

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2016

**Present:** Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present - 3

The clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate as three or more councillors were present.

**1. Apologies for Absence :** Cllr L. Eaves, Cllr H. Money, Cllr J Gilpin, Cllr A. Webber and District Cllr J. Ward

**2. Declarations of Interest :** No interests were declared

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016 were discussed and one amendment was made as follows:-

Minute 2016/03 8a) the word declined was replaced by not taken up to read

'The loan that had been offered to Barratt's was not taken up, however the contractual period is five years.'

The minutes with this amendment were then accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

### **4. Public Forum**

Concern was raised over the proposal to expand Bierton School especially with regard to transport matters. The suggestion that traffic coming out of Parsons Lane should only be able to turn left was thought not to be viable as it was thought that some cars would try and turn round either by turning into the Red Lion Car Park , Church Farm Close or Bishops Meadow. The Parish Council also wondered if white lines could be painted along Parsons Lane and/or adjoining closes. It was suggested that the Parish Council contacted the County Council with it's comments on the proposed school expansion. Cllr Cotton agreed to draft a response and circulate this to the other councillors for comments before submission.

A resident asked about the current status of the planning application for the land off William Hill Drive. It was stated there still was insufficient information to allow a traffic assessment to be made and there was concern over the impact the development would have on the Public Footpath. It was also pointed out that there still was no transport assessment for the outline planning application for the land off Barnett Way.

Concern was also raised that the closure of Rowsham Road needs to be done before work starts on the Eastern Link Road/ A418 junction.

Anne Piggford, the secretary of Bierton Tennis Club, put forward her reasons for requesting a donation from the Parish Council towards the new Mini-Red Junior Court with Practice Rebound Wall. This request was to cover the requirement of a third party to contribute towards the fees of £ 661.25 required for a grant from The Sita Trust Limited.

There was a discussion about the project and the availability of the facilities for the use of the community on a casual basis. Anne Piggford stated that there was a facility for casual membership and that members of the community could use the courts and attend training sessions if they contacted the Tennis Club beforehand. She agreed that the Tennis Club could publicise this information more widely in the Village Diary and the Tennis Club website. She also said that a link would be developed with Bierton School for the children to use the new court.

District Councillor Ward had sent a report to the Parish Council which included :-

- a) **Non - Determination** - She had been advised that AVDC was not at risk of non-determination where an application is slow in receiving the necessary information from statutory consultees e.g. Highways.
- b) **Brown Bins** - It has been suggested that residents who are not online could go to the AVDC Gateway Offices and receive assistance in obtaining a brown bin in that way.
- c) **Dog- Fouling** - She had followed up reports of excessive dog fouling on Parsons Lane, and had had AVDC out to clean the affected area.
- d) **White Lines** - She had made enquiries with Transport for Bucks to see if white lines, such as those in Church Farm Close, can be put in free of charge to discourage dangerous and inconsiderate parking near the school. Residents on Parsons Lane that have contacted me on the matter are keen for TfB to consider this in the same way they did Church Farm Close. TfB are very slow to respond she is currently going through the complaints process with them.
- e) **Manhole Cover** - She reported in a very noisy manhole cover on Aylesbury Road. She was told this was a matter for BT to repair and that they had already fallen short of their service level agreement with TfB. She ensured a second warning of costs was issued to BT via fax and chased it up with BT, shortly after which the repairs were made.

**5. Clerks Report** – The Clerk’s report was noted.

## **6. Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:-

**16/00095/ALB** Badricks Farm, 94 Aylesbury Road,

Bierton HP22 5DL Replacing the roof thatch including the later tile section of the original house; relaying the tiled roof and replacing the pvc roof of the extension; removing the external paint; renovating the timber frame and rendering the walls; replacing all painted timber windows; internal alterations; removal of the enclosure and lean-to store; renovation and repair of outbuildings  
The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application provided that the proposed changes are in keeping with listed building regulations and in keeping with the rest of the development.

## **7. Planning Determinations**

The following determination received from AVDC was noted :-

**15/04133/APP-** 2a Cowley Close HP22 5DQ

Single storey rear extension - **Approved**

## **8. Other Planning Matters**

a) The proposed developments on Land off William Hill Drive and Land off Barnett Way had already been discussed during the Public Forum.

b) A number of councillors had attended the Public Exhibition on the proposals for Aylesbury Woodlands held at the Jubilee Hall on the 14th January. A general concern was raised on the effect of this proposed development on increased traffic using the new Stocklake Rural particularly if other developments such as Hampden Fields are approved. The Parish Council therefore resolved to push for a review of the design of Stocklake Rural to upgrade to a dual carriageway especially if the Woodlands application is approved. If the road had to be widened in the future with the road closed the Parish Council could envisage all sorts of traffic issues especially through Bierton. The Parish Council asked the clerk to contact Transport for Bucks about the Road Signs relating to the start of the Kingsbrook Development causing a problem at the Junction of Burcott Lane and the A418.

c) A decision on the Watermead development is expected in March along with a decision on Bierton Crematorium.

## **9. Neighbourhood Planning**

The proposed meeting with Haddenham Parish Council regarding the process of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan had not taken place. It was suggested that Cllr Dewis and Cllr Foster should get together and arrange a meeting with people in the village who had expressed an interest in the preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

## 10. Defibrillator

The Griffin Trust has agreed to purchase two defibrillators to be placed outside the Sports Centre and the Jubilee Hall. The defibrillators have been ordered.

## 11. Bierton Sports Centre

Cllr Cotton has asked Jack Batson to order the parts required for the showers. The Parish Council asked the clerk to put together the Income and Expenditure figures for the Sports Centre in order to consider the proposal not to increase the Hire Charges for 2016/2017.

## 12. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

### Credit

|                     |                            |         |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Miss Anika Bass     | Regular Booking - Zumba    | 120.00  |
| Mrs Christine Haes  | Short Mat Bowls - December | 92.40   |
| Mr Bob Sargeant     | Table Tennis - December    | 97.35   |
| Bierton Pre-School  | Regular Hire - Pre-School  | 1725.90 |
| Ms S Hockey         | Private Hire - 17th July   | 60.00   |
| Ms Sharon Collinson | Regular Booking - Dancing  | 264.00  |
| Lester Wellington   | Regular Booking - Karate   | 759.00  |

### Debit

|                             |                              |         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| NatWest                     | Bank Charges                 | 12.27   |
| Public Works Loan Board     | PWLB Loan Payment            | 1392.74 |
| EON                         | Electricity to Street Lights | 256.22  |
| Buckland Landscapes Ltd     | Mowing & Hedge Cutting       | 184.80  |
| Community Impact Bucks      | Annual Subscription          | 50.00   |
| Done & Dusted               | SC Commercial Cleaning       | 340.00  |
| Kempson Electrical Services | SC- Electrical Maintenance   | 697.20  |
| Boyd Sport & Play Limited   | Line Marking Paint           | 96.00   |
| B Small                     | Handyman                     | 452.92  |
| Mrs M Smith                 | Clerk Salary & Expenses      | 833.36  |
| Mr B Robson                 | Christmas Honoria            | 16.00   |
| CPRE                        | Annual Subscription          | 36.00   |

### Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

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|                                      | £                    |
| Natwest                              | 43,059               |
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| Reserved monies:                     |                      |
| Sports Centre and Recreation Ground  | 10,000               |
| Promotion of Recreational Facilities | 500                  |
| Traffic Calming Measures             | 1,000                |
| Traffic Lights                       | 1,000                |
| Pavillion/War Memorial               | <u>1,000</u>         |
|                                      | 13,500               |
| Leaving unallocated                  | <u><u>29,559</u></u> |

- b) Internal Audit - It was agreed to appoint Roger King to carry out the Internal Audit for the year ending 31st March 2016.
- c) Request for Donation - Cllr Cotton proposed that the Parish Council donated £500 from the Reserve Fund to Bierton Tennis Club as a Third Party contribution towards the fees requested by the Sita Trust Fund for the grant towards the new Mini-Red Junior Court with Practice Rebound Wall. This proposal was agreed by the Parish Council and a cheque was drawn and signed.

### **13. Outside Organisations**

There were no reports from councillors attending meetings of outside organisations. Cllr Robson will be attending the GALAF meeting on Monday 22nd February.

### **14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

- a) AVDC - News for the Parishes Number 1 / 2016 - Circulated
- b) AVDC - Changes to Development Management in Planning Services - Noted
- c) AVALC - Consultation on the New Homes Bonus - Circulated
- d) Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments - It was agreed that the Parish Council should follow the advice of BMKALC and not opt out of the future appointment of auditors by the Smaller Authorities Audit organisation.
- e) MKALC - Invitation to a Presentation on Stakeholder Pensions Wednesday 24th February Westcroft Milton Keynes - Cllr Sherley agreed to attend this meeting.

### **15. Confidential Matters**

*The Parish Council discussed the designation of a community asset and Auto Enrolment under Confidential Matters allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings ) Act 1960*

### **16. Matters of report**

Cllr Cotton suggested that the Parish Council should consider creating a Facebook and Twitter account and will speak to Cllr Gilpin about the matter. She will also discuss using the dropbox account more effectively as at the moment this is not being used.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Bierton Sports Centre.