

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL 2015

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

District Councillor Julie Ward

Parishioners present - 8

At the start of the meeting there was a presentation by Davidsons Developments Limited and Bidwells relating to a proposed development off Barnett Way.

P.C. Neil Anns from Thames Valley Police then addressed the Parish Council. He stated that there had been reductions in most of the crime figures. The number one priority of the neighbourhood police team remains as burglary although there had been a reduction in the number of distraction burglaries .

Speeding is still a cause of concern especially along Burcott Lane & Broughton Lane. However due to the demands on police time they are no longer able to service regular speed controls.

Another priority in the area is theft from motor vehicles. P.C. Anns stressed that it is important for residents to make sure that they lock their cars and do not leave valuable items in the cars.

Cllr Miller asked if the names of the neighbourhood police team could be updated on the Village Diary with the correct shoulder numbers. Cllr Cotton said that this would be done.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Horne

2. Declarations of Interest:

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th March 2015 were accepted as a true record and duly signed after the following three corrections were made :-

- a) Paragraph 6 the word large was deleted
- b) Paragraph 8a - 'will' was replaced with 'may' to read - ' A site visit may be undertaken by the planning inspectorate.'
- c) Paragraph 20, an alteration was made to read Tracey Aldworth

4. Public Forum

Two issues were raised by the residents

- a) The Planning Applications relating to 72 Aylesbury Road, Bierton. The owners of this property wished to put their point of view to the Parish Council
- b) The Mile Post near The Bell. One of the residents stated that the mile post could be refurbished at cost. The clerk was asked to find out whether the mile post was now the responsibility of the County Council or Aylesbury Town Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

6. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

15/00683/APP & 15/00684/ALB - 72 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5DA - Conversion of redundant stables and garage into one dwelling including single storey side and rear link extension, replacement garage for existing dwelling and new access onto Great Lane .

The Parish Council agreed to oppose this planning application and that the Parish Council would speak at the meeting if the application is considered by committee.

The Parish Council had a number of concerns over the access onto Great Lane :-

- i) The access would mean that part of the footpath is lost and there is no footpath on the other side of the road.
- ii) The road narrows at the access point.
- iii) The access point is near to the entrance of Beech Close and the Car Park of the Red Lion Public House
- iv) The Parish Council is concerned that the view to the left of anyone sat in a car in the driveway would be impeded by the brick wall of the neighbouring property.

The Parish Council also wondered if the Planning Authority would class this as overdevelopment of the site

15/00939/APP & 15/00940/ALB - Badricks Farm, 94 Aylesbury Road, Bierton - Conversion of existing agricultural barns to create three new residential units including erection of cart shed parking (amendment to 13/00784/APP)

The Parish Council expressed concerns over the new covered parking area as it exceeds the height of the wall.

However it was agreed that the Parish Council would not object to the application provided that the case officer and listed buildings officer are satisfied that this building is in keeping with the restrictions placed on buildings adjacent to listed buildings and in conservation areas.

15/01208/APP - Beechfield, Cane End Lane, Bierton - Formation of manege - **No Objections**

However it was noted the address given on the application form as Cane End Lane is confusing as the field is located towards the end of Rowsham Road as shown on the HM land Registry extract.

14/03486/ADP - Land East of Aylesbury - Minor Amended Plans -

There had been a number of e-mails sent to Cllr Robson concerning the devastation of the hedges and trees in preparation for the start of development including the alleged destruction of a buzzard's nest. Cllr Robson had sent e-mails to a number of organisations including the RSPB and BBOWT and was awaiting replies. A meeting had been arranged by Barratt's with the RSPB and the AVDC Conservation Officer on the 29th April.

Cllr Robson had arranged a meeting with Broughton Crossing residents on the 22nd April to present the latest plans and Cllr Batson said that he would attend this meeting as well.

A ten page letter had been sent by Del Tester, Lead Highways Development Management Consultant for Bucks County Council, in response to the letter from the Parish Council to the cabinet member Ruth Vigor Hedderly .

Cllr Robson responded to this letter stating that the reply had missed the main point , stating that Bill Chapple is the member representing Bierton with Broughton not Phil Gomm as stated in the letter and that the Parish Council reserves the right to speak to any cabinet member if it is deemed appropriate. The main point that the reply had still not answered is that the cabinet member has asserted that the road will be to the full DMRB standard whereas the section 106 states that the road may be a hybrid and therefore not at all suitable as a strategic link.

The Parish Council agreed that the amended plans did nothing to address the concerns that the Parish Council have concerning the design of the main road. Indeed it was noted that the plans showed a children's playground in close proximity to the road and also a number of uncontrolled crossings.

Cllr Robson will draft another addendum to the Parish Council objection to the reserved matters and will circulate the draft to the other councillors before submitting a hand delivered copy to AVDC.

7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations by AVDC were noted:-

15/00641/APP - Ivy House, 1, Brick Lane, HP22 5DA - Single storey rear extension - **Approved**

15/00281/APP - 2 The Firs, Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5AW - Proposed extension and alterations to front elevation - **Approved**

8. Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID) Sign

The chairman agreed to bring this agenda item forward as Cllr Gilpin had to leave early.

Cllr Gilpin stated that the sign was not ready yet. He is hoping that a date can be arranged in the near future for the sign to be put up.

It was suggested that it might be possible to borrow the Mobile Speed Camera Unit for the Local Area Forum.

Cllr Gilpin left at 9.10 p.m.

