

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th October 2012

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

County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot – (arrived at 7.40 p.m.)

Parishioners present - None

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Horne, Cllr Webber

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The council discussed amendments to the wording under item 4 Public Forum and agreed to the suggestions put forward by Cllr Miller. The minutes with these amendments were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Public Forum

- a) The chairman requested that a sign warning against dog fouling was placed on the outside corner of the playground on car park side.
- b) The clerk was asked to write a draft letter to Head of Transport Jim Stevens with reference to traffic calming methods and also to ask about the electronic message board.
- c) Cllr Gilpin stated that the fence had been fixed at Oldham's meadow.

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

- a) It was agreed that Cllr Robson would lay the wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.
- b) No work had been done on the hedges blocking the service path in front of some houses in Great Lane. The clerk was asked to contact the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust again.

6. RFO Report :

- a) The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	100.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Regular Booking – Bowls Aug	143.10
Mr Bob Sargeant	Regular Booking – Table Tennis Aug	97.20
E Towersey	Private Party	25.00
Bierton Football Club	Regular Booking - Football	145.00
AVDC	Second part of Precept	12,500.00
1 st Bierton Scout Group	Regular Hire - Scouts	323.05
The Red Lion	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Bierton Lawn Tennis Club	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Keri Donnellan - Jazzercise	Village Diary Contribution	15.00

Debit

Mick Topping	SC Maintenance – Mixing Valves	420.00
Eon Energy	Electricity Supplied to SC	85.24
AVDC	SC – Refuse Collection	136.00
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	18.58

Minutes

Monday 15th October 2012

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All – In- One	Replacement Stone Slabs	100.00
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	261.00
Dave Hargrove	Clean Gutters & Clean Fascia	150.00
Kempson Electrical Services	Installation of new fans	463.20
Lock & Key Centre	New Keys	73.20
Mazars	External Auditor	342.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary	661.29
Staples	Stationery	65.38
Vonage	Telephone	8.40
E-on Energy	Electricity-Street Lighting	185.83

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 42,336

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	6,296
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	3,000
Traffic Lights	1,000
Contingency Planning	500
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>
	19,296

Leaving unallocated

23,040

- b) Bank Mandate – A resolution was proposed that the signing rules of the current bank mandate with NatWest Bank be replaced in accordance with the following that any two authorised signatories are required to sign cheques for unlimited amounts and that the Parish Clerk Mrs Margret Smith is authorised to deal with all administration except cheques. This resolution was then passed by the Parish Council.
- c) Bench – It was agreed that the clerk would order the bench from Neighbourhood Equipment at a discounted cost of £ 200.
- d) Notice Board – Cllr Gilpin advised that the council that a notice board had been ordered at a cost of £90.
- e) Dial-A-Ride - It was resolved to donate £50 towards the Dial a Ride Charity.
- f) Poppy Appeal - It was resolved to give an increased donation of £100 to the Poppy Appeal this year, to include £20 for the wreath to be laid at Remembrance Day.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

- a) Kitchen – The football club have proposed to provide the labour required to install the new kitchen units and in return the Parish Council would write off their debt for the hire of the recreation ground and Sports Centre, or part of the debt. A parishioner had asked one of the councillors if they could have the old units.

It was also noted that the sealed units of a number of windows in the Sports Centre are misting up and therefore will need replacing at a future date

- b) Playground Inspection – The latest inspection had highlighted again the deteriorating state of the wet pour in certain areas of the playground. The clerk was asked to contact Safe and Sound to check if quote from Safe and Sound still stands if so it was agreed that the clerk should discuss the quote with Cllr Ash. The Parish Council agreed that the work to the wet pour and the replacement of the cradle swings could be authorised up to an £1000.
- c) Handyman – The Parish Council had received a quote from Brian Small to carry out casual jobs . It was felt that the quote was too expensive for the type of work involved.

- 8. **Meeting Dates** – The Parish Clerk presented a list of the proposed meeting dates for Parish Council meetings for 2013 and these were agreed.

9. Outside Organisations

Cllr Cotton had attended the Community Impact meeting entitled 'Opportunities to develop Playing Fields and Open Spaces in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes on 26th September. This included a workshop by Mark Healy a

Projects officer for Fields In Trust. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Cotton invites Mark Healy to come out and discuss the application /nomination process for the QE11 Playing Fields Challenge with the full council.

The GALAF meeting on the 8th October had not been well attended, although County Cllr Puddefoot had attended the meeting. It looks as if the Vale of Aylesbury plan will be accepted as it stands and the AVDC Cabinet will discuss the New Homes Bonus at the October meeting.

The update from Inspector Glister on Operation Sideline was welcomed. This operation was a crackdown on the supply and use of drugs in Aylesbury and followed a fifteen month investigation into organised crime and drug supply including a London gang.

Cllr Robson reported on the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium on 10th October. The Vale of Aylesbury Plan was going to the full council on 17th. A consultation document was to be issued in January with every expectation that the draft document will be agreed in April or May. There is to be a meeting on the 26th October regarding affordable housing to consider the policy that 35% of any development should be affordable housing. It is believed the percentage for the Aylesbury East development may be 17% or as low as 15%. Cllr Gilpin volunteered to attend the meeting on the 26th and the clerk will respond to the e-mail to this effect.

