

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2016

Present: Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr L. Eaves, Cllr H. Money, Cllr A. Webber and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

District Councillor Julie Ward, County Councillor Bill Chapple

Parishioners present - 10

Will Martell, Chair of Governors and Jenny Martin, Headteacher of Bierton School attended the meeting from 7.00 p.m. to introduce themselves to the Parish Council and to answer questions from the councillors and from residents.

The Chair of Governors began by asking if a representative of the parish council wished to join the governing body.

It was stated that it was early days in the process of looking at expanding Bierton School. The Public Consultation on the initial proposal had closed on the 15th December and the process of collating the information and analysing the results was still ongoing. The next stage will be to put in for planning permission.

It was explained that Bierton School currently has an intake of 40 which means that at the moment the classes are of mixed ages so teaching has to constantly adapt. Increasing the intake by 20 will mean the school can go to two form entry so that it will be easier to cover the curriculum.

There followed a discussion between the residents present and the representatives of Bierton School on various aspects of the proposal including:-

- a) The main concern raised during the discussion was Traffic Management as there are problems with parking at the moment without the possible increase in school numbers.
- b) County Councillor Chapple put forward a suggestion that all cars coming out of Parsons Lane turn left and then turn round at the roundabout.
- c) District Cllr Ward stated that two primary schools were included in the Kingsbrook Development and another in Aylesbury Woodlands. She therefore wondered about the long term need for the proposed expansion of Bierton School.

It was suggested that residents should write in to the County Council outlining their concerns and also any suggestions for mitigation and copy the letters to the Parish Clerk. If they felt that current problems would be made larger by a new intake and that these problems cannot be mitigated then they should state this and then this must be taken into account during the planning process.

The chairman thanked the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher for attending and understanding the concerns raised by the residents.

The Parish Council meeting started at 7.50p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence : Cllr Foster, Cllr Gilpin, District Cllr Harrison

2. Declarations of Interest : No interests were declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th November 2015 were considered and an amendment was made to the list of councillors present to read Cllr Money.

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

4. Public Forum

A resident queried why the Parish Council noticeboard had not been replaced on the new wall outside Badricks Farm, Aylesbury Road. Cllr Foster had been looking into the matter but was not present at the meeting to give an answer.

Cllr Dewis asked District Cllr Ward if she could look into a problem whereby a resident had been told that it was only possible to order a brown bin online.

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

The drains at the Sports centre had been blocked once again and Cllr Robson asked if the clerk could find out a name and phone number of someone at Thames Water that he could contact about the matter.

6. Planning Applications

The following applications received via AVDC were considered:-

15/03541/AOP- Land off William Hill Drive - Outline Planning application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for residential development for 25 dwellings including vehicular access, car parking, landscaping, drainage and associated works.

The Parish Council **objected** to this application and would speak against the application if the matter was considered at committee. A response outlining the Parish Council concerns had been drafted by Cllr Robson at the end of December, circulated to the other Parish Councillors for comments and then submitted to AVDC.

15/03806/AOP- Land North of Aston Clinton Road (Former Aston Clinton MDA Site)

The Parish Council had no comments on this application although it was agreed that there was some concern over the number of traffic lights that might be generated by the scheme.

15/03924/APP- Rowberton, Rowsham Road HP22 5DZ Restoration and rebuilding of existing stable and barn - No Comments

15/04046/APP- 10 Rowsham Road HP22 5DZ Demolition of existing derelict building and erection of replacement building - No Comments

15/04133/APP- 2a Cowley Close HP22 5DQ Single storey rear extension - No Objections

15/04131/APP- 18 Rowsham Road HP22 5DZ Two storey rear extension -

7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations received from AVDC were noted:-

15/2856 APP Land Adj Grove Court Rowsham Road - Erection of detached dwelling and garage with associated access and landscaping - **Approved**

15/02951/ APP Bierton Lawn Tennis Club Installation of new "Mini-Red" tennis court and practice wall - **Approved**

The Parish Council voiced concern over the response times from the Transportation Department with regards to a number of applications whose status was showing 'pending consideration' including Barnett Way and William Hill Drive. The Parish Council wondered if the possibility of a Non - Determination verdict against AVDC would stand up if a response had not been received from a statutory consultee.

