

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th June 2012

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

County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot

Parishioners present: 1

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Miller

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

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

4. **Public Forum**

It was reported that the light at the end of Great Lane was flickering again. The clerk will contact Aylesbury Mains Ltd.

A representative of the committee who organised the Diamond Jubilee Event on the 3rd June reported that the event had proved to be a very successful event in spite of the weather. An estimated 350-400 people attended with over 75 children partaking in the tea party. £ 660 had been raised on the day and a donation will be made to the St James the Great Church to go towards the heating fund. The temporary car park was not used because of the weather.

The chairman asked the representative to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council and the wider Parish to all the organisers of the event.

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

6. **RFO Report :**

i. The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

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| Arnika Bass | Regular Booking - Zumba | 75.00 |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | 1239.19 |
| The Bell | Village Diary Contribution | 15.00 |
| Bierton Football Club | Regular Booking - Football | 95.00 |
| Lester Wellington | Regular Booking - Karate | 200.00 |
| Claydons Academy | Regular Booking - Dance | 75.00 |

Debit

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| Aylesbury Vale DC | Refuse Collection | 121.75 |
| Eon Energy | Electricity Supplied to SC | 97.60 |
| Eon Energy | Quarterly Gas Supplied to SC | 796.56 |
| Thames Water | S/C Water Charges | 147.32 |
| Natwest Bank | Bank Charges | 25.92 |
| Eon Energy | Electricity supplied Pavilion | 38.06 |
| Done & Dusted | Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning | 261.00 |

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| Minutes | | |
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| Kempson Electrical | Pat Testing | 52.00 |
| Kempson Electrical | S/C Electrical Maintenance | 173.60 |
| North Bucks Parishes | Membership Fee | 20.00 |
| Maple Leaf Services | Grass Cutting | 220.00 |
| Playsafety Ltd | ROSPA Report | 97.20 |
| S G Holdham | Grass Cutting | 896.00 |
| Vonage | Clerk telephone | 19.74 |
| Mrs M Smith | Clerk Salary & Expenses | 679.29 |

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 37,824.

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| Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve | 7,743 |
| Building Contingencies | 1,500 |
| Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment | 3,000 |
| Traffic Lights | 1,000 |
| Contingency Planning | 500 |
| Traffic Calming Measures | <u>7,000</u> |
| | <u>20,743</u> |

Leaving unallocated **17,081**

A comment was made concerning the bank charges from NatWest and the clerk was asked to approach Natwest to see if these could be reduced.

ii. End of Year Accounts

The accounts had previously been circulated to the councillors and these were accepted by the Parish Council, signed by the Chairman and attached to the minutes. The Internal Audit Report for 2011/2012 was read to the Council and accepted.

iii. Accounting Statements

The Chairman formally read the questions in the Annual Return, and after the other councillors agreed with the responses the Chairman and the Clerk signed and dated the form. The clerk will forward the return to the external auditor.

7. Bierton Sports Centre

i. Pre School Plans for the Outside Area

The Sports Centre Management Committee had discussed the plans with the Pre-School and at their instruction the Clerk had written to the Pre-school to formally give the permission of the Parish Council to go ahead with the amended plans for the outside area. The Management Committee had explained fully the concerns of the Parish Council with reference to vandalism and liability issues and therefore stated that there was a need to monitor the situation with respect to these issues.

ii. Grass Cutting

The clerk had obtained one quote from TMJ Landscaping and would try to obtain two more quotes for the next meeting.

iii. Refurbishment of the Kitchen

Councillor Cotton was still trying to get quotes for the kitchen refurbishment. She had received one which she gave to the clerk in a sealed envelope.

iv. Playground Equipment

Councillor Ash discussed the reports from Safe and Sound and ROSPA. It was agreed that the cradle swings would need to be changed at a cost of £212 by Safe & Sound. The cost of the repairs to the wet

pour seemed very high and the clerk was asked to check with Safe and Sound on exactly what was covered in the quote. Councillor Ash stated that he would have a look at the areas that required painting. The ROSPA report mentioned the need for a warning notice on the ball wall with regard to not climbing on the equipment and the wearing of rings or other jewellery but this had not been mentioned in the Safe and Sound report. It was suggested that councillors check on notices on similar equipment in other playgrounds.

v. **Bierton Gardening Society**

A letter had been received from the Bierton, Broughton & Hulcott Gardening Society with reference to an Open Gardens event on Sunday 1st July asking the Parish Council for permission to firstly decorate St Osyth's Well and secondly to use part of the Recreation Ground for a "Scarecrow Competition". The Parish Council formally agreed to give permission on both counts.

