

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2013

Present: Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr. Miller, Cllr Ash, Cllr. Cotton, Cllr Gilpin, Cllr Webber, Cllr Vaughan, and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

District Cllr Julie Ward

Parishioners present – Three at the start then two arrived at 7.50 p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence: C Cllr Jenny Puddefoot & Cllr Bill Horne.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Dispensation Requests – Dispensation was agreed for all the councillors to allow them to debate and vote on items relating to the setting of the parish precept.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

5. Public Forum –

Two residents of Rowsham Road were present to discuss planning application no **13/00065/APP**, Primrose Cottage, 25 Rowsham Road. They wished to point out that the extension projected 9.6m in front of the building line and also was very near to the boundary fence which would make maintenance of the fence very difficult. They also wished to say that the proposed extension would interfere with the views afforded to the adjacent property but not the light they believed The Parish Council agreed that the size of the extension which looked to be disproportionate with the size of the building taken together with the fact that it was in a conservation area would affect the look of the building and therefore the look of the conservation area.

Planning Applications **12/02597/APP & 12/02639/APP** relating to adjacent properties 52 & 54 Aylesbury road were also discussed. The parish council decided to support these applications if they were considered together as the application would result in an improvement to the look of both properties.

District Councillor Ward then presented her report.

New Homes Bonus – She stated that she had attended a Finance & Services Scrutiny Committee at the time of the last parish council meeting at which the New Homes Bonus was discussed. The cabinet had taken the decision to go for option 3 based on the rationale that this is not new money and would be used to offset cuts in funding from central government. Option 3 would give parishes a 15% share of the New Homes Bonus. A member of Winslow PC addressed the meeting in support of Option 4 which would have given parishes a larger share of the money.

No decision was made at this meeting and it was taken for debate to the full council. Again Option 3 & 4 were discussed with a further argument in support of Option 3 being that AVDC in going for this option would be one of only a couple of councils nationally giving any money at all to parishes from this income. Option 4 was voted down.

Cllr Peter Cooper then proposed another motion whereby parishes would keep money from developments of 5-10 homes built. This was also voted down.

The council then voted on the cabinet recommendation of Option 3 which was accepted. Cllr Ward and a number of Liberal Democrat members abstained.

The plan is to set up a cross party committee with representatives from the parishes and the electorate to decide how the money is spent. Parishes would be asked to put in bids for the money in the pot.

Boundary Changes – The Boundary Commission are reviewing AVDC in terms of member numbers and ward boundaries and sizes. Bierton Ward is the second largest ward in terms of electorate served and is a single member ward. Cllr Ward stated that she had suggested that Oldhams Meadow may be best served by Elmhurst Councillors.

She stated that she thought that the geographical boundary for Bierton works well and that it is important for Hulcott & Broughton Crossing & Broughton village to remain within the ward.

She also thought that there was not any support for changing the council number.

She ended by stating that the Boundary Commission are looking for participation by parishes.

The clerk was asked to write to Democratic Services to ask for clarification on the scope of the review and to find out information on what is being considered.

One of the members of the public then commented on the condition of the notice boards. The Parish Council explained that the handyman was in the process of putting two doors on the noticeboard located in Broughton Village. The clerk was asked to contact the handyman to cost the addition of another door on the noticeboard on the bus shelter opposite the Red Lion.

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

The clerk was asked to contact Transport for Bucks to mention the state of the road at the Oldhams Meadow roundabout.

7. RFO Report :

a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Mr Bob Sargeant	Regular Booking – Table Tennis Oct	156.60
Mrs Christine Haes	Regular Booking – Bowls Oct	116.10
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Hire - Qigong	200.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	100.00
HMRC	VAT Repayment	849.07
Mrs Christine Haes	Regular Booking – Bowls Nov	105.30
Kate Woodruff	Private party 25/11	63.00
Michelle Mendicino	Private Hire – 31/12	75.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Regular Booking – Table Tennis Nov	97.20
Mr Bob Sargeant	Regular Booking – Table Tennis Dec	79.55
Mrs Christine Haes	Regular Booking – Bowls Dec	99.90
Junior Football	One off Hire	20.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Hire - Qigong	100.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	50.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Reg Hire - Football	30.00
Mrs Arnika Bass	Regular Hire - Zumba	200.00

