

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th March 2013

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

District Cllr Julie Ward

Parishioners present – One

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Miller, Cllr Horne, & Cllr Vaughan.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Cllr Ash reported that the village walk would take place on Friday 29th March.

4. Public Forum –

District Cllr Ward started to present her report to the council and it became apparent that it was mainly dealing with the changes to the AVDC Planning Process. Cllr Robson therefore brought forward item 13 on the agenda which covered this subject.

In effect the changes meant that the automatic trigger whereby the planning application would be brought before the planning committee if the Parish Council response differed from that of the planning officer would cease and it would only apply if the Parish Council was willing to send a representative to address the committee. This choice would be shown in the form of an additional tick box to the Parish Council response sheet.

There followed a discussion between District Cllr Ward and various parish councillors regarding the way in which this decision had been made including

- a) The fact that Parish Councils had not been consulted.
- b) The six month trial period did not seem long enough considering that there may be only a small number of applications in this time and therefore, due to the fact that in the majority of cases the Parish Council does not raise objections, there may not be any that would need to be discussed.
- c) There was doubt that there would be meaningful consultations with the Parish Councils at the end of the trial period.
- d) Once an officer had made a decision the Parish Council would require sufficient time to discuss the officer's arguments before sending a representative to the committee.

It was agreed that the chairman Cllr Robson would produce a response to AVDC on behalf of the Parish Council to include the points raised above.

District Cllr Ward then went on to state that

- i) The developers of the Hallam Land Application had requested that the application was heard by the Inspector along with other applications, this is covered under item 11 of the agenda.
- ii) She was awaiting the publication of a draft report on the Land East of Aylesbury Development by Bucks CC on the 20th March to cover developer contributions under S106, again this item will be covered under item 11 b.

The chairman thanked the district councillor for her report.

The attention of councillors was raised to an exhibition that was to take place on Tuesday 19th March at the Scout Hut Oakfield Road by Kier Homes Limited to view their proposals for the development of the

Circus Field site. The chairman asked if the councillors who attended this exhibition could exchange views and then Cllr Cotton would co-ordinate the views and send out a consolidated response.

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

The clerk reported that a quote had been received from Aylesbury Lock and Key Centre to replace the faulty panic hardware on the sports centre external door near to the changing rooms. The quote was for £295 ex VAT plus £5 ex VAT for any additional keys. It was agreed that the clerk should get this work done.

The clerk was asked to send the report by Chubb following the half yearly fire alarm and emergency lighting tests to Cllr Ash for his opinion.

Cllr Cotton said that she would look at the individual pages of the Bierton Village Website and see what content needed to be updated.

Cllr Robson commented that an independent traffic assessment as proposed by Hugh Gwilliams, the Chair of Weston Turville Parish Council would be very expensive.

6. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - Jan	116.10
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - Jan	121.50
E Toersy	Private Hire 02/03	25.00
L J Williment	Private Hire 10/02	50.00
Mr & Mrs Galvin	Private Hire 03/03	63.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	600.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	50.00
Mrs Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	100.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - Feb	129.60
J Miller	Private Hire 24/02	63.00

Debit

Eon Energy	SC - Gas	842.47
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	264.04
Natwest	Bank Charges	18.42
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	173.45
Action Heating Ltd	Kitchen Refurbishment	46.50
Liberal Democrats	Printing of Village Diary	126.00
BALC	Annual Subscription	283.52
Brian Small	Handyman	309.34
Done & Dusted	SC – Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	204.12
Key Plumbing	SC – Clearing Drains	162.00

SLCC	Annual Subscription	72.50
Techniclean	SC – Cleaning materials	91.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	648.28
Vonage	Telephone	6.71
Thames Water	SC – Water Supply	183.12
Chubb Fire Ltd	Fire Alarm Bi-Annual Service	179.12
The Information Commissioner	Renewal of Registration	35.00
Plumbing Needs Ltd	SC – Repair to the toilet	103.44

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 27,031

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 **12,997**

a) **Training Course** – The council agreed to the clerk attending a four day training course leading to a CiLCA qualification and to funding 50% of the cost i.e. £100.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

a) **Pavilion Roof** – The clerk presented the quotes for the pavilion roof which varied from £8,100 plus VAT to over £10,000. The Parish Council all agreed that the work was required but that it was necessary to find out if there were any opportunities to get some funding for the project. The councillors were asked to see if they could find any potential sources of funding.

b) **Cricket Nets** – This item was deferred to next month's agenda.

c) **Boundary Fences** – The clerk was asked to contact Brian Small to see how much of the pruning and tidying up work of the boundary hedges he was prepared to do.

8. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson reported on the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) meeting that had taken place on Wednesday 13th March.

With regards to the New Homes Bonus a committee had been set up with two Parish Council representatives to decide how the money would be allocated. 10-15% will be allocated by the district to parishes but it was still to be decided whether only parishes with significant development will be able to apply for funds for projects or whether it will be open to all parishes.

Other items that were discussed included

- the fact that the Luton Airport Expansion was going ahead
- the case officer had recommended refusal in respect of the wind farm near Stewkley.
- HS2, the judge had ruled on the side of the government in nine out of the ten proposals.

Cllr Robson also stated that the GALAF meeting was taking place tonight.

9. NAG Meeting

Cllr Cotton reported that 26 people had attended the NAG meeting although half of the attendees had come to protest against the planning application on the Land East of Watermead. There will be another NAG meeting in 6-8 weeks over near Broughton. Items that were discussed were school parking, speed and anti-social behaviour. The police were also trying to make people aware of the 101 non-emergency phone number. It was stated that if this number is called and the matter is deemed to be urgent then the police will be sent out.

10. SID Devices

Cllr Gilpin had spoken to Bucks County Council and had been asked to submit a map showing the posts that the Parish Council would like to use for the purpose of attaching the SID sign. The potential sites would then be assessed with regard to weight bearing loads and distance away from the road (as they need to be at least 0.5 m away).

The clerk will contact CA Traffic to ask for an official quote for the sign and the Parish Council authorised a spend of up to £ 2,500 for the purchase.

The sign will be moved once a week when the battery will be changed.

Jack Batson then presented some data that had been collected at Broughton for cars travelling towards Birtton showing that out of 161 vehicles that had been recorded over a 37 minute period using speedwatch equipment 143 (88.8%) were exceeding the speed limit, 53 were over 40 m.p.h., 15 over 45 m.p.h. and 3 over 50 m.p.h.

11. Planning Applications

13/00391/AOP – Land east of A413 Buckingham Road and Watermead Aylesbury – Hallam Land Management

Demolition of Dunsham Farm and associated buildings and redevelopment of the site to provide up to 1560 dwellings etc.

The clerk read out some parts of the letter from Jim Cannell, Development Control Manager at AVDC to The Development for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) requesting that the Watermead Development to be considered in conjunction with the other planning applications including Broughton Crossing in a conjoined appeal inquiry.

The chairman stated that an environmental assessment had been done but that many queries remained regarding this development. There followed a discussion regarding the problems that the councillors had with the proposals.

The fact that the survey regarding a community plan had shown that the majority of residents were not in favour of integration with Watermead or other areas of Aylesbury Town but wished to stay a separate and distinct village was the overwhelming feature of the Parish Council opposition to this development.

The other feature was that the road through the middle of the estate which was described as a strategic link seemed to vary in width with bus stops on the highway and narrow frontages to the houses and was shown as joining to the A 418 at a set of traffic lights.

Cllr Robson agreed to draft a letter to be sent to AVDC with the Parish Council response to cover the objections of the Parish Council to this application.

13/00449/ADC – Circus Fields, Oakfield Road, Aylesbury

Installation of three temporary buildings for a period of 2 years to provide temporary accommodation for Aylesbury Canal Society – No Objections.

13/00479/APP – 186 Aylesbury Road Birtton HP22 5DT

Erection of detached garden room – No Objections

13/00621/ATC – 99 Aylesbury Road Birtton HP22 5BT

Reduce height of five sycamore by 1 metre and shape sides by up to 50cm each side – No Objections

11a): **10/02649/AOP** – Land East of Aylesbury – to receive update

This application had been conjoined with several applications that had been declined to be considered in an appeal inquiry by the DCLG to begin on 25th June. As mentioned above AVDC have requested that the Watermead application should also be considered in this existing appeal.

12. Planning Determinations - None

13. Change to AVDC Planning Officer Delegated Powers – Discussion of this item had already been covered under the Public Forum.

14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

- a) AVALC – Changes to Officers delegated powers – Cllr Robson to respond
- b) AVDC – Appeal re 2 Pecks Farm Close – The clerk was asked to e-mail the Parish Council responses to Cllr Robson
- c) Aylesbury Mains –E-mail re increase in charges- The increase to charges was accepted.
- d) BALC – Best Kept Village Competition – The council were not interested in entering this competition.
- e) Fields in Trust – Have a Field Day - Circulated
- f) HMRC – Real Time PAYE - Noted
- g) NHS – Public Launch of NHS 111 in Buckinghamshire - Circulated
- h) NALC – Eric Pickles to headline NALC conference in London 6th June 2013 – Circulated.

Circulars:

- a) Community Safety Partnership Newsletter – Issue 2
- b) AVDC – Parish Newsletter Jewellery Burglaries
- c) BALC – Notes of Parish Liaison Meeting 13th February
- d) Came & Co – Parish Matters Spring 2013
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct March 2013
- f) LCR – Spring 2013
- g) The Playing Field – February 2013
- h) AVDC - News for the Parishes No 1/2013

15. Matters of report –

Cllr Webber again noted the state of the top of the hedge in the walkway on Great Lane. The clerk will contact the Vale of Housing Trust regarding this hedge.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 15th April 2013 at 7.30 pm.