

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Tom Pike (Senior Planner at CBRE Limited) and colleagues spoke to the Parish Council before the meeting at 7.00 p.m. regarding a development in the field next to Circus Fields which is located within the Parish boundary.

The Parish Council Meeting started at 7.35 p.m.

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

County Cllr. Chapple

Parishioners present - 5

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Webber and District Cllr Ward

### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Miller and Cllr Sherley declared interests in the planning applications relating to Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Cllr Chapple stated that he had had a meeting with Ann James the Network Resilience Manager for Bucks County Council concerning Broughton Lane. He reported that the lights on the A418 are still under the ownership of Arla but a full safety audit is to be carried out.

Cllr Gilpin stated that the replacement Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID) is still being tested by CA Traffic.

### **4. Public Forum**

P.C. Neil Anns the new neighbourhood supervisor for Aylesbury East introduced himself to the Parish Council together with a police constable covering Aylesbury Town.

He stated that the main focus in the parish was the speeding along Broughton Lane. There had been a recent speed enforcement operation during which 34 vehicles had been dealt with for traffic offences, 21 for speed offences and 12 for other road safety offences and had received either fixed penalty fines or driver awareness courses. The speed operations will be continued.

Burglary continued to be a focus of operations particularly in the Bedgrove area although there had been one burglary in Bierton. The police would be running a Burglary Awareness Campaign next month. The police are trying to maintain a high visibility presence in the neighbourhood. There will be a 'Have Your Say' meeting at Bierton Church every 3rd Sunday. Four PCSO's are assigned to the Aylesbury East Area with PCSO Holly Newell focusing on the Bierton and Broughton areas. The Parish Council asked PC Anns if it would be possible for PCSO Holly Newell to keep an eye on the Recreation Ground when she was in the area. Also two PCSO's from Aylesbury Town, Billy Jennings and Rose Paton have been in attendance outside Bierton School. The Parish Council thanked PC Anns for attending the meeting.

A resident asked when the resurfacing of the A418 in Bierton would be taking place. County Cllr. Chapple confirmed that this would take place in September. He explained that the timing was due to the fact the resurfacing of the road outside the college is taking priority and two major roads into Aylesbury cannot be closed at the same time. Some preliminary work will be done on the road at the end of June.

A resident noted that some surveyors had been seen outside Bell's Field but were non-committal when asked the reason for their presence.

County Cllr Chapple stated that the county council did not know about the cameras that had appeared on the main road en masse. It was stated that the fastenings for the cameras had been left up.

The clerk was asked to send another letter to the residents of Old Orchard, Parsons Lane and 70 and 72 Aylesbury Road asking if they could cut back the hedges on their property that were overgrowing the pathways on Parsons Lane and Great Lane respectively.

The possibility of an extension to Bierton School was raised and County Cllr Chapple was asked if it was possible for the County Council to keep the Parish Council apprised of any development.

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

## **6. Planning Applications**

a) The following applications received via AVDC were considered:-

**14/01645/APP** - 32 Grendon Way Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking provisions - The Parish Council stated that the comments made to the previous application 13/01884/APP still applied and that therefore the Parish Council was **opposed** to this application.

**14/01588/APP & 14/01589/ALB** - Conkers Farm/Conkers Barn 178 Aylesbury Road - Replacement of existing low picket fence with close boarded fence (Conkers Farmhouse); erection of a new fence and gate to create new boundary between Conkers Farm and Conkers Barn and increase height of existing low brick boundary between Conkers Barn and No. 3 The Firs. -  
The Parish Council had **no objections** to this application.

**13/00784/APP - Badricks Farm** 94 Aylesbury Road,  
Demolition of buildings on the frontage, extension to the rear of units 2 & 3 and the modern agricultural building on the site and the conversion of existing buildings to create three new residential units. **Minor Amended Plans. - Noted**

**14/00876/ALB** - Red Lion PH 68 Aylesbury Road Replacement two windows and one dormer window  
**Minor Amended Plans - Noted**

### **14/01535/APP - Land Adj Grove Court, Rowsham Road,**

Land Adj Grove Court Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire - Erection of a 4-bedroom detached dwelling with access and detached garage with associated landscaping.

