

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr L. Eaves, Cllr E. Foster, and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present - 2

1. Apologies for Absence : Cllr Gilpin, Cllr H. Money, Cllr A. Webber

2. Declarations of Interest : No interests were declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Parish Council agreed that two changes should be made to the minutes under the section

10. Other Planning Matters

a) Land East of Aylesbury

The minutes should now read

- Work on the ELR junction on the A418 is likely to be delayed until 2018/19 and the word 'site' is to be inserted to read
- The first primary school site to be handed over at the end of 2018

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th May 2016 with these amendments were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Public Forum

Broughton Lane/Burcott Lane will be opened again on Monday 27th but will have to be closed again for the junction to be built and also for traffic lights to be installed at the bridge. These works may be carried out at the same time but it is possible that they will be done separately. Stocklake Urban is now partly open and will be opened fully on the 22nd.

A resident asked if the defibrillators had been purchased as the minutes of the February Parish Council meeting stated that these had been ordered. The clerk stated that at the time the Parish Council had been informed that the defibrillators were being purchased through a charity, this however had proved not to be the case and the Parish Council had applied to the Mike and Claire Griffin Charitable Trust and the British Heart Foundation. The Parish Council had received a positive response from the Mike and Claire Griffin Charitable Trust to fund the total cost of the two defibrillators and once approved by the parish Council the defibrillators will be ordered.

There was also a suggestion from a resident that in order to engage more with the community the Parish Councillors should put their e-mail addresses on the website as a means of contact.

The Parish Council were also asked to take into account the acoustics in the Sports Hall which meant that the members of the public found it difficult to hear some of the comments of the parish councillors at times.

5. Clerks Report – The Clerk read out the report and the following items were noted:-

- The balls on the slide/activity unit needed painting.
- Not all the new LED street lights along Great Lane and adjacent closes had been installed. Cllr Webber had stated that he would look into the matter when he got back. AW
- It was also suggested that Cllrs Cotton , Dewis and Webber should look at getting quotes for replacing all the other lights in the village with LED lights. SC AW BD
- Clerk asked to send draft minutes to the new parish correspondent for the Bucks Herald.MS
- The clerk was asked to contact Thames Water again about the water at the junction of Burcott Lane and the A418. MS

6. Planning Applications

a) The following applications were considered:-

15/01767/ADP & 15/01768/ADP Land East of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing. Approval of second reserved matters pursuant to planning permission 10/02649/AOP relating to Village 4. Cllr Robson stated that having looked at the detail he advised that there was not anything that he felt that the Parish Council could comment on. The Parish Council agreed. - **No Comments**

16/01740/APP 29 Parsons Lane, Bierton HP22 5DF Part two storey and part first floor side extension above existing ground floor extension - **No Objections**

16/01894/APP 131a Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5DW Garage Conversion with new roof. - **No Objections**

16/01518/AAD Land East of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing. Various non illuminated and externally illuminated flag pole, post mounted and billboard signage for new development. - **No Comments**

b) To consider an application received via Bucks County Council

REF:CC/18/16 Bierton Church of England Combined School, Parsons Lane Single storey extensions, alterations including the creation of a new external MUGA and additional car parking spaces. Change of use of an adjacent area of Glebe Land to school playing field.

The Parish Council raised a number of concerns about this application including :-

- Traffic Implications for residents as the school is not on a public transport route and parking is restricted
- More traffic on the A418
- More traffic to go through the proposed A418/Hulcott Junction.
- The safety of the proposed drop off point

It was agreed that Cllr Cotton would draft a response from the Parish Council which would be circulated to the other councillors for comments before being submitted to Bucks County Council. SC

7. Other Planning Matters.

The following planning matters were discussed :-

a) Land East of Aylesbury (Kingsbrook) - Cllr Robson stated that he still had had no response from Barratts to his query regarding whether any action had been taken to mitigate the concerns of the police in the eighteen report on the layout of village two.

b) Land East of Watermead Aylesbury -

The decision from the Appeal Court hearing is still awaited. The District Council have sent in a response to a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government stating that the arguments in the court decisions which had found in favour of developers citing the need for a five year housing supply are in their opinion not relevant to this appeal. Watermead PC had adopted a similar view to Bierton.

c) Proposed diversion of public footpath no 7b (part) Bierton with Broughton

The Parish Council agreed on the following points :-

- The e-mail was badly worded and the proposed diversion is in connection with Planning Application 16/00925/AOP which is still to be determined
- The diversion means that the walkers are diverted onto a footway rather than a separate path and it is the experience of the Parish Council that quite often the pathways are narrowed due to cars being parked on the verges due to a lack of parking.
- The reason for the proposed diversion is that having a footpath going around the back of the new houses would be unsafe. The Parish Council would point out that the footpath has run along the back of the houses on William Hill Drive (Kings Meadow) for a number of years without complaint.

d) Proposal to restore part of Old Golf Course, Hulcott Lane

The County Council application was on the agenda for a meeting last Tuesday. There had been lots of concern about traffic and noise. The application was refused and the developers are stating that they will be forced because of this decision to take away the hills.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

A report was given to the Parish Council of the meeting on the 13th June. It had been agreed that 12-15 people would form a committee and that Cllr Jonathan Gilpin would take over the chair on a temporary basis. A lot of interest had been shown in the idea of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and it was proposed that at the next meeting certain residents would be nominated to take on specific roles. The general feeling that development in and around Bierton had got out of control. However everyone realised that producing a Neighbourhood Plan is a protracted and potentially expensive venture and requires a great deal of public consultation.

9. Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

a) The Parish Council considered the RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report carried out on the 16th May. It was noted that nothing in the report needed urgent attention as repairs to the wetpour had already been undertaken and new posts for the toddler swings were on order. It was agreed that in the preparation of the budget for next year consideration should be given to the replacement of certain pieces of apparatus and also to a more permanent solution to the flooring.