Other topics covered included the incineration plant at Calvert, as the opposition are seeking a judicial review, talk of fracking at Twyford, Luton Airport plans, Oxford to Bedford rail expansion and the fact that the MP David Lidington had now commented that Aylesbury could do with a by-pass.

The District Councillor is to investigate the extra 49 houses in addition to the Aylesbury East Development that have been allocated to Bierton Parish in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

There is to be a meeting with Arla and the County Council to consider the alterations to the Tring Road. The general consensus of the Parish Council was that the drawings that had been submitted to date were not detailed enough and the effect of these alterations on the traffic through Aylesbury had not been thought through adequately. Cllr Puddefoot will feed back to the Parish Council if larger and more detailed plans are produced.

It was also pointed out that if the Aylesbury East development goes ahead then this would have an impact on the road system including any right turn ban. The Parish Council wondered if the County Council or Arla were developing any contingency plans in case of problems on the roads i.e. if the A41 was blocked or road-works on any of the roads.

In view of the increasing likelihood that the Aylesbury East development would go ahead representatives of the Parish Council met with Engage planning and Peter Murphy the Project Director for Barratt Developments South East Region, based at Watford.

He advised that the development had not yet got the approval of Barratt's but although unlikely to yield large profits the development would provide work on a long term basis.

In terms of timescale, at the moment two S106 agreements had been drafted with over 20 million to AVDC and over 60 million to Bucks C.C. and it was thought that these would be agreed before Christmas. There would then be a 3 month period to allow anyone to go to a judicial review and it would be envisaged that the first physical work on the site would be in May 2013. Phase 1 would be the roads and the Stocklake link as part of the Eastern link would be completed within 5 years of starting the project.

It was proposed that a series of consultation groups would be set up that would be theme based and the attendance and participation of local residents in these groups would be welcomed.

A record of this meeting would be sent to the Parish Clerk.

A discussion of the problems still to be solved then ensued. The main topic covered the fact that the proposal to have a ring road via estate quality roads did not seem viable. The Stocklake 'rural' link is being planned as a single road although apparently the developers will be obliged to leave room for a second carriageway. Other problems discussed included the design of the road junction with the A418, the road calming plans for the A418 and the link to the present Broughton Lane although it is proposed that lights will be installed on the bridge. It would seem that the decision to build a secondary school has not yet been taken and there was also a suggestion to look at extending Bierton School to cover the extra school provision needed before a primary school was built. Also the percentage of affordable housing is still a matter of discussion but would be less than the 35% Vale of Aylesbury target figure in order to reduce the costs to Barratt's. The RSPB have agreed to take over the nature reserve. It is proposed that there will be an information centre and a shop to provide an income stream to be used by the RSPB to manage the site.

It is proposed that a meeting should be set up between the Parish Council and the highways department to discuss the transport concerns. Cllr Puddefoot is to find out the name of the person to contact.

10. Planning Applications

12/02004/APP – Aylesbury Golf Centre Ltd Hulcott Lane HP22 5GA - Single Storey rear extension to clubhouse to provide managers accommodation – No Objections.

10(a) 10/02649/AOP – Land East of Aylesbury –

The Strategic Development Committee had met on the 28th September. The committee voted on the re-intention to support the development and the vote was passed by 5 votes to 2. The officer's report seemed to accept that all the requirements regarding the environmental issues would not be met but stated that this was offset by the benefits of the development.

11. Planning Determinations

12/01710/APP – 9 Burcott Lane – Extension to dropped kerb **-permitted**

12/01841/ATC - 1 Pecks Farm Close HP22 5FJ - 20% reduction and reshape common ash and 30% reduction and reshape common ash- **proceed**

12. Correspondence, Circulars & Correspondence

- a) **AVDC**- E-mail re Bucks Home Choice Allocation Policy meeting - Cllr Gilpin to attend
- b) **AVDC** -Letter re Invitation to participate in Music in Quiet Places 2013 – the form is to be forwarded to the St James' church.
- c) **AVDC** -Letter re Advanced notice of pre-submission for VAP - Circulate
- d) **AVDC** -Letter re Land at Fleet Marston start of appeal- Circulate
- e) **Bucks CC** – Closure of Stocklake form 17th October- Circulate
- f) **Community Impact Bucks** – Invitation to BRAG Annual Conference on 20th November- Circulate
- g) **Audit Commission** – Return of Annual Return ended 31 March 2012 – To be put on November's Agenda
- h) **Dial-A Ride** – request for donation –discussed under item 6 d)
- i) **BALC** – email re Parish Liaison Meeting 17th October – Cllr Gilpin to attend
- j) **Bucks CC**- Consultation on Budget and Strategic Plan - Circulate
- k) **Community Impact Bucks** – October 2012 Newsletter- Circulate
- l) **Bucks County Council** – Meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner Candidates on 29th October – Cllr Gilpin to attend

13. Matters of report - None

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

Date of next meeting Monday 19th November 2012 at 7.30 pm.