The Parish Council agreed to **oppose** the application with the following comments :-

- a) The Parish Council considers that the design of the proposed dwelling is out of keeping /character with that of all the existing properties in Grove Court
- b) Much of the proposed garage is set behind the rear of the proposed house and significantly behind the rear building line of No 5 Grove Court i.e. alongside the rear garden of No 5
- c) Public Right of Way BWB/4A/2 that runs from Rowsham Road behind nos 1,3 and 5 Grove Court and onwards towards the centre of Bierton is shown as stopped up by the proposed rear garden
- d) The Parish Council is concerned that this development is an extension into open countryside
- e) The development will affect the views in and out of conservation areas

### **14/01416/APP** - Rowberton Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DZ

Renovation of existing barns including replacement and raising of roof, new doors and windows, repair of damaged walls and replacement of damaged slab.

The Parish Council agreed to **oppose** this application with the following comments :-

The Parish Council regrets that this work was not the subject of an application before the work was carried out. Contrary to the entry against “29 Site Visit” on the now submitted application form, the site can be seen from a public road – Rowsham Road - and more particularly from the public footpath across the land between Rowberton and the other residences on Rowsham Road.

The Parish Council would withdraw its Opposition subject to : -

- a) Improved planting to screen the restored building and its higher section particularly when viewed from the footpath
- b) An assurance that it is not proposed to significantly increase the number of commercial vehicles based at Rowberton

## 7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations received from AVDC were noted:-

**14/00173/APP** - Old Mill House, Broughton Lane Demolition of existing garage and workshop outbuilding and erection of two storey and single storey side extensions including replacement garage and workshop- **Refused**

**14/00781/ATP** – Land at Church Farm, Church Farm Close - Fell 4 Horse Chestnut Trees - **Refused**

**14/00784/APP** – 7 Marshalls Lea, - Single Storey rear extension and new roof to existing single storey rear element - **Permitted**

**14/00928/APP** – 1 Burcott Close - Single storey front, side and rear extension - **Permitted**

## 8. Other Planning Matters

The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed the date by which the Secretary of State will issue the decision on the following recent appeals.

Appeals relating to Fleet Marston Farm, Fleet Marston, Aylesbury, HP18 0PZ, Land At South East Aylesbury, Located To The East Of A413 Wendover Road And South West Of A41 Aston Clinton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 9DF and Land North Of Weedon Hill (Buckingham Park) Major Development Area, Adjoining A413 Buckingham Road, Aylesbury.

The Secretary of State has given notice that he has varied the timetable previously set for determining these appeals, and he will now issue his decision on or before 26 January 2015.

**14/01125/APP - Crematorium** - This application is likely to come before the Strategic Planning Committee on the 9th July.

The Parish Council had raised issues about the impact of the extra traffic on the parish and a representative will attend the committee meeting.

Bucks County Council had looked into the road safety aspect and had taken into account extra items that may come into play such as emotional stress and the fact that the cortege would follow the lead car. It is to be hoped that the suggestion of the local county councillor to overcome these safety issues by fitting intelligent traffic lights with a matrix sign system to warn other traffic to stop at the lights will be put in the comments of the report with a request that the applicant takes this suggestion under serious consideration. County Cllr Chapple will speak at the committee meeting.

It was also suggested that the petition signed by local residents would be presented to the full County Council on the 17th July at the Oculus, AVDC Offices.

Cllr Chapple will also look at the possibility of presenting the petition to the GALAF meeting on the 30th June.

### **Proposed Solar Farm off Gib Lane -**

There has not been a planning application as yet. The Parish Council will be meeting the developers on Thursday 19th June to discuss the possibility of setting up a Community Fund. Cllr Chapple expressed an interest in attending this meeting as he had been unable to attend the public presentation. The clerk will inform the developers and send the details to Cllr Chapple.

### **Land East of Aylesbury -**

The clerk was asked to chase Rachel Carson from Engage Planning for the minutes of the last meeting on Thursday 15th May.

## 9. Governance Review

The Parish Council had no comments to make on the Community Governance Review which included any requests to change the number of councillors on the Parish Council ready for the 2015 elections. The notices of this review had been put up on the Parish Council notice boards.