9. Other Planning Matters

a) Kingsbrook - This matter had been discussed under **14/03486/ADP** - Minor Amended Plans above.

b) 14/01125/APP Land to North of Cane End Lane - Single Chapel Crematorium

Cllr Miller reported that since the Judicial Review, the situation remains that all parties involved are considering their positions. However, as confirmed in Mr Del Tester's reply of the 10th April 2015 concerning Kingsbrook issues, "funding for the consultation and implementation" of the scheme to stop-up Rowsham Road from Cane End Lane "was secured as part of the Crematorium application" and "will continue to be secured in the event that a further planning application comes forward".

c) Barnett Way Development

The Parish Council agreed that there was nothing to discuss following the earlier presentation until either an application was received via AVDC or there was a further approach from the developer.

10. Gib Lane Community Fund

Posters advertising the Community Fund had been put up on the notice boards. A paragraph will also be put in the village diary. All the administration will be carried out by Grantscape and the Parish Council will get a short list of applications after the closing date of the 30th September 2015. The chairman asked the councillors to consider whether the Parish Council wished to apply and to think about projects that could be considered at the next meeting.

11. Parking

Cllr Cotton reported that photographs were being taken of various cars that were being parked on verges. The Parish Council agreed to the suggestion that the photographs would be sent to Bucks County Council with the request that letter is sent to the owners asking them to stop parking on the verges.

12. Parish Council Elections 2015

Five nomination papers had been received by AVDC for the Bierton Ward leaving three vacancies to be filled by co-option plus one vacancy for the Oldhams Meadow Ward.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Sports Centre at 7.30 p.m. and the first meeting of the new Parish Council would follow on. The chairman asked if all the existing Parish Councillors could attend for the Annual Parish meeting and be there when the Chairman's Report is delivered which will cover the last four years of the council.

It was resolved that the decision regarding the future venue of the Parish Council meetings would be left for the new council to decide.

14. Devolved Services

Aylesbury Town Council had stated that the grass cutting service would begin at the end of the week.

15. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

1st Berton Scouts	Extra Weds Jan/Feb	90.00
Arnika Bass - Zumba	Regular Booking - Zumba	80.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - February	150.00
Berton School PTA	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Berton with Hulcott MU	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Hulcott PC	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Ms Sharon Collinson	Regular Booking - Dancing	90.00
Ms Sharon Collinson	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
St James' Church	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Berton Pre-School	Village Diary	15.00
1st Berton Scouts	Regular Hire - Scouts	360.91
Tennis Club	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Berton & Hulcott WI	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Berton & H Gardening	Private Hire	60.00
Mr J W Horne	Private Hire	114.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - March	144.00
Ms Sharon Collinson	Regular Booking - Dancing	120.00

Debit

EON	Electricity to Street Lights	192.67
Southern Electric	SC - Gas Supply	707.71
Southern Electric	Pavilion - Electricity Supply	43.85
Southern Electric	SC - Electricity Supply	301.20
NatWest	Bank Charges	17.02
BALC	Annual Subscription	281.96
BALC	Training Course	26.28
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	272.00
NBPCC	Annual Subscription	20.00
B Small	Handyman	307.93
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	780.50

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	<u>33,341</u>
	33,341
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	10,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,000
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	14,500
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>18,841</u></u>

16. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson had attended the NBPCC meeting on the 25th March and had given an update of the progress of the various planning applications in the parish. The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th June.

Cllr Batson stated that the date of the Spring Waterway Forum had been changed to Thursday 21st May and that he was still planning to attend the forum as a member of the public as he was standing down as a Parish Councillor at the May elections. The Parish Council asked if he would represent the council at the forum and report back.

17. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

- a) Mazars - Notice of Audit of Accounts for year ended 31st March 2015 - Noted
- b) Letter from resident regarding Dog Mess along Parsons Lane - The clerk was asked to purchase some stickers to put up along Parsons Lane.
- c) Greater Aylesbury Local Forum- Choose 4 Greater Aylesbury 2015 Programme - Noted
- d) AVDC - English Heritage National heritage at Risk Graded II Project - Noted
- e) Bucks County Council - Letter acknowledging receipt of comments on St Louis Catholic Primary School application - Noted

Consultations

AVDC - Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Licensing Policy - Responses by 20th June 2015.- Placed in Correspondence Envelope.

Circulars:

- a) LCR - Spring 2015
- b) Countryside Voice - Spring 2015
- c) NALC - Legal Topic Notes on Section 137, Staff Pensions, Legal Proceedings and Local Authority Publicity

18. Confidential Matters

The Parish Council discussed the banking arrangements of the Parish Council under Confidential Matters allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

19. Matters of report

- a) Cllr Miller reported that notices had been put up that set out details of the land owned by M & G UK Properties Limited Partnership in the vicinity of Grove Farm on either side of Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane and also in the area of Hulcott Village. They may well be a preliminary step to whatever may happen in the future. The Statement and Plan, dated 07/11/2014, were submitted on behalf of the owner to Bucks County Council by: Law & Feinnes of Warren Lodge, Broughton, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5EF. The receiving Officer at BCC was Hazel D Rackham, Definitive Map Officer.

- b) Concern was raised over the state of the signs along Broughton Lane. It was noted that there is only one sign prohibiting HGV lorries at the Tring Road end and the weight limit sign at the bridge cannot be seen.
- c) The poor state of the village gates approaching the village from Rowsham was discussed. Cllr Miller suggested that money could be used from the reserved monies to pay for the refurbishment. The clerk was asked to speak to Brian Small to see if he would be able to carry out the repairs.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.30 pm. at Bierton Sports Centre.