & Staffing Committee Chair recounted the actions agreed at the committee's last meeting held on 15th July 2024.

ii. Financial reports: The balance sheet and income and expenditure reports for June 2024 were noted. Income at 30th June 2024 was £167,666 and expenditure £109,377.

iii. The July 2024 payments totaling £37,104.19 were approved and income of £3,736.92 noted.

Payments over £500

Date	Company	For	Amount £	Vat £	Total £
20/06/2024	A&M fencing	AWP Additional fencing	£ 12,365.00	£ 2,473.00	£ 14,838.00
02/07/2024	Buckland Landscapes	Park grounds maintenance June 2024	£ 1,380.36	£ 276.07	£ 1,656.43
03/07/2024	Buckland Landscapes	Pitch fertilizer 10th July	£ 720.00	£ 144.00	£ 864.00
10/07/2024	DPT Services	RKP Pump service/cleanout	£ 950.00	£ 190.00	£ 1,140.00
11/07/2024	Edge IT Systems	Epitaph: BG database setup and 1 year subs	£ 933.00	£ 186.60	£ 1,119.60
01/07/2024	Goldleaf Groundcare	Footpath & hedges maintenance	£ 534.67	£ 106.93	£ 641.60
14/07/2024	Roo's (RS Fell)	Balance payment for remedial work	£ 3,937.50	£ -	£ 3,937.50
28/06/2024	Thomas M Smith	Festival fun fair rides	£ 3,200.00	£ -	£ 3,200.00
15/07/2024	Ken Workman	June 24 Park Keeper Duties & Expenses	£ 1,365.37	£ -	£ 1,365.37
15/07/2024	Your Café in the Park	RKP Cleaning June 2024	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 600.00
23/04/2024	Buckinghamshire Council	6 white gates	£ 5,606.91	£ 1,121.38	£ 6,728.29
08/07/2024	UKDMO	PWLB Loan Repayment	£ 1,990.54	£ -	£ 1,990.54
12/07/2024	Adobe Systems Software	Acrobat Pro annual subs	£ 727.92	£ -	£ 727.92
			£ 34,311.27	**£ 4,497.98**	**£ 38,809.25**

24.38 Facilities & Events

i. The draft minutes of 3rd July 2024 Facilities Committee meeting were noted.

ii. Lady Louisa de Rothschild Fountain information board: It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

iii. Street2Pro pitch hire permit: The football pitch hire permit and fees for Street2Pro were reviewed.

24.39 Highways & Streetlights

i. Traffic calming update: Cllr Hughes reported that Bucks Highways would be extending the slope of the raised table for disabled access in response to the Council's concerns regarding the slope distance at the junction of London Road and Tomkins Close. The raised table would be completed in a red coloured street print. The raised tables, traffic island and street cushions were due to be completed by mid-September.

The two-way VAS sign on London Road would be reinstalled in mid-September and the double yellow lining and roundabout narrowing were due to be completed by the end of the summer holidays.

24.40 Planning Committee

i. The draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th July 2024 were read by the Planning Committee Chair and were noted .

24.41 It was resolved that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

24.42 To Receive an Update on the RKP Lease
It was resolved to approve the RKP Lease with the recent amendments.

24.43 Future Funding of Village Life Magazine:
It was resolved that funding for the Aston Clinton Village Life Magazine would be included as a budgetary item in the 2025/2026 Council Budget **ACTION: Council/Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed……Date ……