

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 p.m. ON 16th APRIL 2012

Present: Cllr. Miller 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: 3

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Robson
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Miller declared an interest on item 10

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

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

Cllr Ash reported that twenty two had attended the Good Friday walk around the village and therefore it would be repeated next year.

The clerk had contacted AVDC regarding the apparent increase in the parish council portion of the precept and was informed although the amount of the precept had remained unchanged at £ 25,000, there had been an increase in the number of exempt or partially exempt properties and therefore the amount of £ 25,000 had to be split between fewer properties resulting in a slight increase on those properties paying the council tax. A note to this effect will be placed in this month's village diary.

4. **Public Forum**

7.00-7.30 p.m. Pre-meeting

Clifford Marshall, the local area technician from Transport for Bucks, had been asked to meet with the Parish Council and discussed various transport issues with the councillors including:

- a) The man-hole cover outside 111 Aylesbury Road, which had already been reported to TFB Ref 359251.
- b) The general condition of pathways throughout the Parish and particularly at the top of Parsons Lane with the problems of children having a safe walk to school and also between Great Lane and past Jubilee Hall.
- c) Parking on the verges near the junction of A418 and Burcott Lane. The police view was that the vehicles were not causing an offence. However due to the wish to improve the line of site at the junction it may be possible to put bollards on these verges.
- d) The pinch point on Burcott Lane where cars were damaged at least once a week. The possibility of narrow lane signs or making one way a priority was discussed
- e) Speed of cars at the junction of Rowsham Road and the A418.
- f) The inadequate width of traffic islands e.g. with particular reference to wheelchairs and pushchairs.

It was agreed that it would be helpful if a meeting between the Parish Council and the local area technician was arranged in the future on a six monthly basis.

Mr Marshall said that he would prepare a response to the issues raised and reply via the clerk.

Public Forum

A resident raised a problem she was having with vehicles parking on the grass verge outside 56 and 58 Aylesbury Road, obstructing the view from the entrance of 60 Aylesbury Road. Previous occupants had parked in the lay-by across the road but the present occupants stated that this was impracticable as they had young children. Both District and County Councillors have visited the site.

A resident of Matthews Close off Oldhams Meadow stated that some fence panels had fallen down and people were cutting through, or using the close as a car park and going off walking. It was stated that the panels were privately owned and not the responsibility of the council but that the District Councillor would look at the problem and report back. Also Cllr Gilpin would look at the matter as he was the parish Council representative of the ward.

Patricia Wheatley attended the meeting with her sister with regard to developing the land behind Rowsham Road and therefore item 10 on the agenda was moved forward. It was stated that at the moment they do not have definite plans for development but had approached AVDC to get advice. However the position is that planning advice is no longer available free from the District Council and they should submit plans. It was suggested that the sisters formulate a more specific idea of the proposed development and then, if they wanted to have a discussion with representatives of the Parish Council, a meeting could be arranged with at least one other parish councillor and Cllr Miller. Cllr Miller confirmed that, if desired, he could arrange a meeting with local residents.

5. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

A licence had been obtained from AVDC for a Beer and Pimms tent, the staff and alcohol to be provided by the Red Lion Public House. Insurance for the day had also been arranged and a rebate had been applied for. The police had been contacted and it is proposed to contact the Fire Brigade to see if they can bring an engine.

The committee stated that they had received a number of donations in the form of cash and raffle prizes. The need for extra toilets had been looked into but apparently the number of toilets in the Sports Centre was sufficient for the numbers predicted as long as regular toilet checks were made.

A letter was being prepared to go out with the May Village Diary and also information would be included on the green sheet itself. Inserts would also be put in the church newsletter, Mix 96 What's On, the AVDC website and the Bierton Village Website. Posters will be put up on the Parish notice boards, Church, Sports Centre and Public Houses.

It is now proposed that committee members are to arrange the refreshments for the children's teas.

A risk assessment is to be compiled and the committee room at the Sports Centre will be the First Aid and Control Room where all necessary paperwork will be located onsite.

Cllr Webber is to take photographs and a line to inform the residents that photographs will be taken will be included in the letter to the parish residents.

A commemorative brochure is being prepared to be sold to raise some funds and it is hoped that the event will raise enough money to cover the balance of the cost of the mugs to be given to the children of the parish. The committee are looking to see if there would be any community funds available in case of a shortfall.

