

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr A. Webber, and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present - 5

1. Apologies for Absence : Cllr J Gilpin, Cllr L. Eaves, District Councillor Julie Ward, County Cllr Bill Chapple.

2. Declarations of Interest : No interests were declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th March 2017 were accepted as a true record and the minutes were duly signed.

4. Public Forum

The following issues were raised by parishioners :-

- a) Burcott Lodge Farm - A parishioner wished to draw the attention of the Parish Council to the fact that two large low loader trailers had entered the Burcott Lodge Farm Site running over the verge in order to turn in. The change of use application has been considered by AVDC and been refused on the grounds of size as this type of application only applies to areas smaller than 500 m² and the case officer calculated the area as 750 m². The land owner has stated that there has been a misunderstanding about the area that should actually be considered as relevant to the application and is going to reapply for the change of use.
The hedge and fence are being attended to opposite to this site.
- b) Burcott Lane - A resident informed the Parish Council that two skips have been parked on the road with no lights and no names on the side. The highways department from Bucks County Council came out and found that the company who owned the skips did not have the correct licence and will be prosecuted.
Also the hedge at the top of Burcott Lane has now been cut back
- c) Aylesbury Crematorium - It seems that work on the crematorium is to begin as soon as possible. A resident requested the Parish Council to find out the exact position and to also try to establish when Rowsham Road will be closed off.
- d) Canal Bridge on Broughton Lane - At present it is not clear whether traffic lights will be installed whilst the bridge is closed for essential repairs.

5. Parish Council Vacancy

Three candidates had expressed an interest in the vacancy for the parish councillor. One candidate withdrew before the meeting and another was unable to attend the meeting. The parish councillors were given voting slips by the clerk and the votes were counted by the clerk in the presence of one of the parishioners. The majority of votes were in favour of Mr Mark Grieves and he was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr Grieves then signed the Declaration of Eligibility for Co-option and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The chairman then invited Cllr Grieves to join the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk had received another resignation letter and therefore a further vacancy will now have to be notified to AVDC.

6. Clerks Report – The Clerk's report was noted.

7. Planning Applications

The following applications received from AVDC were considered:-

17/00915/APP 6 Cowley Close HP22 5DQ - Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and loft conversion including rear and side dormer windows.

The Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to this application. The size of the proposed extension is disproportionate to the size of the existing property and could block daylight from both adjacent properties.

16/01040/AOP Aylesbury Woodland College Road North Aston Clinton - Outline Application

The Parish Council considers that the development could bring some significant benefits, but still wishes to OBJECT to the application.

The main basis for comments are

- a) Roads - The Parish Council believes that the adverse traffic implications significantly outweigh any benefits unless and until the capacity of the Stocklake Link Road is increased.
- b) There is no provision for secondary education.

17/00503/APP 4 Gib Lane Bierton HP22 5DY - Single storey side extension

- The Parish Council had No OBJECTIONS

8. Planning Determinations

The following determinations by AVDC were noted :-

16/04305/APP Rosebank, Broughton Lane HP22 5AW - Conversion of garage to annex -

Householder Approved - It was noted that the householder has been to a solicitor and on plans dated 1983 the path is shown clearly going round the garage. The householder is to have a meeting on Wednesday with the relevant authorities to try to resolve the matter.

17/00519/APP Land Adj to Grove Court - Amendments to planning approval 16/03816/APP -

Approved - The Case Officer asked the Parish Council to consider withdrawing the objections to this application. The Parish Council agreed to this suggestion on the understanding that the Case Officer would look at the detail of the parking and turning circle connected with this property.

17/00124/APP Jubilee Cottage, 74c Aylesbury Road HP22 5DL - Single Storey rear extension -

Householder Approved

17/00266/APP 221 Aylesbury Road HP22 5DS - Single and two storey rear extension, single storey front extension and front porch - **Householder Approved**

17/00428/ACL Burcott Lodge Farm, Burcott Lane HP22 5AS - Change of Use from B8 to B1 (light Industry), new windows, infill brickwork and new shutters - **Certificate Refused**

9. Other Planning Matters

- a) **Kingsbrook**, Land East of Aylesbury, Broughton Crossing
Cllr Robson suggested that the Village Diary should be delivered to the new residents in the Kingsbrook development. It has been noted that it has been some time since the last Stakeholder Meeting in January and the clerk was asked to contact Rachel Carson.
- b) **Aylesbury Crematorium** / Closure of Rowsham Road from Cane End - This had been discussed during the Open Forum.
- c) **16/04142/AOP** - Land to the West of Rowsham Road - Erection of Five Dwellings - DCC meeting 6th April. This application was approved at the Committee Meeting although it has been deferred as there is possible flooding issues.
The Parish Council is concerned that now that permission has been given for five houses there is possible access to the rear field and potentially more development and will therefore be looking at this when the detailed plans are submitted under reserved matters.
- d) Cllr Robson pointed out that a training course was being held on the 22nd May at Green Park entitled 'Demystifying Planning' and the CPRE were holding a Planning Conference on Saturday 6th May.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Robson asked the other councillors to send him thoughts about what should be included in the Chairman's report for last year.

11. Neighbourhood Plan

There has been no change to report from last month. There had been no response to the item in the Village Diary. Cllr Gilpin is to produce a sheet to ask for volunteers. It has been noticed that the lack of a Neighbourhood plan for the Parish has been commented on during Planning Applications.

12. Dog Fouling & Parking Issues

Cllr Cotton stated that the dog fouling problem has seemed to have 'improved' recently so hopefully this will continue.

Another meeting will be arranged with parents and the school once work starts on the school expansion although the job is out to tender at the moment.

