

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th January 2015

Present: Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Miller, Cllr Batson, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Horne, Cllr Sherley, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Webber, District Councillor Julie Ward and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present - 16

1. Apologies for Absence: 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:

The following amendments were made to the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2014 :-

Item 10 c - the words ' in support of Bierton's case' were inserted.

Item 15 - It was agreed that the minutes would be changed to read

'...to carry out a consultation to put bollards on all verges throughout the village.'

Item 16 :- The total of the reserved monies was changed to £ 15,240

The minutes were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Public Forum

A number of the public were present to voice their concerns over the issue of traffic volume and speeding along Broughton Lane. Articulated lorries and construction vehicles continue to go over the bridge as there is nowhere to turn, a situation that has got worse since the traffic lights have been installed as the junction makes it look like a main road and Sat Nav's often route traffic down this road. The suggestion that a sign could be put up to say 'Broughton Village Only' is not a feasible proposal due the road being classified as a 'B' road. Speed checks have been undertaken but these seem to have occurred at the quietest times of the day.

There is also an additional problem of the traffic coming from Broughton trying to turn right at the traffic lights as the vehicles have to go into the hatched area. A senior police officer has stated that no-one will be prosecuted for entering the box but quite often the box fills up and there is still no room to turn right. The residents all voiced a concern that the situation will only get worse once the Kingsbrook development begins.

Cllr Gomm is working from the Aylesbury East end and has stated that changes to the light phasing will be carried out.

The chairman referred to the meeting that had taken place a year ago attended amongst others by representatives of Bucks County Council, members of the Parish Council as well as two residents to discuss this problem. Unfortunately, despite a number of promises being made, no constructive actions have been taken and now the principals from the County Council have moved on and there seems to be no follow up of this meeting. Indeed with regard to the placing of speed tubes which were agreed at the meeting, the County Council are saying that the parish Council need to put in an application for the Road Safety team to assess at a cost of approximately £200 payable by the Parish Council.

A number of residents have been taking down the Company Name and vehicle registration number of some articulated lorries that have been using the road. Phone calls have been made to some of the companies concerned who stated that they will tell their drivers not to use the road in future, however there was a debate as to whether this was actually having an effect.

Cllr Robson asked the residents if all the information regarding traffic that had been collected by the residents could be collated and passed on to Cllr Robson and Cllr Cotton who would then pass it on to Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police.

John Oliver, a resident of Aylesbury although not a resident of Bierton with Broughton Parish asked to address the Parish Council regarding his concerns on the design of the proposed road through the Kingsbrook development. He was for 20 years the Assistant County Engineer responsible for overseeing the design and construction of new roads and road improvements in Buckinghamshire. He had major concerns that the road that is proposed, going through the middle of a new housing estate is not suitable for a bypass for Bierton and Tring Road, even if provision is made for it to be a dual carriageway at some future date. The provision of numerous junctions is likely to bring traffic management problems as well as the road being detrimental to the amenity of residents for example children should not have to cross a busy road on their way to and from school. He stated that local traffic movements, including pedestrian and cyclists, should not be mixed with main road traffic.

He suggested that a simple answer was to construct the new main road along the southern boundary of the new estate and provide no more than two intermediate junctions leading into the residential areas. The Parish Council stated that concern had been raised by the council about the nature of the road at various stages of consultation. The Parish Council had been informed that the design of the road was now frozen subject to some minor amendments. The application would be going before the Strategic Development Committee possibly in February but maybe in March when this issue could be raised as well as the provision of land for a dual road to be created in the future.

The Parish Council agreed that the Item on Planning Applications was brought forward.

5. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

14/02315/NON - Land to East of Gib Lane, Bierton - Non Material Amendment sought on planning approval - Ref 14/02315/APP - Optimisation of layout.- **No Objections**

14/03486/ADP - Land East Of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing -Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 10/02649/AOP relating to appearance landscaping, layout and scale for the road for village 2 Village 2 (including all mitigation land) comprising the development of up to 495 residential units, community facilities, associated landscaping and public open space, internal access and infrastructure.

14/03487/ADP - Land East Of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing - Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 10/02649/AOP relating to appearance landscaping, layout and scale for the road infrastructure to serve village 2 (excluding Section 278 highways works)

The Parish Council put forward various concerns with the two applications including :-

- a) The nature of the road through the estate
- b) Design changes in the nature of the road junctions
- c) The fact that 495 residential units would be built when the proposal stated a primary school would be built on occupation of the 500th dwelling
- d) The provision of a 'sensible walking and cycling way' in Broughton Lane.
- e) Diversion of Rights of Way

It was agreed that the Parish Council **opposed** this application due to these various concerns, and that Cllr Robson would draft a response to the two applications which would then be circulated to the other councillors for comments before being submitted to AVDC.