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

7. RFO Report :

- The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	250.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls – Feb	153.90
Bierton Football Club	Regular Booking - Football	30.00
Simon Branch	Private Hire 01/04	63.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong/Tai Chi	200.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls – Mar	163.40
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis – Feb	72.90
Bierton Football Club	Regular Booking - Football	20.00
Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	100.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	250.00

Debit

NatWest Bank	Bank Charges to 2 nd March	17.81
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BALC	Annual Subscription	283.18
BWB Diamond Jubilee Cmttee	Grant for event 3 rd June	500.00
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	232.00
S G Holdham	Maintenance of Rec. and Assets	320.71
Information Commissioner	Annual Fee Data Control	35.00
M Smith	Clerk's salary and expenses	669.84
Vonage	Clerk telephone	19.74

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments **Natwest** **29,029_**

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	11,615
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	3,000
Promotion of Recreational Activities	500
Traffic Lights	1,000
Contingency Planning	500
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>
	<u>25,115</u>

Leaving unallocated

3,914

8. Bierton Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

The ageing boiler in the Sports Centre was out of use because it has become evident that it is no longer considered to be sufficiently ventilated. Correction would require significant ducting in the kitchen area and large vandal proof plastics vents at high and low levels in the front outside wall of the Sports Centre. It had therefore been agreed that a better alternative was to get a new and more efficient boiler, two quotes having already been received with a third awaited. The Parish Council discussed the two quotes and it was agreed that the Sports Hall Committee would make a decision once the third quote had been received and Cllr Bateson had checked all the details of one of the quotes and reported back to the Clerk. It was noted that the committee would take account of the timescale to fit the boiler and check the warranty on the boiler. In order to better control energy costs, it was also agreed to have an anti tamper room thermostat installed in the main hall by the selected contractor.

It was agreed that in addition to the certificates being kept in the files in the committee room the clerk keep copies in her home office.

It was also agreed that a proposal to re-establish the Sports Hall sub-committee should be discussed as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

- It was decided that the Parish Council would fund a one summer holiday activity to be provided by AVDC for 2 hours at a cost of £50. Cllr Cotton would check the Sports Centre diary and book a suitable date.

9. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM on 21st May.

The Clerk will arrange for a note that the annual parish meeting would take place at 7.00 p.m. to be placed in the Village Diary. The first agenda item will be to elect a chairman and vice chairman and the accounts will be produced after being audited by the Internal Auditor Mr Roger King. The Clerk will produce draft accounts for members of the public and it is anticipated that the Chairman will prepare an annual statement.

10. Land Behind the Old House and Rowsham Road

This item had been discussed during the public forum.

11. Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed :-

12/00600/APP – 65a Great Lane Road Bierton HP22 5DE – Single storey side and rear extension and alterations to first floor rear access way.

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– No Objections No Comments

12/00702/APP – 10 Burcott Close, Berton HP22 5DH– Single storey link extension

- No Objections No Comments

12/00087/APP – 9 Burcott Lane Berton HP22 5AU – Minor Amended Plans

12. Planning Determinations

The following determinations by AVDC had been received :-

11/02804/APP The Paddocks 188a Aylesbury Road Berton – Erection of detached single storey garage/store– Permitted

13. Correspondence

AVDC –Community Energy Champions

-Invitation to a Chairman's Reception on 4th May.

Bucks County Council – Speed Limit Review Order

Public Ballot for Diamond Jubilee Garden Party

Aylesbury Town Neighbourhood Policing Team – Letter from Inspector Kelly Glistler

Circulars:

Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Issue 8 March 2012

Countryside Voice – Spring 2012

14. Matters of report

It was reported that due to budget cuts the Neighbourhood Policing teams were being restructured with five groups of PCSO making up the Aylesbury Town neighbourhoods, north, south, west, east which will include Berton and the town centre. It was commented that as the members of the police in local areas kept changing there was no continuity but this is probably inevitable as individuals wish to progress in their career and move away from the neighbourhood teams. The police had again been installing more secure car registration plates at Tesco and another Copper Tea session had taken place at Parton Road for residents to discuss problems. At the present time the NAG meetings are still not happening but Cllr Cotton will report if there is any change in this situation.

A number of people have complained they were having problems with the lock on gate at Sports centre And Cllr Webber said he would monitor the situation. The clerk is to replace the padlocks on the gas and electricity meters as they have become heavily corroded.

Cllr Vaughan reported that the seat at the bus stop opposite the Red Lion is in need of attention as there is movement on the seat and there is also deterioration on the top bar of the bench. He also stated that the contractor was having a problem getting the mower down to the St Osyth's well to cut the grass so Cllr Miller will check the access to the well particularly with regard to overhanging trees.

Finally it was stated that two more volunteers had come forward to help with the distribution of the diary.

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

Date of next meeting Monday 21st May at 7.30 pm.