

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th April 2011

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

Parishioners present: Two

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Mrs. Vaughan.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Public Forum:** County Councillor Bill Chapple presented his proposal to combine Bierton with Broughton Parish into the Aston Clinton Division under changes to the boundaries of the electoral divisions of Bucks County Council. He stated that it was a question of numbers and that as it had been agreed to reduce the number of county councillors from 57 to 49, boundaries would have to change as the numbers of electors worked out at 8113 per division. The Stoke Mandeville Ward was moving from Aston Clinton to Wendover division and the proposal was to add Bierton with Broughton Ward together with Hulcott Ward to Aston Clinton and Weston Turville to produce a division with approximately 7,900 members. He also stated that all the aforementioned wards had possible common ground in the threat of potential large development plans. Some discussion ensued with the council regarding the alternatives of combining Bierton with Aylesbury or with other villages such as Wing and Wingrave. However Councillor Chapple said that it was his intention to put his proposal to the County Council on Thursday 21st April to be adopted. There would then be another period of consultation with the Boundary Commission in July, followed by draft recommendations in January 2012 to be enacted by May 2013.

The Parish Council were made aware that a resident of Rowsham Road had been approached by a driver of a small white car and asked if they knew of any prostitutes in Aylesbury. The matter had been reported to the police.

5. **Clerk's Report:** The Clerk's report was noted.
6. **RFO Report:**
 - The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

Aylesbury Town FC	Regular Hire- Football	24.00
J Kitteridge	Regular Booking – Qigong	216.00
B Sargeant	Table Tennis	52.00
C Haes	Short Mat Bowls	140.40
Hayley Titmus	Private Party	85.00

Debit

Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	16.33
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	43.72
BALC	Annual Membership 2011/12	259.85
Aylesbury CAB	Donation	50.00
Done & Dusted	Cleaning Sports Centre	232.00

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Key plumbing	Drain Clearing Sports Centre	126.00
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Repairs to playground	778.80
Security Matters	Alarm Annual Inspection	102.00
Viking Direct	Stationery & Stamps	91.17
Zurich Insurance	Sports Centre Insurance	325.42
SLCC	Clerk's Training Package	50.00
M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	632.06

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments	Natwest	31,859	-
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		
Election Expenses	2,000		
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>		
	27,115		

Leaving unallocated

4,744

- The results of the annual Asset Inspection by Councillors were handed to the clerk to consolidate. The benefit of work undertaken by the council last year on the well and common land was commented on. There was also a query over whether the dog bin (which is in a very poor state) at the canal car park at Broughton Crossing is the property of the Parish Council. The clerk will ascertain who is responsible for this bin. A number of points were identified as needing attention at the Recreation Ground/Sports Centre and the clerk will get quotes for certain items on the list to be considered at the next meeting.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

- It was agreed that the Parish Council is obligated to the Tennis Club regarding the water bill from Thames Water and therefore will recompense the club in the hope that the insurance cover regarding Public Liability may cover some of the expense.
- Cllr Cotton has agreed to be the point of contact for the Play in the Parish session on the 1st June

8. Community Plan Working Group

The displays have been agreed for the open day on 15th May at the Sports Centre. Sarah Alwood from Community Impact has helped in this process and the main idea is to facilitate and encourage local residents to put forward their ideas on topics such as Housing Development, Environment and Transport.

There will be a run through at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 26th April to establish the roles on the day of the various people involved. Several local organisations will have tables such as the Tennis Club, Jubilee players and Judo Club and the W.I. will provide refreshments. The residents will be asked to sign in with their post code so that it can be seen if a fair representation of the whole parish attended the event.

The event will be promoted in a variety of ways including the Village diary, flyers at a cost of £ 25 for 1000, notice Boards and the Bucks Herald Community page.

The clerk will set up a separate account for the working group in the Parish Council accounts and will email Paul O'Hare at Community Impact to raise a cheque for £ 250, the first half of a £ 500 grant to the community plan process.

The intention is at the moment to combine the community and neighbourhood plan elements but they may have to be separated at a later stage.

It was noted that in some discussions and literature concerning the Broughton Crossing Development Plan mention had been made to the 'Wetlands Park'. It was suggested that as the actual facts concerning this park were unclear it might be an idea to invite a representative from either AVDC or Bucks CC to speak at the June Parish Council meeting regarding this topic.

9. NAG Meeting

There has not been a NAG meeting since the last council meeting, the next NAG meeting will be 4th May.

10. North Bucks Planning Consortium- 22nd March

There was nothing specific to report as everything is in limbo pending final legislation.

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GALAF Meeting - 28th March

The speed limit to Burcott and Broughton Lanes have been approved and the sites for the signs for public consultation are to be identified. Cllr Puddefoot is to clarify the procedure with Pat Francis. The County Council and the District Council are both opposed to the HS2 proposal and are also now opposed to the alternative proposal that is the Leighton Buzzard/Tring route. The main cause of concern was the height of the bridges and the depth of the tunnels that would be needed to facilitate the route and the major problems this would cause to the landscape. The public consultation was open until June for residents to object personally.

12. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM on 16th May.

Eight nominations had been received for the nine parish council posts. There would therefore be no poll on 5th May and there was a vacancy for one councillor. One person had already said they would be willing to be co-opted and a notice would be placed in the May Village diary asking if anyone else would be interested in standing for the position and if so to contact the clerk by the 12th May.

A note is to appear in the Village Diary to state that there will an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00p.m. on Monday 16th May at The Jubilee Hall to which all parishioners are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to voice any views or concerns you may have regarding the village or Parish Council. This meeting will be followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m. The present chairman Cllr Robson will produce a report for the annual meeting but will not be able to attend on 16th May to read it instead the vice chairman Cllr Miller will present the report. The chairman asked if any of the other councillors wished to make a contribution to this report then they should contact the chairman.

At the annual meeting the chairman and vice chairman would be elected and Cllr. Robson expressed his interest in continuing as chairman. All councillors would need to fill in the forms relating to acceptance of office.

13. Planning Determinations

11/00087/APP – 64 Burcott Lane Single Storey Rear Extension - permitted

14. Planning Applications

The following application had been received

11/00691/APP 120 Aylesbury Road, Berton – demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and erection of one attached 2 storey dwelling including alterations to existing access

As this application was on a site that had been rejected in a previous application Cllrs Miller and Vaughan would investigate the new proposal and report back to the clerk before the deadline of May 5th.

15. Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation documents

Mike Nicholls is to attend the presentation on a "Bats & Swifts" conservation project on behalf of the council.

16. Matters of Report

The matter of the state of the cricket nets at the recreation ground was raised. It was decided that the management committee together with the gentleman who runs the cricket team would look at the nets. Cllr Robson had received an invite from Aylesbury Town Council for a representative of the parish council to participate in the ceremony of the installation of the new mayor at Hardings restaurant on 20th May. Cllr Ash will attend.

The annual walk at St Osyths Well was taking place on Friday 22nd.

Cllr Puddefoot stated that she had put in a report on the state of the roads and the footpaths in Berton to the County Council. Berton Judo Club had been in contact with her and had obtained a temporary venue at Oakfield Scouts Headquarters.

The Stocklake Road between the Ring Road and Burcott/Broughton lane was still open.

Finally as it was the last formal meeting of the present Parish Council the chairman stated that he was grateful of all the support he had received from the councillors and he felt that the council had brought the village with the council in what they had wanted to do in their term of office.

The chairman also reminded councillors to complete the declaration of expenses for the Parish Council to be returned to AVDC even if it was a nil return.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

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Date of next meeting Monday 16th May at 7.30 pm.