14/03598/ATC - 1 Pecks Farm Close, Bierton HP22 5FJ - Reduce height of one ash tree by approx 3m and reduce height of three plum trees by approx 1.5m.- **No Objections**

14/03639/APP - 202 Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5DT- Conversion of outbuilding to create a 'Granny Annexe'.- **No Objections**

14/03641/ALB - 202 Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5DT- Conversion of outbuilding to create a 'Granny Annexe'.- **No Objections**

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

7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations were noted:-

14/02634/APP - Rhode Acres Broughton Lane Bierton HP22 5AW - Two storey side & rear extension and extension to front porch - **Application Withdrawn**

14/02883/APP - 47 Parsons Lane, Bierton HP22 5DF - First floor side extension with roof light to front and back rear roof slopes - **Householder Approval**

14/03029/APP - Conkers Barn, Aylesbury Road, HP22 5DT Erection of a single storey rear extension - **Householder Approval**

8. Other Planning Matters

a) Kingsbrook

A report was given on the meeting with Barratt's that had taken place on the 9th December. The subject of the meeting was Ecology. A representative from the RSPB, Hulcott PC and also a conservation officer with the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) also attended the meeting. It was the opinion of all who attended that ecology, conservation and landscaping issues were all well catered for in Barratt's proposals as long as the proposals are carried out.

Barratt's had had a meeting with some of the residents of Broughton Crossing and it had been reported that the company may be willing to concede some minor changes re footpaths, landscaping etc. It had also been reported that Barratt's were planning to have more of these meetings with residents of defined local areas. The clerk was asked to contact Rachel Carson from Engage Planning to ask if the Parish Council could be informed of these meetings in future so that one representative from the council could attend each meeting.

The date of the next meeting has been arranged for Friday 20th February at 10.30a.m.

b) Crematorium 14/01125/APP

The minutes of the first meeting of the Aylesbury Crematorium Community Liaison Group that had taken place on the 10th December had been circulated. A six week public consultation on traffic management was due to start in January or February and £85,000 had been set aside to cover the costs of consultation. The S106 agreement for the funding is now on AVDC's website. Cllr Miller will put a note informing residents of the consultation period in the Village Diary.

No date has yet been arranged for the next meeting of the Community Liaison Group.

It has been stated that work will begin on the site at the end of January.

c) Watermead 14/00043/REF

Cllr Robson had attended the Inquiry on the 13th January, and had e-mailed a statement that raised concerns about the traffic situation and also access from Great Lane to the park area.

AVDC had made an application for the Inquiry to be adjourned as it was said that substantive new transport material had been introduced, notably the performance of two road junctions.

The appeal was adjourned until the 5th May or possibly July depending on the discussions regarding the highways evidence.

d) Circus Fields 2

No update

9. Broughton Lane

This item had been discussed during the Public Forum.

10. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID) -

No report was given.

The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Gilpin to ask about the current situation regarding the replacement sign.

11. Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

- a) **Electronic Payments** - Cllr Cotton had received a request from a hirer to pay the charge for the Sports Centre by electronic payment and put forward the Resolution to allow hirers to pay by this method. The Parish Council agreed to this resolution.
- b) **Inter-Com System** - The Pre-School had asked if the Parish Council would allow them to install an intercom system so that they would not need to open the door to anyone that was unknown, unexpected or posed any threat to the security of the children or staff. The Parish Council agreed that the clerk should reply to the Pre-School that it could not see any justification for the installation of an Inter-com system.
- c) **Football Teams** - FC Mandeville have asked if the team could use the pitch . Cllr Cotton has agreed that they can use the pitch for the rest of the season for home games at a rate of £45 per session. Aylesbury United have been advertising for a manager for the reserve team. Also a lad from the village has approached the Management Committee proposing to reform Bierton F.C. However this is as yet only a proposal and Cllr Cotton will keep the Parish Council informed on any further developments.

12. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking Zumba	120.00
P & Mrs PM Eastwood	Private Hire 29/11	57.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis October	141.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	510.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - November	138.00
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking Zumba	105.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Booking - Football	33.00
Ms Sharon Collison	Regular Booking - Dancing	80.00
Ms Sharon Collison	Regular Booking - Dancing	60.00
1st Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire	360.91
Natasha Taylor	Private Hire - 24th Jan	77.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis Nov & Dec	232.50
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - December	99.00
Bierton Pre School	Regular Hire	1338.41

Debit

Aylesbury Vale DC	Rubbish Collection & Bin Hire	170.10
NatWest	Bank Charges	20.31
Thames Water	SC Water Supply	201.12
Eon Energy	Electricity - Street Lights	186.44
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	155.16
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	340.00
B Small	Handyman	287.33
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary	674.75
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Expenses	5.40

Action Heating	SC - Maintenance	81.61
Boyd Sport & Play Limited	Line Marking Paint	48.00
Viking Direct	Stationery & Postage	112.93
Aylesbury Dial-A-Ride	Donation	50.00
Southern Electric	SC - Gas Supply	219.05
Southern Electric	SC - Electricity Supply	213.19
Southern Electric	Pavilion - Electricity Supply	44.94
NatWest	Bank Charges	19.57
Eon Energy	Electricity - Street Lights	186.44
D Hargrove	SC - Redecoration	2000.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lighting - Maintenance	78.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	1339.86
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	204.00
First Choice Electrical	Fire Alarm Supply & Install	1060.00
Brian Small	Handyman	178.20
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary	718.10
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Expenses	75.11
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 3	10.20
Brian Robson	Councillor Expenses	129.80
CPRE	Annual Subscription	36.00

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	<u>39,385</u>
	39,385
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	7,340
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	240
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,600
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	12,180
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>27,205</u></u>

b) Standing Orders -

The Parish Council reviewed Item 2.2 and agreed that the verification of the bank reconciliations produced by the RFO each month would be carried out by Cllr Cotton and Cllr Sherley on an alternate monthly basis.

The Parish Council agreed to defer the adoption of the Standing Orders until the next meeting.

The clerk will review the Standing Orders and produce an updated copy for next month's meeting.

c) Budget

The Parish Council agreed to defer this item until next month's meeting and the clerk was asked to review the budget and produce an updated copy for next month's meeting.

13. Outside Organisations

The report of the meeting with Barratt's regarding the Kingsbrook development had already been given under Item 8a. Cllr Cotton had attended a meeting on Parish Devolution on the 4th December and had produced a report that will be circulated to councillors in the monthly correspondence envelope.

14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

a) AVDC - Grant Allocation for 2015/16 and 2016/17 - Noted

b) AVDC- Register of Electors 2015 - Noted

c) AVDC- Grant Support for Lunch Clubs for Older People - The Parish Council were not aware of a group that would benefit from this grant.

d) AVDC - Exploring Unitary Government for Aylesbury Vale - Circulated

e) Parish Councils Delivering More - Invitation to a conference February 24th, High Wycombe - Cllr Sherley will attend on behalf of the Parish Council

f) Community Impact Bucks - Funding for the Acre Network of Rural Community Councils - No longer Applicable as Defra has confirmed that it is maintaining its investment in the ACRE Network.

Circulars:

a) AVDC - News for the Parishes December 2014

b) Clerks & Councils Direct January 2015

c) LCR Winter 2014

15. Employment Issues

Due to the confidential nature of the business the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

This discussion on the pay increase to the clerk under the National Joint Council for Local Government Services Pay Settlement 2014-16 was conducted out of the public domain and it was agreed that it would be recorded on separate minutes.

16. Matters of report –

a) The clerk was asked to contact AVDC again as to whether directions could be put on the road signs to The Close and Old Orchards to the bungalows on the pathway between the two roads.

b) The clerk was asked to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer for an update on the vehicle sales business at Dunsham Farm.

c) Stocklake Link Road - Cllr Cotton and Cllr Horne agreed to put together a draft of the concerns they have about the proposed junction with the main road.

d) Gib Lane Solar Farm - Work has started on the Solar Farm and a number of large vehicles have been seen shifting earth, cement and ballast.

A company called Grantscape is to arrange a meeting with the Parish Councils of Bierton with Broughton, Hulcott, Aston Clinton & Buckland to set up the Gib Lane Solar Farm Community Fund.

e) The clerk had received a call from a resident of Matthew's Close stating that there was a proposal to more than double the size of St Louis Catholic Primary School by September 2016. Although the school is not in the parish it would have an impact on a number of roads and also traffic in Bierton. There was to be a public consultation period from the 23rd January.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

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