

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th April 2013

Present: Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr. Miller, Cllr Ash, Cllr Batson, Cllr. Cotton, Cllr Horne, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Webber and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance. Cllr Gilpin arrived at 7.40 p.m.

County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot

Parishioners present – 2

1. Apologies for Absence: DCllr Julie Ward

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed. Cllr Ash stated that 16 people were present for the walk on Easter Friday.

4. Public Forum –

A resident raised his concerns regarding the lack of response to phone calls that he had made to the police regarding firstly a vehicle that was not showing a valid road tax disc and secondly to a car parked on the footpath obstructing the footpath. It was suggested that these concerns were raised at the next Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting at the end of May.

The state of the verge outside the Sports Centre was raised as cars that have parked on the verge have caused deep ruts. The clerk was asked to contact Bucks County Council about this concern.

It was noted that the 100 Bus service had been suspended from today. C Cllr Puddefoot agreed to ask why this express service to Milton Keynes has been stopped without formal consultation and also to put forward the concern of the Parish Council and the wish that the service might be re-instated.

Route 150 is the only service now available but it is not an express service and goes via villages and Leighton Buzzard and therefore takes one hour and twenty minutes to get to Milton Keynes. The reliability of the buses on this route is also somewhat suspect as they are old buses and prone to break down.

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

The Play in the Parishes event on the 5th April was well attended.

The deployment of the SID sign was discussed and it is proposed a schedule of where it will be positioned on which particular day is to be drawn up pending approval by Bucks County Council. The clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda of the next meeting.

The clerk was asked to contact Clifford Marshall, the Local Area Technician for Transport for Bucks and invite him to the June meeting.

6. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking - Qigong	150.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	250.00
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	125.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	75.00

Debit

Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	166.04
Natwest	Bank Charges	17.91
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	192.04
Aylesbury Mains	Street Light Maintenance	251.76
Brian Small	Handyman	417.76
CA Traffic Ltd	Purchase of SID Sign	3216.00
Done & Dusted	SC – Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Matters Property Services Group	Intruder Alarm Annual Maintenance	127.80
Arnold Dunn	PAT testing	25.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	773.90
Vonage	Telephone	5.93

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments Natwest 27,238

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	4,220
Traffic Lights	1,000
Replacement of Concrete Light	1,000
Replacement of Fire Alarm Pa	<u>4,220</u>
	18,720

Leaving unallocated **8,518**

b) Donation for Garden Equipment – The Scouts are proposing to take on an allotment at either the Bedgrove or Bierton allotment sites and have asked for a donation towards the purchase of gardening equipment.

An amount of £100 was proposed by Cllr Horne and seconded by Cllr Cotton. This was agreed by the council.

c) Petrol Multi Tool – The handyman asked if the Parish Council would consider part funding the purchase of a petrol multi tool for the maintenance of trees and hedges in the parish. The Parish Council noted the request but concerns were expressed about setting a precedent with the part ownership of an asset. The handyman would be able to claim for the petrol used for council work.

d) Charity Donation – The request from Suzanne Howland for a Charity Donation was discussed but the Parish Council agreed, with regret, that this type of request could not be supported as it is felt to be inappropriate to use public money to sponsor an individual.

e) Audit of accounts – Roger King has agreed to carry out the Internal Audit of the accounts for 2012/2013 and the Council noted the deadline of 30th June for the Annual Return to be approved i.e. to be signed at the parish Council meeting on the 17th June.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

a) Pavilion Roof– It was agreed that the councillors would investigate various sources of grants to see if the Parish Council could get funding for the replacement of the pavilion roof.

b) Cricket Nets – Cllr Ash reported that he had looked at grants for the replacement of the cricket nets. The Lords Taverners needed a cricket team to be in place and there was no chance of money from Sports England. It was possible that the Community Chest might pay for the repair of the existing nets and/or frame. Also the Community Leaders Fund was suggested as a possibility after the May Elections.

8. Parish Meeting – The Chairman will present his annual report at the meeting. The clerk was asked to make sure that the Parish Meeting was put in the Village Diary to be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

9. Outside Organisations.

Cllr Robson had attended the Strategic Development Control meeting on the 10th April at which five planning applications were discussed that had gone to appeal. These included three north of Weedon Hill, one at Weston Turville and one at Fleet Marsden. Cllr Robson noted that one of the reasons given for rejecting these applications was that the application was an ‘inappropriate development into open countryside’.