vi. **Textile Recycling Bank**

An e-mail had been received from Pre Loved Limited expressing their interest in a placing a textile recycling bank in the car park at Bierton Recreation Ground. A letter had been attached from Martin Jarvis, the Waste Technical Officer at AVDC stating that the District Council had given approval for Pre Loved limited to site their textile recycling banks adjacent to AVDC recycling containers providing that relevant permissions had also been obtained from any site management. It was further stated that a certain proportion of the profits would be paid to the Chairman's charity on behalf of AVDC. The Parish Council discussed this proposal but decided to refuse permission because they felt that the bank would take up space in the car park where space was already limited and also that there was already a textile bank in the village sited at The Red Lion Public House.

8. Dog Bin

A resident of William Hill Drive had sent an e-mail requesting that a red dog waste bin be installed in the car park adjacent to the retirement housing in William Hill Drive. The councillors stated that there were already two dog bins located within 150 yards of the proposed site, one at the Recreation Ground and one along the pathway leading to William Hill Drive. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would refuse this request.

9. Outside Organisations

Cllr. Gilpin had attended the Arla Dairy Liaison Group on Tuesday 22nd May. He reported that the proposed road works to the Tring Road would go ahead in July with the replacement of the present roundabouts with sets of traffic lights. The possibility of the provision of a U-Turn was raised but it would seem that Bucks CC do not feel a U-turn facility would be appropriate. The proposed road works will not directly affect the traffic in the Parish but it will probably cause an increase in the traffic using the A418.

Cllr. Robson stated that the next NBPCC meeting does not have anything on the agenda that will affect the Parish.

It was agreed that Cllr Gilpin and the Clerk will attend the AVALC meeting on Neighbourhood Planning on the 28th June.

10. Planning Applications

12/00702/APP – 10 Burcott Close- Amended plans – No Objections

10/02649/AOP - Land East of Aylesbury- The decision of the Secretary of State Mr Pickles on whether to call the application in was still awaited.

11. Planning Determinations

12/00656/APP 66 Burcott Lane - Permitted

11/00827/ATC 186 Aylesbury Road - Permitted

12/00377/APP - Refused

12. Correspondence

AVDC –Burglary Prevention Road Shows
BALC – Playground Inspection Training – It was agreed that Cllr Ash would attend the course on the 4th July at Stewkley.
Bucks County Council –Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Campaign
-National Drink Driving Campaign
-Police and Crime Panel
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Tring Road Closure – The clerk will insert a comment regarding these roadworks in the Village Diary.
Bucks Fire & Rescue Service – Alternative Crewing Arrangements for High Wycombe
Bucks Playing Fields – Invitation to event on the 14th July
Community Impact – Launch of Safer Future Communities Network 11th July
GALAF – Ballot for Participatory Budgeting – It was agreed that the ballot could be publicized in the Village Diary and on the website.
NBPCC – Chairman's Report – June 2012
Thames Valley Police – E-mail re links to Prospectus on Policing the Thames Valley.
St James The Great Church – Invitation to a Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Service Sunday 1st July

Consultations:

BALC-Localising Support for Council Tax – Funding arrangements consultation.

Circulars:

AVDC – Parish Newsletter June 2012
-List of Meetings
Health & Social Care Update April 2012
LCR – Summer 2012
Thames Valley Police –Summer Burglary Reduction Advice

22. Matters of report

It was stated that a street light in Bishop's Meadow was being obscured by a tree.
The problem of overhanging hedges was becoming a problem again especially along Great Lane and Parsons Lane. The Clerk was asked to put a reminder in the green sheet asking residents to cut back their hedges adjacent to pathways.
Simon Taylor had contacted a councillor regarding the previous signs that had been located at the junction of cane end lane and the A418 and stated that he was going to contact Bucks CC to get permission to put up official signs so that traffic would be directed to his premises along Cane End Lane rather than along Rowsham Road.
County Cllr Puddefoot stated that in respect to the parking on the verges the Local Area Technician at TFB Clifford Marshall had been on sick leave and that a response was still awaited from the cabinet officer. She also stated that the District Council had been looking at the support of the Local Area Forums and in this respect GALAF was quite well supported.
She also reported that she was looking in to the care of the elderly in a hospital setting and she would ask that any councillors or residents that had any stories or ideas regarding this issue contact her by e-mail or letter.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 16th July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall.