

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2012

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

County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot

Parishioners present - None

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ash. D Cllr Julie Ward.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Dispensation Requests – Dispensation was agreed for all the councillors to allow them to debate items relating to the setting of the parish precept. No other interests were declared.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The council discussed amendments to the wording under item 9 Outside Organisations and agreed to the suggestions put forward by Cllr Miller. The minutes with these amendments were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

5. Public Forum – no issues were raised.

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

Cllr Ash stated that following a risk assessment of the fire alarm panel at the Sports Centre there was no need to replace the panel at present.

Cllr Gilpin had volunteered to repair the surface of the access road to St. Osyth's well but found that it had been repaired by the householder concerned. A small amount of concrete had been laid which had been ridged for safety. Cllr Gilpin had spoken to the householder who stated that he was happy with the situation and would be happy to help the Parish Council in the future. He also mentioned that he had noticed a number of youths who had congregated around the well and were drinking and had reported this to the police. Cllr Robson thanked Cllr Gilpin on behalf of the parish Council for the way in which he had handled the situation.

The hedge in Great Lane had been cut back to a certain extent but it could do with being cut back further especially on the top of the hedge as the street light was being covered.

Cllr Robson announced that the clerk, Mrs. Margret Smith had been appointed Clerk to Cheddington Parish Council.

7. RFO Report :

a) The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

Bierton Pre School	Regular Hire – Pre School	1298.05
Mr & Mrs D Montgomery	Private Party 29/09	50.00
The Cottesloe School	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Hulcott Parish Council	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
CM & SM Ackford	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Hire - Football	60.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Hire - Karate	537.50
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Hire - Qigong	200.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	100.00

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Claydons Academy	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
St James Church Bierton	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Regular Booking – Bowls Sept	97.30
Mr Bob Sargeant	Regular Booking – Table Tennis Sept	108.00
Bierton & Hulcott WI	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Mrs Arnika Bass	Regular Hire - Zumba	200.00
Bierton School PTA	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking - Qigong	200.00
BBH Gardening Society	Village Diary Contribution	15.00

Debit

Eon Energy	Electricity – Street Lighting	192.04
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Maintenance – Street Lighting	111.84
Brian Small	Handyman	114.45
Buckland Landscapes	Hedge Cutting etc	936.00
Brokers Network Ltd	Parish Council Ins 2012/13	2332.87
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	333.50
Neighbourhood Equipment	Bench for playground	200.00
Aylesbury vale Dial-A-Ride	Donation	50.00
Royal British Legion	Donation	80.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	663.79
Staples	Stationery	65.38
Vonage	Telephone	23.37
E-on Energy	Electricity-Street Lighting	185.83

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 40,169

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

20,873

b) Parish Council Insurance – It was agreed to renew the insurance with Aviva as per the agreement brokered through Came & Company at a cost of £ 2332.87. It was noted that the policy now included Motor policy No Claims Bonus & Loss of Policy Excess and an increase in the limit of Indemnity for legal Expenses to £100,000.

c) External auditor report – It was noted that the Annual Return had been certified by the External Auditor Mazar's LLP with no qualifications.

d) Budget – The draft budget was discussed by the council and agreed in principle.

e) 2013/2014 Precept – The Parish Council agreed to keep the precept at the same level as 2012/2013 although the item was deferred until the meeting on the 21st January when the government proposals on Localising Council Tax and Capping will have been published.

It was also decided to convene a meeting of the hall management committee in January to discuss a possible increase in the charges to the hall users.

f) Notice Board – The clerk was asked to get a quote from the handyman to put doors on the notice board at Broughton.

8. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

a) Kitchen Refurbishment – It is planned that the kitchen will be installed during the week of the 2nd January. If necessary the clerk will raise a cheque in December in order to pay for the materials.

b) Boiler – It is proposed that Cllr Batson and the heating contractor who installed the boiler arrange a meeting at the Sports Centre with an independent person to sort out the problem of the gas supply to the boiler. It was also suggested that it might be possible to put a lockable unit around the boiler to prevent tampering.

Finally it was suggested that Cllr Gilpin spoke to Ardenham Energy to see if he could borrow the thermal camera to check the roof to find out the source of the leak.

c) Play around the Parishes – it was agreed that Cllr Cotton would book two dates one at easter and one in the summer with the sports equipment at a cost of £80 for two hours per day.

9. Equal Opportunities Policy – The draft equal opportunities policy was discussed and some alterations to the wording were agreed. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the policy with the amendments and this will be placed with the minutes and with the standing orders.

10. Dog Bins – The clerk reported that a resident of Great Lane had expressed concern over the overflowing dog bin outside his premises at the end of Great Lane. The clerk will contact AVDC to check when the bins are being emptied and also find out the cost of a larger bin.

11. Speed indicator Devices - Cllr Gilpin reported that he had spoken to C A Traffic based in Griffin Lane who provide SID Devices on a weekly or monthly rental as well as on a permanent basis. He offered to attend the meeting of the GBWI Local Area Forum meeting on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at Wing Village Hall when a representative from a company called SWARCO will also be present to show the Mobile Vehicle-Activated Sign (MVAS) equipment.