## 10. Council Devolution Programme

The basic proposal of Bucks County Council to devolve some of the services presently being undertaken by Transport for Bucks was discussed. The services would include Grass Cutting, Hedge Cutting and Footway Maintenance. The proposal is to give to each Parish and Town Council a proportion of the money it currently gives to Transport for Bucks to carry out these services. It is suggested that neighbouring parishes form a cluster with one parish being responsible for the administration of the cluster. A number of councillors said that they would be interested in getting more details about the proposal and it had been arranged for Paul Hodson the Localities Manager for Bucks County Council to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

### 11. Sports Centre & Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the Sports Centre Management Committee will be officially responsible for the management of the Recreation Ground.

### 12. Wingrave to Aylesbury Cycleway

Malcolm Ash reported to the Parish Council on the meeting of the Cycleway Working Group that had been held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The deadline for the application for the money from the New Homes Bonus Scheme is the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The approximate cost will be £380,000 for a cycleway from Wingrave Cross Roads to the Hulcott Turn. Malcolm was asked to ask the Parish Council to contact County Cllr Chapple for his support on the project and to work with County Cllr Netta Glover. Cllr Chapple agreed to look into the proposal with Cllr Glover.

The Parish Council was also asked to consider a financial donation to the cost of a feasibility study by Bucks County Council which would cost in the region of £4 K.

The clerk was asked to contact the Wingrave with Rowsham parish clerk Deborah Martin to get a formal letter requesting the feasibility study and put it on the agenda for next month. A number of councillors stated that they had sympathy for the proposal especially if other organisations were also willing to support the proposal.

### 13. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

#### Credit

Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - April	178.50
Hill & Smith T/A Techspan Sys	Private Hire - 19th July	90.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Booking – Football	90.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	60.00
Mr C Finch	Regular Booking – Football	80.80
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	60.00
Mrs Arnika F Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	375.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	240.00

#### Debit

Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	84.20
Eon Energy	Pavilion - Electricity	81.46
Natwest	Bank Charges	21.75
Thames Water	SC - Water Supply	220.74
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	192.67
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract	184.80
Chiltern Hygiene Services Ltd	Sanitary Disposal	240.00
Done & Dusted	SC - Commercial Cleaning	290.00
Kempson Electrical Services	SC – Electrical Socket	90.00
North Bucks Parishes	Annual Membership Fee	20.00
Play Safety Limited	Annual Playground ROSPA Report	99.60
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	76.58
Direct Wines Ltd	Honourarium for Chris Tyrell	69.99
Brian Small	Handyman	666.31
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	770.72
BALC	BALC Training Course	46.78
H.M. Revenue & Customs	PAYE Q1 April - June	10.20

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

	£
Natwest	37,195
	<u>37,195</u>
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	370
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,600
War Memorial/Pavilion	<u>1,000</u>
	15,970
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>21,225</u></u>

**b) End of Year Accounts** - The report by the Internal Auditor, Roger King for 2013/14 was read to the Council. The End of Year Accounts and the Internal Auditor's Report were accepted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr Miller should arrange the usual honourarium for the Internal Auditor.

**c) Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement** - The Chairman formally read the statements in the Annual Return and after all the councillors agreed with the responses Cllr Robson and the clerk signed and dated the accounting statement and the annual governance statement. The clerk will forward the Annual Return to the external auditor.

**d) Buckland Landscapes**

It was agreed that Buckland Landscapes would carry out the repair to the football pitch as set out in their quote dated 3rd June for £390.00 plus VAT.

**14. Outside Organisations -**

There were no reports from councillors attending outside meetings.

**15. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

**Correspondence:**

- a) Copy of William Hill Charity Accounts - Circulated
- b) NBPCC - Agenda for AGM on Wednesday 18th June - Noted
- c) ROSPA Play Safety - Annual Play Inspection Report - Noted
- d) Engage Planning - Documents relating to Land East of Aylesbury - Circulated
- e) Chris Tyrell - Letter of Thanks - Noted

**Circulars:**

- a) AVDC - News for the Parishes May 2014
- b) LCR - Summer 2014
- c) Bucks CC - HS2 Update

**16. Matters of report –**

- a) The hedge by the Aylesbury Town Allotments on Aylesbury Road is overgrowing the pathway to Oldham's Meadow.
- b) A hand-written letter had been received by a resident offering to buy their house for cash. This is a scam targeting elderly people. A note will be put in the village newsletter.
- c) A suggestion has been made that the Scouts may be able to provide manpower to look at and make any necessary repairs to the pavilion roof.

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

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 pm.