

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th February 2015

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

Parishioners present - 4

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Webber, and County Councillor Bill Chapple sent his apologies for a late arrival due to a prior meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest:

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

There was one amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2015 under 4. Public Forum, the word 'principles' being replaced by principals. The minutes were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Public Forum

Two residents wished to voice their concerns about the proposed extension to St Louis Catholic Primary School increasing the number of pupils from 210 to 420 plus a nursery provision for 30 children. They had already spoken to Cllr Gilpin and District Cllr Ward about the issue. The main concern was the effect that this increase in numbers would have on traffic and parking on the roads around the school especially those roads at the back of the school. The concerns of the residents were noted by the Parish Council and the issue will be on the agenda for next month.

Another resident wished to raise the problem of cars overtaking on the main road between the Red Lion and Barnett Way and also after Rowsham Road on the blind corner. The Parish Council stated that it was hoped that additional sites for the Temporary Speed Indicator Device sign could be agreed with the County Council and that these areas could be targeted.

A resident suggested that an Independent Action group could be formed to challenge planning applications and to focus the views of the residents. Cllr Robson stated that he would arrange a day to discuss this proposal further with the resident and try and get a group together.

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

6. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

15/00074/APP - Rhode Acres, Broughton Lane, Bierton HP22 5AW - Two storey side and rear extension and extension to front porch - It was noted that this application was for a smaller extension than the previous application for which the Parish Council had had no objections. The Parish Council agreed that it was down to the planning officer to decide on the size criteria and therefore had **no objections** to this application.

15/00281/APP - 2 The Firs, Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5AW - Proposed extension and alterations to front elevation - **No Objections**

14/03486/ADP & 14/03487/ADP - Land East of Aylesbury, Broughton Crossing - Minor Amended Plans - Noted

14/02417/APP - Land East of Circus Fields, Stocklake - Minor Amended Plans - Noted

7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations were noted:-

14/03181/APP - Land at Circus Fields Oakfield Road

- Redesign of plots 20, 21 & 22 comprising amendment to layout and style of dwellings and garages and revised parking and access arrangements - **Approved**

14/03598/ATC - 1 Pecks Farm Close, Berton HP22 5FJ

Reduce height of one ash tree by approx 3m and reduce height of three plum trees by approx 1.5m - **Proceed**

14/03639/APP - 202 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DT

- Conversion of outbuilding to create a 'Granny Annexe' - **Approved**

8. Other Planning Matters

a) Kingsbrook

The Parish Council had formally objected to the two applications concerning Village Two. A letter had also been sent separately to Cllr Mrs Vigor-Hedderly, the Cabinet member of Transport for Buckinghamshire County Council voicing the concerns of the Parish Council on the proposed junction of the A418 and ELR (N).

It was noted that during the briefing of the Strategic Housing Committee there was disappointment expressed at the layout and design of the housing and concern had also been raised that a main road had been put through the middle of a housing estate.

Six Parish Councillors are due to attend a stakeholder's meeting with Barratts on Friday 20th February at the Holiday Inn.

It was also noted that a formal partnership between Barratts and the RSPB had been announced to cover all ecology matters of the development.

b) Crematorium 14/01125/APP

Work has started on the site and construction traffic has been seen using Rowsham Road. Cllr Miller contacted Rachel Prance from the Crematorium Consortium and was told that signs would be put up directing traffic to use Cane End Lane only. A workman was seen directing traffic at the end of Rowsham Lane during the day and then signs eventually were put up but these signs were totally inadequate. Cllr Miller has again contacted Rachel Prance and District Cllr Julie Ward.

No dates have yet been set for the public consultation period and the next liaison meeting.

A resolution was put forward that the Parish Council should adopt the position that Rowsham Road should be cut off from Cane End Lane. This was agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr Miller will put an article in the Village Diary to inform the residents of the position adopted by the council and hopefully advise the dates of the consultation period.

c) Circus Fields 2 - No Update

d) Solar Farm

Work is continuing on the solar farm. The chairmen and clerks of four Parish Councils (Berton with Broughton, Hulcott, Aston Clinton and Buckland) have been invited to a meeting on the 17th February to discuss the setting up of a fund to allow groups to apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000.

e) Appeals

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has dismissed the appeals against planning refusal for land at Fleet Marston and the failure to determine applications for land at Hampden Fields and Weedon Hill. It is possible that another application will be made at Fleet Marston if a bridge and road is widened and at Hampden Fields if there are traffic changes.

The appeal on the Land East of Watermead is in abeyance as a date to reconvene has not been found that is acceptable to all parties.

f) Planning Changes

A number of parish councils have raised concerns about the changes to the procedures which are in effect making it more difficult for parish councils to contribute to the planning process.

This has been compounded by a letter that was sent from Tracey Aldworth, a director at AVDC saying that the 'North Bucks Planning Consortium' has no special status. In the past AVDC had always had some respect for the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) and had engaged in worthwhile conversations.

g) Land Adj Grove Court

Cllr Ward informed the Parish Council that there is to be an appeal on the decision of AVDC to refuse the application to build at the end of Grove Court.

It was noted that no letters of objection from residents have been uploaded to the AVDC website. Cllr Miller had received a letter as a resident who had objected to the application but the Parish Clerk had not received a letter nor had some of the other residents who had sent in letters of objection. The clerk will contact the appeals officer to find out why a letter had not been sent to the Parish Council and the situation regarding the other letters of objection.

9. Broughton Lane

Cllr Robson has written to Cllr Chapple to ask why there has been no proper handover of the matters raised at the meeting last year.

10. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID) -

Cllr Gilpin had received an e-Mail from Andrew Frechter of CA Traffic Ltd stating that

' The First units are being put together shortly and I'll endeavour to get a firm date for you next week when I can tie the delivery dates down for the last items due in'

It is hoped that Cllr Gilpin will be at the next meeting and will be able to give a report on the data that had been collected from the old sign.

The Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum (GALAF) also have a number of Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs and it may be possible to borrow a sign from the GALAF pool.

11. Parking

Cllr Cotton had received two e-mails from residents complaining about vehicles parking on grass verges. It is hoped that the residents will be able to take pictures of the offending vehicles to illustrate the problems caused by this behaviour. Cllr Cotton will continue to try and get evidence and the chairman asked if all councillors would keep a look out and report back to Cllr Cotton. The issue will be put on the agenda for next month.

12. Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

The Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground Management Committee had met on the 9th February and had agreed to increase charges to hirers for 2015/16. The proposed charges had been circulated to all councillors. It was agreed by the Parish Council to accept the charges as proposed by the Management Committee.

Cllr Robson asked Cllr Batson to look at the Code of Practice regarding Legionnaires Disease and report back to the Parish Council.

County Councillor Bill Chapple arrived at 9.20 p.m.

13. RFO Report :

a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Carers Bucks	Private Hire	60.00
Mrs A R Hall	Private Hire 31/01	72.00
Mrs C L Bourke	Private Hire 01/03	72.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	330.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	180.00
Bierton Scout Group	Hire Hall 24/08	30.00
Ms Sharon Collison	Regular Booking - Dancing	90.00
C Churchill	Private Hire 15/02	72.00
La Dolce Vita	Private Hire 28/03	40.00
Mrs L Hamer	Private Hire 14/02	57.00

M Richards	Private Hire - 21/06	114.00
L Williment	Private Hire - 01/02	57.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis Jan	97.50
Mrs Emma Bishop	Private Hire	72.00

Debit

NatWest	Bank Charges	17.79
Public Works Loan Board	Loan Payment	1392.74
Eon Energy	Electricity - Street Lights	192.67
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	117.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	340.00
B Small	Handyman	545.12
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary	776.11
IJT Direct	Printer Toner	130.00
Kempson Electrical	SC - Maintenance	811.80
Viking Direct	Stationery	103.70

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	<u>36,117</u>
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Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	7,340
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	240
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,600
Pavilion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	12,180
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>23,937</u></u>

b) New Financial Regulations - It was resolved to accept the new financial regulations and the clerk will check if any changes are required to the standing orders to accommodate this change.

c) Budget - The Parish Council agreed in principle to accept the budget.

d) Internal Auditor - The Parish Council agreed to again appoint Roger King as the Internal Auditor.

Cllr Miller left with apologies at 9.40 p.m.

14. Electronic Agendas - It was agreed by all the parish councillors present that the agendas and other paperwork would be circulated electronically to those councillors with e-mail addresses. The clerk would continue to deliver hard copies to Cllr Horne and Cllr Webber .

15. Report from County Councillor Bill Chapple

Cllr Chapple stated that he was to go on to a Communications Panel with Transport for Bucks and will ask about the handover from Ann James to Calvin Richardson as Area Manager for Transport for Bucks and why the issues raised at the meeting last year regarding Broughton Lane had not been addressed.

Bill Chapple will also look at the proposed expansion of St Louis Catholic Primary School and especially at the areas within the parish where issues of parking and increased traffic will impact on the residents.

16. Local Council Award Scheme

The Society of Local Council Clerks had introduced a new award scheme to replace the Quality Status Scheme. The details of this new scheme would be circulated in the correspondence envelope for the councillors to decide if the Parish Council wished to consider the scheme.

17. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson had attended a meeting of the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) on the 28th January. The Kingsbrook Development was discussed as well as concern over the development around Milton Keynes and the encroachment into Aylesbury Vale.

18. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

- a) AVDC - Invitation for villages to take part in the Roald Dahl Festival - The Parish Council decided this was not something that they wished to organise but the school/ pre-school might be interested.
- b) BALC - Invitation to Supporting Parishes in Neighbourhood Planning - 12th March - The Parish Council stated that a Neighbourhood Plan may be reconsidered after the May elections.
- c) BALC - Local Government Finance Settlement - Noted
- d) Canal & River Trust - Notification of a Spring waterway Forum 16th April Aylesbury - Cllr Batson to attend if available.
- e) 1st Bierton Scouts - Request to put a geocache in the Recreation Ground - The Parish Council agreed in principle to the scouts burying a geocache but asked that they liaise with Cllr Cotton especially with regard to the location of underground pipes.
- f) Alzheimer's Society - Buckinghamshire Befriending Scheme - The clerk was asked to put a short article about this scheme in the Village Diary.

Circulars:

- a) AVDC - New collection service for bulky household items
- b) Bucks County Council - Our Role in Neighbourhood Planning

19. Matters of report –

- a) Devolution of Services - No contract had yet been received from Bucks County Council and Cllr Chapple was asked to find out whether the scheme was going ahead in April 2015.
- b) It was suggested that members of the public during the open forum session would be asked to state their names and addresses before speaking.
- c) It had been noticed the bin at the Sports Centre was being filled with refuse by other than the hirers of the Sports Centre. It was agreed that a note would be put through the doors in Burcott Lane to be distributed with the Village Diary
- d) The chairman had received an invitation to the Aylesbury St. Georges Day Parade on the 26th April.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.