Debit

E-on Energy	SC Gas Supply Aug-Nov	173.04
E-on Energy	SC Electricity Oct	138.84

Natwest bank	Bank Charges - Oct	24.29
Eon Energy	Pavilion – Electricity Supply	31.37
Thames Water	SC Water Supply	172.97
AVDC	Dog Bin Collection	869.23
AVDC	SC Refuse Collection	169.50
E-on Energy	Electricity – Street Lights	185.83
Brian Small	Maintenance Jobs	368.01
Done & Dusted	SC – Commercial Cleaning	261.00
Techniclean	Cleaning Materials	144.13
Mrs M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	665.22
E-on Energy	SC Electricity Nov	138.11
Natwest bank	Bank Charges - Nov	20.57
Aylesbury Climate Control	SC Kitchen Refurbishment	5963.52
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Repairs to Street Lights	177.84
Brian Small	Maintenance Jobs	290.97
Buckland Landscapes	Mowing	184.80
Community Impact Bucks	Annual Subscription	50.00
Done & Dusted	SC – Commercial Cleaning	278.90
Brian Robson	Councillor Expenses	89.90
Nisbets	SC – Kitchen Refurbishment	350.35
Mrs M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	721.45
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Repairs to Swings and Wet Pour	1088.40
Bucks Playing Fields Assoc.	Annual Subscription	20.00

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments **Natwest** **30,264**

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	4,034
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	0
Traffic Lights	1,000
Contingency Planning	500
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>
	14,034

Leaving unallocated **16,229**

b) Parish Precept – The Parish Council agreed to keep the precept for each band D property the same as last year and therefore using the figures from the spreadsheet provided by AVDC the Parish Council resolved to set a precept for the 2013/2014 financial year of £ 22,751.73.

c) Sport Centre Hire Charges – The Sports Centre management committee proposed an increase in the charges for 2013/2014 to £5.50 hour for Regular Hirers, £27.00 per session for Regular Bookers, £55 for Parishioners for private hire (£65 on Saturday nights), £ 70 for others (£75 on Saturday nights) and a fee of £3.00 adults, (£1.50 Juniors) for short mat bowls and table tennis. The Parish Council agreed to these charges.

c) Notice Board – It was agreed to go ahead with the handyman fitting two new doors to the noticeboard at Broughton at a cost of £ 320.00 to £ 350.00 depending on the price of the perspex or glass. The clerk would also ask the handyman to cost the fitting of an additional door to the noticeboard at the bus shelter opposite the Red Lion

d) Seminar – The parish council agreed that the clerk could attend the Accounts & Finance Seminar on the 6th February and that the cost would be shared with Cheddington Parish Council.

8. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

a) Kitchen Refurbishment – The kitchen refurbishment had been completed and the clerk was asked to convey the thanks of the parish council to the football team for their work in fitting the kitchen.

b) QEII Playing Fields – The Parish Council wished to have more information of what was entailed in the recreation ground becoming a Queen Elizabeth II field. The clerk was asked to invite Mark Healey from Fields in Trust to come to a Parish Council meeting.

c) Jubilee Oak Tree – The parish council considered the cost of a plaque for the Jubilee oak tree but decided that a plaque that went into the ground was impracticable. Some discussion followed regarding a plaque to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and the Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for April.

d) Cricket Nets – Cllr Ash had looked into the cost of removing the old frame and nets and replacing with a new frame which would be higher but narrower and had had a quote of approximately £2,000. The advantage would be that it would be a much more robust and permanent feature. The clerk was asked to defer the item until the next meeting and Cllr Ash would look into the possibility of getting some funding towards the cost and also investigate the possible demand for such a facility.

e) Pavilion Roof – Cllr Cotton mentioned the state of the pavilion roof and the clerk was asked to get quotes for the replacement of the roof for the next meeting.

9. Dog Bins –

AVDC stated that the terms of the new contract between AVDC and their joint contractors John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance Ltd and Sita UK contained an item covering the dog waste service. The costs of this service effective from the 1st April 2013 are approximately 50% less than the current charges. The Parish Council therefore agreed to accept the new service and the clerk was asked to appraise the Community Spaces Manager at AVDC of this decision.

The clerk stated that she had spoken to Rebecca Wallington at AVDC regarding the purchase of a larger dog bin and was advised that a larger bin was not recommended due to the weight of emptying. She stated that AVDC recommended the shuteable lockable type of dog bin and that AVDC could provide such a bin at a cost of £ 271.73 plus VAT including installation. A non-lockable bin for comparison would cost £ 242.12. It had been suggested that an additional bin could be placed near the corner of The Close and Great Lane but it was pointed out that this area was used by children and therefore it was not a good idea.

10. Phone Box –

Cllr Robson commented on the overgrown state of the phone box at Broughton Crossing. The clerk was asked to contact BT and ask about whether the phone box was used and to point out how untidy and overgrown it looked.

11. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson stated that he had not been able to attend the North Bucks Parishes planning Consortium on the 10th January but that most of the items on the agenda did not relate to issues affecting Bierton with Broughton Parishes dealing mostly with developments in Winslow, Buckingham and Newton Longville.

12. NAG Meetings

Cllr Cotton stated that it is hoped that the NAG meetings would start again and meet at the Methodist Chapel. Emma Cable from Bierton had agreed to be the chair. It was commented by some councillors

that they had not noticed a police presence in the parish recently which was of some concern as the local police team had merged with Bedgrove to become Aylesbury East.

