

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2012

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

County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot

Parishioners present: None

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gilpin, District Cllr. Julie Ward

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

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

4. **Public Forum**

County Cllr. Puddefoot stated that the county divisional boundaries were being altered and it was proposed that Bierton will become part of a ward with Aston Clinton and Weston Turville. The total number of wards is being reduced and each ward will be represented by one councillor only. This will mean that three councillors will be lost in Aylesbury District. It is hoped that the details will be sorted by the elections next May. Cllr Puddefoot was asked if she could give the Parish Council a timeline as soon as possible and also an indication of how the county is planning to publicise the changes.

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

It was noted that thermostatic mixing valves will be fitted to the water supply pipes at the Sports hall to regulate the water temperature.

Bierton Football Club have reformed, although the first team have been relegated. The clerk will draw up a new contract for the use of the sports hall and recreation ground. The new management team have proposed to pay an extra £10 per week over the next season to try and clear the debt with the Parish Council.

Lester Wellington will be asked again this year if he would make sure that the showers are run once a week over the summer to keep the pumps going.

Cllr Ash will have a look at the street lights in Bishop’s Meadow and have a word with the householder concerned if there is a problem with a tree blocking one of the lights.

Cllr Miller is to arrange the honorarium as usual for the Internal Auditor.

The councillors agreed to complete the new register of interests form and return these to the clerk so that they could be sent to the monitoring officer for AVDC.

6. **Code of Conduct** –

The proposed Code of Conduct was agreed with one amendment that in Appendix B (II) c) the word **or** is replaced by **and** to read :-

‘of which the member of the Council is a member **and** in a position of general control or management’

The Code of Conduct was then adopted.

7. **RFO Report** :

- The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	225.00
Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	50.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking - Dance	75.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking - Qigong	175.00

Debit

Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	21.16
Eon Energy	Street Lighting	185.83
Chubb Fire Ltd	Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	343.12
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	319.00
S G Holdham	Grass Cutting	366.00
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity supplied	103.75
Staples	Ink Cartridges	51.99
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	664.04

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 34,508

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>
	20,743

Leaving unallocated **13,765**

8. Bierton Sports Centre

- Grass Cutting Contract

The three quotes were considered and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Buckland Landscapes as this was the cheapest quote.

- Kitchen

The Hall Management Committee put forward a proposal to ask for volunteers to help fit new kitchen units, with Cllr Batson lending his expertise to the plumbing, in order to keep the costs down. A request for help would be put into the August and September Village Diary.

- Fan Replacement

It was agreed that the clerk would ask Kempson Electrical to look at fitting a humidistat and the council approved if the cost was about the same as the quote for the extractor fan.

9. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson stated that he had attended the GALAF meeting but that there was not a great deal on the agenda that directly related to Bierton. Some items that were covered included the problems of parking at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, the Pedestrian crossing at Bedgrove, and the wider problem of Youth Unemployment in the Greater Aylesbury Area. Cllr Robson had commented on the amount of rubbish near the Tring Road Tesco supermarket particularly along the canal.

10. Planning Applications

12/01431/ACL – 40 William Hill Drive- Reconstruction of Rear Conservatory – no objections

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10/02649/AOP – Land East of Aylesbury – A decision was still awaited from the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government .The development at Fleet Marston had been recommended for approval by planning officers but rejected by AVDC. There was a suggestion that AVDC might be liable for costs if this decision went to appeal.

11. Planning Determinations

12/00922/APP - 8 Cowley Close HP22 5DQ – Single Storey Rear Extension. – Refused

12. Correspondence

AVDC – Letter re Change to procedures for consulting PC's on Planning Matters.

- Letter re Stakeholder Forums
- Refuse – new collection dates – *A paragraph will be put into the diary re new arrangements*

BALC – E-Mail re Proposed Expansion at Luton Airport

- E-mail re Proforma Register for Parish Councils
- E-Mail re new form for Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- E-Mail re Parish Liaison Meeting 18th July 2012

TFB – Email re Make the Commitment Campaign

- E-Mail re Street Lighting – Emergency Response to Faults. – *The clerk will respond to TFB stating that the Parish Council did not want TFB to act in an emergency.*

ARLA –Letter re Minutes of Meeting

Community Impact – Invitation to Bucks Showcase 25th September

Swarco – Letter re Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

Circulars:

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2012

Invite to Mayor's Civic Service 23rd September

22. Matters of report

Cllr Horne and Mrs Horne attended the garden party at Buckingham Palace and this had proved to be a very enjoyable day.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 17th September 2012 at 7.30 pm.