8. Other Planning Matters

- a) **Kingsbrook** - A number of councillors had attended a meeting on the 3rd December. The main road through the development was discussed. The loan that had been offered to Barratt's was not taken up, however the contractual period is five years.
- b) **Cane End Lane and Watermead Crematoria** - Both Crematoria are under judicial review. It was stated that the application for the coach works along Cane End lane had been approved and therefore it was even more imperative that motor vehicles should be prevented for using Rowsham Road to access Cane End Lane. County Cllr Chapple was asked for his comments and again stated that he fully supports the proposal
- c) **Bierton C.E. Combined School** - This issue had been discussed earlier and the Parish Councillors had nothing more to say except that a Public Meeting would be appropriate at the next consultation stage. County Cllr Chapple was asked to keep the parish Council informed about the time line of the progress of the application.
- d) **CM/50/15 Restoration of part of the Old Golf Course** - The developers had not come forward with the additional information that had been requested and the item was not on the agenda for the planning meeting in February.
- e) **Aylesbury Woodlands** - A number of councillors had attended the meeting on the 14th January. Cllr Robson stated that he was very concerned about the traffic implications of the development with traffic being concentrated on Rural Stocklake. He had suggested that the developer should go back and check on the capacity of the proposed new road. District Cllr Ward and County Cllr Chapple were asked to use all of their offices to look at the design of Stocklake Rural.

9. Neighbourhood Planning

It was reported that the meeting with Haddenham Parish Council is being rescheduled for January. The Parish Council agreed that the Bierton with Broughton Neighbourhood Area would be the same as the Parish Boundary. The next stage would be forming a Steering Group and deciding who will be the chair.

If possible copies of the Neighbourhood Survey carried out in 2011 will be circulated to Cllr Money, Foster, Eaves Dewis & Sherley.

County Cllr Chapple and District Cllr Ward left at 8.25 p.m.

10. Defibrillator

The Parish Council invited Mark Tubb, a Bierton resident with an interest in the provision of defibrillators with the Rural Community Defibrillator Group, to address the council. Mr Tubb stated that the Parish Council might be able to purchase a defibrillator for £400 through the British Heart Foundation. The cabinet would be an additional £600, The Parish Council resolved to put in an application to buy two units. It was decided that one would be located on the outside of the Sports Centre and the location of the second would need to be finalised. St James' Church was suggested. It was agreed that Cllr Webber would liaise with Mark Tubb and the Griffin Fund to fund or part fund the purchase of the defibrillators. It was further proposed that once the defibrillators had been purchased a meeting could then be organised to provide training.

11. Street Lights - Cllr Webber and Cllr Cotton had visited Stewkley to look at the street lights that had just been installed. There had been one complimentary response about the replacement light in Great Lane although some of the councillors thought the light spread from the new light was limited. The Parish Council agreed that three quotes were needed and Cllr Cotton will lead on arranging these quotes.

12. Clean for the Queen - Cllr Money is to look at arranging an event during the 5th or 6th March. She had looked at the purchase of grabbers, gloves and high viz Jackets but the Parish Council did not want to buy the items for an one-off event. It was suggested that perhaps Aylesbury Town or Aylesbury Vale District Councils may loan out the equipment.

It was also suggested that the pond at St Osyth's well and the footpaths in the Parish could do with a clean up. The clerk was asked to forward a map of the footpaths to Cllr Money. It was noted that the waste bin near the Bus stop opposite the Red Lion was overflowing and that the vegetation around the Telephone Box at Broughton Crossing was now so overgrown that it would be difficult to open the door and use the phone.

13. Sports Centre & Recreation Ground

Cllr Cotton reported that Aylesbury United Reserves had folded and that FC Mandeville would like to use the Sports Centre for the rest of the season. The clerk was asked to contact Buckland to see if they would do a cut of the pitch only as the grass was quite long and also if possible to remove the cut grass. Cllr Webber had arranged for a quote to take out the grass and re-tarmac the path at the front of the Sports Centre and the clerk was asked to get alternative quotes for comparison.

14. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

M Mendicino	Private Hire - 31st Dec	100.00
Aaron Kader	Private Hire - 14th Nov	60.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - October	156.75
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - October	135.30
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	940.00
Aylesbury Ladies	Regular Booking - Football	90.00
Elizabeth Walker	Private Hire - 31st Dec	80.00
Ruth Grant	Private Hire - 31st Dec	40.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - October	125.40
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - October	134.00
James Smith T/A Sportsfactor	Regular Booking Sports Factor	198.00
Kirsty Carr	Private Hire	59.00
1st Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire - Scouts	508.43
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking - Dancing	231.00
Carers Bucks	Private Hire 30/10 & 3/12	73.00
Fun4Kidz	Cost of Replacement Diffuser	26.42

Debit

Aylesbury Vale DC	SC - Refuse Collection	187.80
Came & Company	Parish Council Insurance	2037.64
NatWest	Bank Charges	14.33
Thames Water	SC - Water Supply	191.03
EON	Electricity to Street Lights	247.96
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	736.24
Southern Electric	Pavilion - Electricity Supply	47.88
Southern Electric	SC - Electricity Supply	248.38
Southern Electric	SC - Gas Supply	329.56
NatWest	Bank Charges	15.62

Aylesbury Vale DC	Annual Dog Bins to March 2016	610.20
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Home Expenses	53.54
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lights - Maintenance	187.20
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	272.00
B Small	Handyman - December	287.54
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Expenses	25.02
EON	Electricity to Street Lights	256.22
B Small	Handyman - November	683.59
Kempson Electrical Services	Electrical Checks etc	1284.00
Mr B Robson	Councillor Expenses	65.25
BMKALC	Councillor Training	63.48
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	272.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	789.78
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Expenses	126.80

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	<u>47,847</u>
	47,847
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>34,347</u></u>

b) Budget for 2016/17 - The Parish Council approved the budget for 2016/17 and agreed to request a precept of £ 26,230

c) Purchase of Projector & Screen - It was agreed to purchase a projector and screen up to the value of £350. Cllr Dewis volunteered to check the prices at Curry's.

d) Change of the Parish Council Bank Account - The Parish Council resolved to change the Parish Council bank account from NatWest to HSBC and the resolutions were passed as set out on page two of the HSBC Mandate. The Parish Council also agreed that four signatories would be listed, Cllr Robson, Cllr Sherley, Cllr Dewis and Mrs Smith and that any two signatories would be required to sign cheques.

e) St James' Church

The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £200 to the maintenance of the St James Church clock provided that a copy of the invoice for the maintenance work was provided as in previous years.

15. Bucks County Council Conference

Cllr Robson and Cllr Sherley attended this conference on the 25th November. It was obvious that due to the cutting of Government Grants the County Council has no money. This is exacerbated by the fact that

the money required to fund the social budget will need to increase with the increasing need for resources both from the young and the elderly. The County Council is therefore in the process of trying to get parish and town councils to do more to take the load off the County Council. This includes a suggestion that Parish Councillors should look out for vulnerable people in their parish. The general feeling however was that Parish Councils neither have the capacity nor competence to take on this responsibility except perhaps on an informal basis.

16. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson will be attending the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) meeting on the 20th January. The NBPPC had encouraged all the parishes to respond to the consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and Cllr Robson had submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllrs Dewis and Money had attended the Parish Council Induction training course run by BMKALC on Thursday 14th January and had found the course very informative especially with regard to the role of parish councillors.

17. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

- a) Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group - Request for committee members - Circulated
- b) AVALC - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 23rd October, 2015, and Annual report - Circulated
- c) Bucks CC - Consultation on Buckinghamshire's draft Local Transport Plan - Noted
- d) Bucks County Council - The Safer Bucks Plan - Request for feedback on Crime and Disorder priorities - Noted
- e) E-mail regarding Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons - 21st April 2016 - Noted
- f) NALC - Request for nominations to attend a Royal garden party on 19th May - The Parish Councillors agreed to consider this nomination and contact the clerk if they wished for a name to be put forward
- g) CPRE - Winter 2015
- h) LCR - Winter 2015
- i) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2016
- j) NALC - Legal Briefing Public Contracts Regulations 2015

18. Confidential Matters

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

19. Matters of report

- a) It was noted that there was still a problem with the timing of the traffic lights on the Tring Road
- b) It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider taking on the responsibility of arranging a Carol concert.
- c) Alan Sherwood thanked the Parish Council for the Christmas gift.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Berton Sports Centre