10. Planning Applications

13/00533/ADC – 19 Grendon Way, Berton HP22 5DD - New Front Porch – **No Objections**

13/00726/APP – 10 Barnett Way, Berton HP22 5DN - Single Storey rear extension– **No Objections**

13/00778/POA - Conkers Farm 178 Aylesbury Road Berton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DT – Discharge of planning obligation relating to 90/02007/APP; AV/01605/84 and 12/02848/APP with regard to use of annexe as a separate 2 bed dwelling. – **No Objections**

3/00784/APP - Badricks Farm 94 Aylesbury Road Berton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL

Demolition of the buildings on the frontage, extension to the rear of units 2 and 3 and the modern agricultural building on the site and the conversion of existing buildings to create three new residential units (Amendment to Listed Building Consent 10/00786/APP) - **No Objections**

11a) 10/02649/AOP – Land East of Aylesbury – It has been reported that the Section 106 agreements were nearly ready for signing. A reduction in the amount of the contribution towards the costs of building schools of £ 8 million had gone to a cabinet member and had been agreed. The Parish Council voiced the concern that this would place extra pressure on school placements. There was also some concern that the two authorities AVDC and Bucks County Council appeared to be working out of phase as AVDC appear to have approved the application on the premise that it would provide an eastern link road but Bucks County Council stated that any shortfall in the education costs would be paid for by the fact that the provision of an eastern link road would come in under budget. Bucks County Council has agreed to a reduction in the amount of the S106 money that AVDC had previously agreed to when the planning application was accepted. There has also been agreement to reduce the percentage of affordable housing.

11b) 13/00391/AOP – Land east of A413 Buckingham Road and Watermead Aylesbury – Hallam Land Management – The Parish Council has submitted a lengthy response to this application. The District Council had asked that this application was considered in conjunction with the other applications that had been co-joined for an appeal inquiry, but this has been refused by the Department for Communities and Local Government..The application will now go to committee on the 29th May.
The clerk had been contacted by Jonathan Harbottle, a Chartered Surveyor, on behalf of Land & Partners Limited with a proposal for a site off William Hill Drive. He suggested that they might be able to give professional support and funding to help get the Watermead application rejected. It was pointed out that it was probably too late to affect the initial decision of AVDC but the clerk will ask him if he could come and speak to the council regarding the proposal at the June meeting.

It was stated that DCllr Julie Ward had recently received confirmation that the 50 houses for Berton Parish had now been deleted from the Vale of Aylesbury Plan because of the Broughton Crossing Development.

12. Planning Determinations

13/00621/ATC – 99 Aylesbury Road Berton HP22 5BT - Reduce height of five sycamore by 1 metre and shape sides by up to 50cm each side - **Permitted**

13/00254/APP20 - Church Farm Close Berton Buckinghamshire HP22 5EL -Conversion of garage roof space into residential living accommodation - **Permitted**

13. Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents

Correspondence:

- a) ICO – Confirmation of renewal of register entry. - Noted
- b) Email from AVALC re Re-Invigorating Communities Event on 29th June - Noted
- c) AVDC- Letter from Solicitor re Adoption of section 45 Local Government Act 1976 – Clerk to Respond

- d) AVDC – Notice of Election of a County Councillor for Aston Clinton & Bierton & also for Aylesbury North – Noted

It was also noted that County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot was not standing at this election as she wished to concentrate on being a Town Councillor. It was therefore her last attendance at a Parish Council meeting as a County Councillor. The Chairman thanked her for all her support and was very grateful for all of her endeavours in raising issues on behalf of the Parish Council. This was endorsed by all the councillors.

- e) Aylesbury Town Council – Letter re appointment of new Town Clerk Mr Keith Gray - Noted

- f) BCC – E-mail re Parish Community Response Team Emergency Contacts – Circulated

Circulars:

- a) DCLG – Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning 2013-15

- b) Community Safety – Parish Newsletter May 2013

- c) CPRE – Field Work Spring 2013

- d) CPRE – Countryside Spring 2013

- e) Vale of Aylesbury Plan – April 2013

Consultations:

DCLG – Survey on Town & Parish Councils – Cllr Robson to respond

15. Matters of report –

The hedge had been cut in Great Lane.

Concern was again raised about the amount of rubbish in the paddock at the end of Cane End Lane.

The village website is still being updated. Cllr Gilpin asked if all the other councillors could take a look at the website and let him know if anything needed to be changed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at **10.00 pm**.

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May 2013 at 7.30 pm.