13. Planning Applications

12/02073/APP – The Paddocks Marshalls Lea HP22 5AT - Demolition of existing stable and storage block and erection of new tackroom/studio/barn storage area -No Objections

12/02432/ALB – Conkers Farm, 178 Aylesbury Road, HP22 5DT Addition of internal stud walls to first floor – No Objections

12/02562/ATC – 99a Aylesbury Road Bierton HP22 5BT - Fell one Apple tree and reduce crown of Leylandii by up to 50cm – No Objections

12/02597/APP – 52 Aylesbury Road Bierton HP22 5BU Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation including new pitched roof, single storey front extension and canopy to front and erection of new detached garage to front – The Parish Council agreed to support this application, together with 12/02639/APP on the understanding that the two applications were taken as a pair and both received approval at the same time.

12/02639/APP - 54 Aylesbury Road Bierton HP22 5BU

Removal of existing garage and erection of two storey side and single storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension, new pitched roof over existing flat roof to rear and detached double garage to front. – see 12/02597/APP above

12/02649/APP – 13 Parsons Lane, Bierton, HP22 5DF - Single storey side extension – No Objections.

12/02772/APP - 59 Aylesbury Road Bierton HP22 5BS - Two storey and Single storey side and rear extension - The Parish Council would like the Planning Officer to note that although not putting forward any objections to the application the Parish Council did have some reservations over the size of the extension.

12/02848/APP- Conkers Barn 178 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DT

Change of use from ancillary living accommodation to 2-bed dwelling house - No Objections

13/00065/APP -25 Rowsham Road Bierton HP22 5DZ -Two storey and single storey front extension - The Parish Council agreed to object to this application for a number of reasons that meant the application was significantly at variance with the principles identified in Aylesbury Vale District Council's published guidance for Conservation Areas. It was felt that the very large extension that was in front of the building line of a flat fronted building would have a very distinct effect on the conservation area. Concern was also raised about the fact that there was no sign of a yellow notice.

13a): **10/02649/AOP** – Land East of Aylesbury – Amended plans and information had been submitted and a new yellow notice had been put up stating there had been the submission of an amended environmental statement but these were only minor amendments. S106 negotiations were continuing and seemed to be near to completion.

13b): The proposed development between Bierton & Watermead.

It was stated that after the public exhibition at the Waterside theatre an article had appeared in the Bucks Herald but to date no plans had been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

14. Planning Determinations

To receive determinations by AVDC including:

12/02244/APP – 14 Rowsham Road, Bierton HP22 5DZ

First and two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and two storey front extension – permitted

12/02445/ATC – 99 Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5BT

– Fell one prunus and reduce the crown of one hawthorn by 1.5m and reshape – proceed with works – trees

12/02562/ATC – 99A Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5BT

Fell one apple tree and reduce crown of Leylandii by up to 50cm – proceed with works-trees

12/02448/APP –2 Pecks Farm Close, HP22 5FJ- Retention of timber outbuilding with proposed hipped roof - Refused

15. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

- a) **AVDC** – e-mail re Important information on Council tax Setting - Noted
- b) **AVALC**- e-mail re Template for Dispensations -Noted
- c) **AVDC** – 2013/2014 Parish precept - Noted
- d) **AVDC** – e-mail re Dog Waste Costs – discussed under item 9
- e) **SLCC** – e-mail re latest news on Council tax Capping - Noted
- f) **Bucks CC** – Letter re Minerals and Waste Core Strategy - Circulated
- g) **Bucks CC** – e-mail re Speed Limit Updates - Circulated
- h) **Hallam Land Management** – Letter re public exhibition for Land at northeast Aylesbury – A number of councillors had attended this exhibition.
- i) **Dial-A-Ride** – Letter of Thanks for the Donation – Noted
- j) **St James Church** – E-mail requesting donation to cost of service of the St James' clock. – It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate a similar amount to that donated on previous occasions.

Circulars:

AVDC - Briefing note for Local Area Forum Nov 12
News for the Parishes 6/12

Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership – Newsletter issue 1

DCLG – Notes on Neighbourhood Planning – Nov 2012

Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2013

The Clerk magazine – January 2013

CPRE – Field Work Winter 2012

LCR – Winter 2012

16. Matters of report –

It was noted that the Bucks Herald had announced that the Thomas Hickman charity had subsidised some residents of Aylesbury town to get reduced fares on Chiltern Railways. It was not certain if residents of Bierton would be eligible for such subsidies.

Cllr Ash reported that the branches of a tree that had been obscuring a lamppost in Bishops Meadow had been cut back.

Work on replacing a number of roundabouts on the Tring Road with traffic lights was finally starting and it is predicted that this will result in slower traffic.

Some concern was raised over the use of grit from the bins being used on private drives and the clerk was asked to put a paragraph in the village diary to remind residents that the grit was provided to be used on public highways and pathways.

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

Date of next meeting Monday 18th February 2013 at 7.30 pm.