

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Present:** Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Miller, Cllr Ash, Cllr. Cotton, Cllr Gilpin, Cllr Horne, Cllr Webber, and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present: Seven

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Vaughan and County Councillor Mrs J Puddefoot
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Item 5 the Community Plan Progress Report was amended with the insertion of the word published to read 'A draft report had been published ...'. The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Co-Option of Councillor**

Two potential candidates Mark Tubb and Mike Elliott addressed the meeting and gave a summary of the reasons why they wished to become a Parish Councillor. Jack Batson was unable to attend due to pressures of work. The councillors were given voting slips by the clerk and the votes were counted by the clerk in the presence of one of the parishioners. The majority of votes were in favour of Jack Batson and he was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation to the other candidates for their participation in the process.
5. **Public Forum**

With regards to the Speed Limit review an email had been received from Councillor Puddefoot stating that Area 13 would be installed but much later than first planned as the signs still had to be finalised and therefore it would be mid February to early March. Councillor Robson had responded to this e-mail and had asked for further clarification of the date of installation. One of the parishioners, a resident of Broughton stated that a lady had been knocked off her bike and that speed through Broughton was a major concern. Cllr Robson stated he would try to speak to someone else on the council. Area 12 signs have been repositioned on Rowsham Road.

The undergrowth at the Hulcott Turn had been reported but nothing had been done. Councillor Ash is to monitor the situation.

A Hulcott resident then asked to address the council as he had been perturbed by the letter distributed with the Village Diary relating to the proposed development by Barratt Homes at Broughton Crossing. He felt the contents of the letter were biased and did not address some of the relevant facts relating particularly to the amount of traffic going through Bierton. He felt that some of this traffic may be diverted along roads that were part of the proposed development. He had taken a traffic count on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January between 3 and 4 p.m. and wished to hand these figures to the Parish Council before sending them to AVDC Planners.

The Chairman in response stated that it would have been helpful if the resident had voiced his concerns on either the first or second planning applications. The letter in question had not specifically addressed the traffic issue as a traffic appraisal had still to be submitted at a later date and therefore discussion of these figures had been left out. He believed that the new development would only have a relieving effect on the traffic through Bierton if a road was provided to go to the A41 but as the plans stood at the moment the road would only lead traffic to the new houses.

Concern was expressed by both the Parish Council and the Action Group that the decision on this development would be made before the results of the Parish Survey and the new Vale of Aylesbury Plan had been formulated and this is why the Action Group had produced the letter.
6. **Community Plan Progress Report**

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The report was presented to AVDC in December and then circulated to all the Parish Councillors and put on the website. The report is supposed to provide information to AVDC to use in the production of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan and most other parishes have submitted reports, which vary greatly in length. The overwhelming fact from the survey was that residents are against large development in Bierton and Broughton. There has been no response from AVDC to the details in the report just an acknowledgment of receipt.

The Parish Council will need to consider at some future date whether to continue the process and produce a neighbourhood plan which would require a local referendum with all the associated costs. Cllr Miller attended John Bercow's surgery on the 8<sup>th</sup> December and took the results of the survey in draft form.

**7. Clerks Report** – The Clerk's report was noted.

A payment plan has been agreed with Bierton Football team of £100 per month until the debt is cleared.

The clerk was asked to contact AVDC regarding the village skip service to find out if the service was to be discontinued and if so when and then to place a note in the village diary.

**8. RFO Report :**

- The following receipts and payments were approved ;

**Credit**

Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis – Oct	83.70
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls – Oct	108.00
L & F Magnocavallo	Private Party – 18/12	63.00
ME & ST Groom	Private Hire 24/26/28 Oct	75.00
Mrs J R Poole	Private Party – 04/12	50.00
ME & ST Groom	Private Hire 24/26/28 Oct	75.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	525.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	100.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong/Tai Chi	225.00
AC & AM Finch	Air Ambulance 23/06/2012	25.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis – Nov	128.25
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls – Nov	151.20
Mr BA & Mrs G Patalano	Private Party 31/12	75.00
Arnika F Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	75.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong/Tai Chi	125.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	200.00
Aylesbury Canine Training Soc	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	50.00

**Debit**

Dr Nadia Al- Sabouni	Community Plan data Input	350.00
Cllr Keith Miller	Mileage & Expenses	88.56
Thames Water	Water Supply to Sports Centre	155.49
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	19.76

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Aylesbury Vale DC	Dog Hygiene Bins	869.23
Eon Energy	Electricity Supplied to Pavilion	286.99
Eon Energy	Electricity Supplied to SC	106.55
Eon Energy	Street Lighting	187.96
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Kempson Electrical	Sports Centre Maintenance	657.00
Safe & Sound Playground	Playground Inspection & Repair	183.60
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	110.00
Cllr Malcolm Ash	Mileage	10.80
M Smith	Clerk's salary and expenses	632.06
Staples	Stationery	33.10
Vonage	Clerk telephone	9.55
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	20.95
All In One Property Maint	Sports Centre & Pavilion Maintenance	388.00
Aylesbury Liberal Democrats	Printing of leaflets	22.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	111.84
Aylesbury Vale DC	Printing of Community View	46.00
Kempson Electrical Services	SC Maintenance	463.20
Viking Direct	Stationery & Postage	90.07
BALC	Data Protection Course	16.03
M Smith	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	674.71
B Robson	Councillor Mileage & Expenses	77.90
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	290.00

**Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments**      **Natwest**      **32,161\_**

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	7,494
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	3,000
Promotion of Recreational Activities	500
Traffic Lights	1,000
Contingency Planning	500
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>
	<u>20,994</u>

Leaving unallocated      **11,167**

- It was agreed not to increase the hire charges for users of the Sports Centre in line with the freeze on council tax and the parish precept.

