

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

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## Clerk's Report April 2013

- **Sports Centre/Pavilion**

I placed the order with Aylesbury Lock & Key Centre for the repair of the panic hardware on the external door near the changing rooms.

The annual intruder alarm maintenance visit and the PAT testing were carried out on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The engineer from the intruder alarm company suggested that the sensors should be cleaned periodically to remove dust and cobwebs and I have asked Done & Dusted to attend to this.

I have asked the handyman to replace a diffuser unit in the sports centre which was broken during one of the private hire sessions.

I phoned our Insurance Brokers at the request of Cllr Ash and was informed that having a fire alarm is not a prerequisite of the policy, however it was suggested that a check should be made regarding any legalities as it was a building hired out by the public. I have looked on various health and safety web sites and it would seem that there is a need to ensure that if a fire does occur then the occupants of the building can escape and that the building will stay up long enough for this to happen. There should be a method of Fire Detection and also a method of alerting others in the workplace of a fire. This could be by means of smoke / flame detectors and a rotary hand bell and need not be an expensive wired alarm system.

- **Recreation Ground**

I met with the handyman at the recreation ground and he has agreed to cut back the hedges and clear the area near the tennis club and also to prune some of the lower branches of the tree behind the tennis club and on some of the trees overhanging the children's play area as well as tidying up the rest of the hedges.

He also repaired a gutter and drain pipe which had come away from the pavilion building.

Play in the Parishes took place on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Street Lighting**

Aylesbury Mains have repaired lights outside 5 Barnett Way, 10 Hood Farms Close, 43 Parsons lane & the corner of Grove Court.

- **SID Sign**

An order has been placed with CA Traffic Ltd for the SID sign at a cost of £ 2,500 (ex VAT) plus £ 180 (ex VAT), for the extra battery. The handyman also purchased a platform ladder at a cost of £100 in order to be able to move and attach the sign safely.

- **Planning Applications**

Cllr Robson sent a final response to the Watermead application which was attached to the Parish Council response sheet and sent to AVDC, a copy was also sent to John Bercow as well as the District and County Councillors. Cllr Robson also sent a letter to Buckinghamshire County Council objecting to the recommendation that BCC accepts a reduced financial contribution in respect of educational provision with reference to the Broughton crossing development.

- **Circus Field Development**

Cllr Cotton reported back on the exhibition at the Scout Hut on Oakfield Road. The plans showed a very select development with no social housing and no facilities or infrastructure. Traffic would be onto Stocklake lane and thus if going to Milton Keynes or Hemel would use Burcott Lane or Broughton respectively. There was no indication of the proposed Stocklake link road. Plans were expected in about three months.

- **Parish Liaison Meeting**

I sent an e-mail stating that Cllr Gilpin will attend the Parish Liaison meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Local Area Technician**

I received a reply back from the Local Area Technician stating that he would be happy to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to discuss transportation issues and that he was pleased to report that his contractor had started the order to repair the footpath at the top of Parsons Lane. I had forgotten when I sent him the list of Parish Council meeting dates that the May meeting was the Annual Parish meeting and therefore may not be an appropriate one for him to attend. He also stated that he would look at the other issues raised last year.



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