The school is to put up fencing to trap and relocate any newts that are on site.

13. Sports Centre

The proposal to install Wifi in the Sports Centre was discussed. There would need to be a landline in order to have broadband which would cost £99 as a one off installation fee. Then there would be line rental at roughly £10 per month and broadband on top of roughly £25 per month (depending on what speed preferred). So ongoing costs of £35 per month. It would appear that Pre-school currently use mobile internet at £15 per month and do not want to pay anymore.

Cllr Cotton will go back to the Scouts and Preschool and find out what exactly is required and whether they would be willing to pay for the service.

14. Jubilee Hall

It would seem that the solicitor for the Jubilee Hall Trustees had written a letter to the Parish Council which was apparently sent to the Clerk's address but nothing has been received. The letter apparently asked the Parish Council to nominate Trustees for the setting up of a Trust. Cllr Webber will go back to the Jubilee Hall trustees and ask for a copy of the letter and also contact Tim Sherwood King about whether the Parish Council can own the Jubilee Hall or whether a Trust needs to be set up.

15. Gib Lane Fund

Cllr Robson and the clerk attended a meeting with Matt Young from Grantscape and councillors and clerks from the other parishes involved. The fund has been in operation for two years. All the first year's funds had been allocated, but not last year (although one late application is being considered for Buckland).

Grantscape would have preferred that all the available funds were spent each year, and suggested that this could be achieved by transferring any Parish's unallocated share to parishes whose applications exceeded their funds. This was considered by the parishes to be against the principles on which the fund was established. This was accepted by Grantscape, but it was thought that greater efforts should be made to attract bids for grants from all the Parishes to ensure that all the available money is spent each year.

The initial publicity for this year's applications will be sent to Clerks in the near future. The closing date will be sometime in September.

In last year's "bidding round", Grantscape had been asked to make the decision between four applications from one Parish. This was not the way Grantscape wanted to work, and stated that they would want to receive a positive recommendation from the Parish Council (or a Local Advisory Panel on the PC's behalf) on the preferred allocation.

Grantscape agreed that unspent money would be "rolled over" into the next year and ring fenced for that Parish. For a new "bidding round", it would be acceptable for an Applicant to try to justify carrying forward the whole allocation if the intention was that it would be contributing to a "major" project (ie covering say 2 or 3 years), it would need to be supported by an Application. However, this would mean that there could be no other/new bidders for the subsequent 2 or 3 years. This was thought to be impracticable and could adversely affect unexpected projects that arose in the later years.

16. Finance :

a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

British Theatre Academy	Private Hire	75.00
HSBC	Gross Interest	2.35
1st Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire - Scouts	508.43
Sportsfactor	Regular Booking	330.00

Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - March	165.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - March	249.15
Kerr Bookkeeping Services	Private Hire	60.00
J Russell	Private Hire	30.00
Mrs R F Conroy	Private Hire	60.00
Berks & Bucks FA	Regular Booking	440.00
Sportsfactor	Regular Booking	264.00
HSBC	Gross Interest	0.85
Debit		
NEST	Pension Contributions	14.55
Castle Water	SC - Water Supply qtr	185.24
EON	Electricity to Street Lights	295.88
AVALC	Annual Subscription	20.00
BMKALC	Training Course	57.90
BMKALC	Annual Subscription	312.52
NBPCC	Annual Subscription	184.80
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	219.12
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing & Hedge Cutting	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	272.00
Matters Property Services Group	New Alarm Bell	132.00
B Small	Handyman	646.08
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	923.79
HMRC	PAYE Mth 1	55.36

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
HSBC Current Account	5594
HSBC Deposit Account	<u>25,011</u>
	<u>30605</u>
Less April Payments	<u>2844</u>
	<u><u>27761</u></u>
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	14,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	17,500
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>10,261</u></u>

- b) **Community Impact Bucks Community Buildings** - It was agreed to join the Community Buildings Membership services at a cost of £55 per year (including VAT), initially on a one year basis to ascertain whether it would be worthwhile.

17. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson attended the meeting of North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) on Wednesday 19th April. The main areas of debate were as follows :-

- a) Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) - Housing numbers were on a percentage basis for parishes but this has been changed to allocation based on the AVDC idea of sustainability. Therefore Cllr Robson said that the Parish Council should comment constructively on the document once the Submission Plan has been published and get a place at the Public Enquiry.
- b) East/West Transport Links. - The preferred route for an Oxford/ Cambridge Expressway is North of Aylesbury.
- c) Unitary Authority. - There has been no update on this issue as it is with the government and the forthcoming General Election will probably hold up matters.
- d) Winslow Station - Network Rail have submitted a planning application for a railway station to start construction in 2018. Winslow Town Council consider this to be totally inappropriate as there is insufficient provision for parking etc.

18. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received was noted and the following responses were noted :-

- Street Naming - The Parish Council agreed that as many streets in the nearby Watermead Parish are named after birds and on the Coppice after Trees it would be advisable to discount the bird and tree names. The Parish Councillors thought that the names based on Wetland/meadow flowers reasoning were therefore the most appropriate.
- Community Engagement for Neighbourhood Plans - The clerk will reply to AVDC
- Cllr Cotton is to accept the Invitation to the Annual Aylesbury Mayor Making Ceremony on Friday 19th May.

19. Matters of report

- WHD are to have a lunch in the Sports Centre on the 18th June and the Parish Councillors will receive an invite.
- Cllr Cotton raised the possibility of putting a larger litter bin on the post outside the school
- The Canal Bridge on Broughton Lane - Bricks have been pushed onto the road to prevent vehicles going over the bridge. A more substantial barrier needs to be erected.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th May at 8.00 p.m. at Bierton Sports Centre