12. New Homes Bonus – The New Home Bonus was introduced as an encouragement to local communities to accept new housing and would be in addition to S106 money and would be allocated 80% to the District council and the remaining 20% to the County Council. The query comes with how much would then be handed down to the parish councils.

AVDC has proposed that it would pass on 15% of the allocation to the parishes rather than the 40% proposed by AVALC & NBPCC and this proposal is being put forward to the full council of AVDC on 5th December. It was suggested that Cllr Robson & Cllr Miller wrote to District Councillor Julie Ward asking her to vote for a much fairer system.

The money would not be paid until the new house is occupied and then the money whether it be S106 or the New Homes Bonus would have to be allocated to a specific project.

It was noted that the village survey had resulted in the residents producing a list of things that they would like to see in the village.

13. Outside Organisations

Cllr Gilpin reported on the Parish Liaison meeting and stated that Bucks CC wished to improve the road link between Aylesbury and High Wycombe. He also reported that the costs of public health are to revert to county responsibility from Central Government. The important element was that care of elderly is predicted to increase from 40% to 80% of the county budget. There was also some discussion over the fact that larger businesses are moving out of Aylesbury, stating that there were problems with the infrastructure.

Cllr Gilpin and Cllr Miller attended the Police and Crime Commissioner meeting. No one was able to attend the Bucks Homes Choice Allocation Policy meeting on the 26th October.

14. Planning Applications

12/02445/ATC – 99 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5BT– Fell one prunus and reduce the crown of one hawthorn by 1.5m and reshape – No Objections

12/02448/APP –2 Pecks Farm Close, HP22 5FJ- Retention of timber outbuilding with proposed hipped roof – The Parish Council objected to the first application and it was felt that the revised proposal did not overcome the original reservations and objections of the residents. The Parish Council therefore agreed to object to this application with the comments The Parish Council objected to the previous application no 12/00377/APP. The Parish Council discussed the revised proposal and agreed that the original reservations and objections of the residents had not been addressed by the slight modification to the roof. The Parish Council further contends that the statements made and the views held by the inspector in response to the first application still stand and are supported by the Parish Council.

12/02244/APP 14 Rowsham Road – the application was noted and discussed although the property is located within Hulcott Parish. The Parish Council agreed that there was no reason to object to the application but it was also stated that the Parish Council should have been notified of the application at an earlier stage and not just sent the planning notice two weeks later.

14(a) **10/02649/AOP** – Land East of Aylesbury – no update

15. Planning Determinations

To receive determinations by AVDC including:

12/01874/APP – 40 William Hill Drive, HP22 5AZ– Reconstruction of rear conservatory – **Householder Approval**

12/01875/APP – 42 William Hill Drive, HP22 5AZ– Reconstruction of rear conservatory – **Householder Approval**

12/01936/ATC – Remove one ash, one willow stump and one ornamental cherry, remove overhanging branches from one hawthorn and remove low branches from one ash. – **Proceed with work – Trees**

15. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

- a) Engage Planning- Notes of Meeting 12th October - Circulated
- b) AVDC – Register of Electors 2012/13 - noted
- c) AVDC – Update on Vale of Aylesbury Plan - Circulated
- d) AVDC – Parish Precept Request – noted and deferred to the January meeting
- e) AVDC – New AVDC horticulture and street cleansing contract - noted
- f) AVDC – email re grants available for community tree planting –not applicable
- g) Bucks CC – Results of Choose 4 Greater Aylesbury - circulated
- h) CPRE – Notice of Branch AGM – 1st December - circulated
- i) Invitations from Aylesbury Town Mayor – noted
- j) Community Impact – notification of change of address - noted

Circulars:

- a) AVDC – News for the Parishes – No5/2012
- b) Bucks CC – Hot Topics in Buckinghamshire – Oct 2012
- c) Came & Co – Parish Matters Autumn 2012
- d) The Playing Field – Autumn 2012
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct- Nov 2012
- f) The Clerk Magazine – Nov 2012
- g) Countryside Matters – Winter 2012

16. Matters of report –

County Councillor Puddefoot reported that the population is getting older and living longer and needed to be supported and wished to acknowledge the role of parishes and communities in the support role. A review of the county council budget is coming up and she was hoping to promote the problem of children in care. The county council were trying to make decisions to involve joined up thinking on roads, infrastructure and jobs. They were also trying to incorporate town centre partnerships with small businesses on the lines of the Mary Portas initiative

It was noted that the tenants of the kennels at the end of Cane End Lane have left and the owner hopes that someone else will take them on.

Councillors also remarked on the litter on the side of road in Cane End Lane & Rowsham Road.

There followed a discussion of the number of empty homes in the parish and the possibility of grants or loans in order to bring them up to a suitable state.

Cllr Robson said that he would write the copy for the December Village Diary to thank various members of the parish and to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.59 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.30 pm.