It was noted that the Parish Council thought that the regular inspections of the playground should be more rigorous with councillors aware of what features to look at. The Parish Council also agreed that there should be a thorough inspection of the Recreation Ground after the Scouts Annual Firework Display.

b) The work to the drains has been completed by Thames Water and the clerk will forward evidence of items of expenditure. MS

The clerk will also contact the company who service the alarm 'Matters' regarding the ongoing problem with the alarm. MS

10. Street Lights

It was agreed that repairs to street lights would be carried out as usual and that quotes would be arranged for replacing all the lights in the parish with LED lights. AW BD SC

11. Administrative Issues

- a) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - It was agreed that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should be updated according to all the recent legislative changes. Cllr Sherley will undertake a review with the clerk. GS MS
- b) Gib Lane Fund - It was agreed that a simple one line comment would be put in the Village Diary and the website and that posters would be put up on the Notice Boards to advertise the grant.
- c) Community Asset - The Parish Council resolved to nominate the Jubilee Hall as a Community Asset . Cllr Cotton agreed to complete the form. SC
- d) Communications - It was agreed that the website needs updating including the addition of the councillor's website addresses. It was also proposed to look at enlarging the village diary. Cllr Foster agreed to look at setting up a Facebook page possibly with the help of Cllr Money. EF HM
- e) Village Carol Service - The Jubilee Hall has been booked for Monday 5th December for this event. It was suggested that any profits made on the refreshments should go to a local charity and the local branch of Young Carers was put forward as a suggestion. Cllr Webber will be responsible for organising this event. AW
- f) Speed Sign - Cllr Cotton agreed to contact Cllr Gilpin to organise a rota for the positioning of the MVAS sign. SC

12. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

John Stirzaker	Private Hire - 09/07	45.00
Adam Morrison	Private Hire - 15/05	75.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - April	194.70
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - April	141.90

Stephen Byrnes	Regular Booking - Football	405.00
Carers Bucks	Regular Booking	60.00
HMRC	VAT Refund 2015/16	3634.21

Debit

Thames Water	SC - Water Supply	94.10
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light repairs	151.80
Buckland Landscapes	Mowing	184.80
Chiltern Hygiene Services Ltd	SC - Sanitary Disposal	240.00
Done & Dusted	SC - Cleaning	272.00
Principle Fire Protection	SC - Annual Service	58.80
Playsafety Ltd	Annual RoSPA Inspection	105.00
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Repairs to wetpour	3813.60
B Small	Handyman - May	330.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk 's Salary & Expenses	950.51
HMRC	PAYE to 05 July	40.13

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
HSBC Bank Account	<u>38,866</u>
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	6,920
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,000
Neighbourhood Plan	3,000
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	14,420
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>24,446</u></u>

b) End of Year Accounts and Internal Audit

The report by the Internal Auditor, Roger King for 2015 /16 was read to the Council. It was noted that the internal auditor had made one recommendation that needed action which was to include the cost of the projector on the fixed asset register . The report was accepted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk should arrange the usual honorarium for the Internal Auditor. MS

c) Accounting Statements & Annual Governance statement -

The Parish Council agreed that the figures in the Accounting Statement represented the financial position of the Parish Council and its income and expenditure in the year ended 31st March 2016. The Accounting Statement was signed and dated by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Chairman formally read the statements in the Annual Return and after all the councillors agreed with the responses, Cllr Robson and the clerk signed and dated the Annual Governance Statement. The clerk will forward the Annual Return to the External Auditor.

d) Increase in electricity charges for the unmetered supply to street lights- The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Eon announcing an increase from 12.40p per kWh to 14.40p per kWh from 01 July 2016, an increase of 16%. The letter states that it might be possible to switch to a fixed-term contract and the clerk will investigate if this is a possibility. MS

e) **Defibrillators** - The Parish Council agreed that two defibrillators would be ordered for WEL Medical at a cost of £ 2,863.50 plus VAT.MS

13. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson had attended a planning forum with AVDC and will attend the GALAF meeting next Monday 27th June.

Cllr Cotton had attended the Hulcott Parish Council meeting at which the proposed Anaerobic Digester at Hale Farm Hulcott. It was noted that there had not been too many objections. The plan is for a much smaller installation than the one at Arla which would deal only with manure and animal waste.

14. Correspondence, Consultations and Circulars

- a) AVDC - Invitation to a presentation on the draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan 13th July 6.30 p.m. - Geoff Sherley to attend. GS
- b) Bucks CC - Local Area Forums Staff Changes - Noted
- c) Transport for Bucks - New LAT arrangements June 2016 - Noted
- d) Engage Planning - Notes of Stakeholders Meeting 9th May 2016 - Circulated
- e) AVDC - List of 356 Possible Street Name suggestions for Kingsbrook - Circulated

- f) AVDC - Consultation on Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan - The consultation runs from the 7th July to the 5th September. Cllr Sherley will look at the consultation and decide whether it would be advisable to hold a special Parish Council meeting in order to agree the response.

- g) Bucks County Council - Home to School Transport Consultation- Noted

15. Confidential Matters

The Parish Council discussed the increase in hourly rates under Confidential Matters allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

16. Matters of report

The following matters were reported :-

- a) The Scouts will hold their annual bonfire on Friday November 4th. The usual conditions will apply.
- b) Jack Batson will arrange to fit the radiator thermostats once the Pre School have broken up for the summer holidays.
- c) Two light covers had been broken during half term. Brian will replace the covers and the cost will be recharged
- d) Cllr Cotton will look at which hedges in the parish require cutting back and advise the clerk.SC

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18th July 2016 at Berton Sports Centre