**9. Bierton Sports Centre**

- Replacement of window. The Parish Council agreed to replace the window at the back of the Sports Centre with a unit with a side opener as outlined in the second quote from All-In –One Property Maintenance.
- Memorial Bench – It was suggested that the clerk should get a quote to repair the bench along with quotes for a new bench similar to the existing bench and also a newer type of bench similar to the other bench in the playground.
- Pavilion Roof – The Parish Council will need to make a decision regarding the future of the pavilion but obviously the location of the war memorial needs to be considered. The clerk was asked to get a quote for the replacement of the roof to give the council an idea of the cost involved.

#### **10. William Hill Charity**

The Council nominated Mr Donaldson to carry on as a trustee of the charity.

#### **11. Arla Dairy Liaison Group**

Cllr Gilpin attended the first meeting of this group on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The impression given by Arla was that they wanted to maintain good relations with the local groups and this liaison group would be used to filter any complaints regarding the new development. This is a flagship project and as a result Arla do not want any problems and will make every effort to have successful two way communications. Cllr Gilpin is happy to carry on as the representative of the Parish Council on this group. A bus will be provided for Arla employees although this would not be available to the general public but a footpath and cycle path are planned all along the canal from Aylesbury to the development.

#### **12. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium**

Cllr Robson gave feedback from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January. A number of parishes reported on their experiences in respect to the responses of residents to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan consultation with the 65 -70% response from Bierton with Broughton residents being the highest. There was concern regarding a low level of response to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan consultation on Houses and Jobs . NBPCC will draft a suitable response to be circulated to members. There was a discussion regarding the New Homes Bonus and how the money will be distributed to the local authorities. It would seem that AVDC proposes to retain all its 80% share with the other 20 % going to the County Council to reflect their respective expenditure in development with none or very limited funds being passed down to parish level. Communities would still be able to put forward projects but they would need to put forward with a business case. NBPCC wrote a letter expressing disquiet at the proposals. Winslow Town Council has taken a lead in objecting to AVDC proposals and will speak to the full cabinet on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

#### **13. Aylesbury Town Allotments**

Cllr Gilpin requested that the Parish Council sent a letter to Aylesbury Town Council who administers the allotments on the Bierton Road asking if they would consider extending the allotments onto the adjacent waste ground to provide allotments for both residents of Bierton as well as town residents to use. It was agreed that Cllr Gilpin would produce a draft letter.

#### **14. Planning Committee**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were accepted after the planning reference in paragraph 4 was amended to 11/01512/APP and then signed.

#### **15. Vale of Aylesbury Plan**

After discussion of the options the majority of the Parish Council were in agreement that the best range would be option B 3,000-6,000 jobs & 6,750-9,000 homes for Aylesbury Vale District and the worst option D at the higher end of jobs and homes. These options were chosen on the basis of the sets of pros and cons set out against each option in the consultation document. With regard to the consultation options for distributing housing growth the council considered that the best option was the one that was economic led and the worst option was urban concentration. The Parish Council agreed that a response would be produced on these lines but felt that the complexity and length of the consultation documents and issues would be put off members of the public from completing the questionnaire.

#### **16. National Planning Framework**

The Parish Council were disappointed that NALC had written a letter stating that the National Planning Framework was a good document. It was not certain if BALC had made a response.

#### **17. Transportation Issues**

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The councillors were asked if they could think about any issues that they would want to be raised with Clifford Marshall the Local Area Technician from Transport For Bucks so that the clerk could invite him to attend a Parish meeting possibly the one in March.

### **18. Planning Applications**

**11/02707/ACD** – 120 Aylesbury Road, Berton, HP22 5DL – Demolition of existing garage & Outbuildings – No objections subject to the Conservation Officer's Approval

### **19. Planning Determinations**

**11/02430/ATC** – Conkers Farm, 178 Aylesbury Road, Fell one eucalyptus – **Permitted**

**11/02530/ACL** – 39 Great Lane, Berton HP22 5DE – Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development **Granted**

### **20. Correspondence**

**AVALC** – email – Meeting between AVALC and AVDC  
-email – New Homes Bonus Scheme

**AVDC**- Letter re Home Security Service – The contents to be put in the Village & Church Diaries and on the website.

**BALC** - email- Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Councillor Horne to respond  
- Council Services at Scrutiny Committees

**Bucks County Council** – Letter – Have your say about County Council and Health Services  
- Email – Speed Campaign

**Buckingham Society** – email – Invitation to a presentation by Tony Parker National director of Civic Voice

**Community Impact** – Letter re Community Oil Buying Scheme

Rural Services Survey

**Dial-A-Ride** – Letter of thanks for the donation

TFB Service Information Centre

Trading Standards – Dangers of Window Blind Cords

### **22. Confidential Matter**

### **23. Matters of report**

- **NAG** has not met recently for a variety of reasons and the date of the next meeting has still to be arranged.
- Cllr Cotton and Cllr Webber attended the Hartwell Day Centre exhibition
- Cllr Cotton went to the TFB Service Centre Open Day at the Judges Lodgings to find no-one there.

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

Date of next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm.