

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th June 2013

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

Parishioners present – 5

1. Public Forum –

7.00-7.35 p.m. Pre-meeting

Clifford Marshall, the Local Area Technician from Transport for Bucks, had been asked to meet with the Parish Council and discussed various transport issues with the councillors including:

a) Pot Holes -The mini roundabouts near Oldhams Meadow are on the list for the pot holes to be repaired in the near future. Apparently as the weather is warmer the holes will now be sealed but not with pitch which is no longer allowed. It is hoped the patching will last longer. Great Lane was on the members list to be resurfaced but it is not certain if this is still the case due to the change of County Councillor.

b) Closure of A418 for Resurfacing Works. – Clifford Marshall said he would e-mail dates. The Aston Clinton Bypass is also due to be closed for surface dressing and Clifford will e-mail the dates of the closure to the clerk.

c) Cane End Lane constant failure to honour sign to turn left. There was also a problem with the growth of hedges on the Rowsham side of the road is encroaching on to the road. The responsibility to cut back the hedges is the responsibility of the owners of the land. Clifford Marshall stated that he would have a look at the problem

d) Grass Cutting – Since April 2013 the grass cutting is now being carried out in house by Bucks CC. In urban areas, within the 30 mph signs, there will be ten cuts (down from thirteen).The quality of the cuts is also a problem and the fact that the cut grass is not being blown off the footways. Clifford Marshall was asked if he could provide a list of dates for the scheduled cuts.

In rural areas the grass will be cut only twice and then only 1m from the edge of the highway. It is proposed that every third year the grass will be cut back to the highway boundary to remove any tree saplings. The Parish Council stated that there is already a problem with the growth of various plants including cow parsley obscuring some of the road signs especially along Burcott Lane.

e) Cllr Miller stated that the clerk had sent a letter to Bucks CC some time ago asking if it was possible to put a 30mph limit warning on the matrix sign at the beginning of the village when it was not being used to show other information. Clifford suggested that a letter could be sent to Anthony Blackmore.

f) Pathways – the Parish Council acknowledged that the path at the top of Parsons Lane had been resurfaced on one side but stated that the other side which went past the letterbox was also in need of a resurface. The state of the pathway outside the Jubilee hall was also commented on as was the gravel verge near the church. Unfortunately Clifford Marshall stated these were all low priorities and unlikely to receive funding in the near future.

g) Tring Road Works – The Parish Council asked if there was any further information about when these works would be finished. Clifford Marshall stated that he would find out and let the clerk know.

h) Cllr Batson pointed out that a number of large lorries still went over the canal bridge between Bierton and Broughton. Clifford Marshall stated that adequate signage was already in place and hopefully the situation would ease once the Bedgrove roundabouts are replaced by traffic lights.

i) Cllr Gilpin raised the problem that he was having in obtaining permission from Bucks CC to put the TSID sign on street lights along the A418. Clifford Marshall will forward the e-mails and the e-mail addresses that he has had concerning this subject with the 'Street Lighting' department to see if the matter can be progressed. The lack of lamp posts in Broughton was also discussed and Clifford Marshall suggested it may be possible to temporarily extend other road signs so that the TSID sign could be used. Cllr Gilpin will liaise directly with Clifford Marshall to investigate this possibility.

j) Clifford Marshall stated that the pinchpoint on the Stocklake Road that had been raised at the last meeting with him has now been kerbed. Cllr Batson agreed that this had helped to reduce the number of accidents at this section.

Cllr Miller thanked Clifford Marshall for attending the Parish Council meeting.

7.35-7.45 p.m. Pre-meeting with Jonathan Harbottle re Site off William Hill Drive

Jonathan Harbottle stated that he had a background in Planning Consultancy and had recently been involved with developments in villages of a similar size to Bierton where there were some affordable housing issues and a local shop had closed. He stated that there were 29 people on the waiting list for affordable housing in Bierton.

The proposal that he was putting forward was for a development of possibly 40-50 houses but more probably 25-30 homes on the site off William Hill Drive with a shop which would have accommodation above which could be rented out. The income from this flat would cross subsidise the shop.

The proposal would possibly be for a number of good quality homes in a variety of styles and also possibly affordable self-builds. The actual specifics could be varied to meet local needs.

Cllr Gilpin stated that he would pass on the results of the village survey to Mr Harbottle. Cllr Miller referred to the Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan and District Cllr Ward's earlier advice that since Aylesbury Vale District Council is minded to agree the development of 2450 homes within the parish AVDC would not intend to develop up to 50 house within the existing village.

Also a local resident land owner questioned Mr Harbottle about the exact location of the proposed site as it appeared to include part of his land. To save time, it was suggested that the confusion over the land should be discussed outside the meeting. This was agreed and the resident was requested to report back.

8.10 p.m. – Public Forum

Two members of the public raised the issue of the recent planning applications relating to Primrose Cottage, Rowsham Road, as they lived in the adjacent property. They pointed out that the proposed front extension was very close to their property and they suspected it may contravene the conservation area rules. They also felt that the rear extension would be overbearing as it is high and long although smaller than the extension that had originally been proposed.

The Parish Council agreed that the main concern was how the proposed extension would affect the conservation area. It was also noted that no yellow planning notices had been put up to date.

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Robson and Cllr Webber sent their apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Miller stated that as a resident of Rowsham Road he had an interest in planning applications **13/01432/APP & 13/01433/APP**.

It was agreed to bring forward agenda item 11a) Planning Applications.

13/01432/APP – 25 Rowsham Road, Bierton HP22 5AZ – Single storey rear extension – It was agreed that the Parish Council would oppose this application as the proposed rear extension would have a significant and disproportionate impact on the rural amenity enjoyed by the adjacent property, that is 11 Rowsham Road.

This impact is compounded when this application is taken together with 13/01433/APP as the resultant building would extend along much of the length of the boundary fence.

13/01433/APP – 25 Rowsham Road, Bierton HP22 5AZ – Single storey side / front extension

The Parish Council agreed to oppose this application as concerns were raised about the visual impact of the proposed large extension on a property which is in a conservation area especially in regard of the fact that the a large proportion of the proposed extension will be in front of the building line.

13/00782/ALB & 13/00784/APP – Badricks Farm 94 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL - Minor Amended Plans

13/00969/APP – 185A Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5DW – Amended Proposals/Plans to show a larger red edge to include vision splay – full details of splay to follow. – No Objections

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13/01289/APP – 28 Rowsham Road, Berton HP22 5AZ – Rear Conservatory – The Parish Council had been sent the yellow planning notice as this property is within Hulcott Parish. Hulcott Parish Council has not objected to the application and the Parish Council agreed that it also had no objections.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th May were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

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

The clerk did advise the council that a draft Householder Extensions Local Development order pack had been received from Aylesbury Vale District Council. A notice had been posted on the notice board near Barnett Way. To facilitate discussion at the next meeting it was agreed that the pack should be circulated to councillors in an envelope separate to the monthly correspondence envelope. Comments on the proposal are requested by 8th August. The clerk will also put a request in the Village Diary for residents to comment on the proposals.

The clerk had received a phone call from a church in Northampton for permission to perform a blessing at St. Osyth's Well one Saturday in September. The clerk will contact the vicar of Saint James the Great to confirm that he is agreeable, subject to which, the Parish Council agreed that it had no objections in principle and would grant permission. It was noted it will be necessary to ensure that the Well and its area are presentable

6. RFO Report :

a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Aylesbury Methodist Youth Club	Private Hire 27 th July	90.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - April	126.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - April	138.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	216.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong	189.00
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	108.00

Debit

Eon Energy	Pavilion - Electricity	30.10
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	73.17
Natwest	Bank Charges	28.22
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	173.45
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Repairs to Street Lights	128.16
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract – 8 months	1478.40
Chiltern Hygiene Services Ltd	SC – Sanitary Disposal	240.00
Jubilee Hall Building Fund	Hire of Hall Oct-May	280.00
Playsafety Ltd	Annual ROSPA Report	99.60
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Clerk Training	120.00
Key Plumbing	SC – Clearing Drains	162.00
SLCC	Annual Subscription	72.50
Brian Small	Handyman	521.88
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	759.40
Vonage	Telephone	9.35

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments

	£
Natwest	<u>34,591</u>
	34,591
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	4,220
Traffic Lights	1,000
Replacement of Concrete Light	1,000
Replacement of Fire Alarm panel	<u>1,000</u>
	18,720
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>15,871</u></u>

b) Internal Audit Report- The report by the Internal Auditor, Roger King, for 2012/2013 was read to the Council. The one comment of note was that in the sample it was found that some receipts had not been given for payments made to the council for the hire of the hall. The clerk stated that receipts had been e-mailed but she would make sure that they would be printed and filed in future. The Internal Audit Report was then accepted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr Miller should arrange the usual honorarium for the Internal Auditor.

c) Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement - The Acting Chairman formally read the questions in the Annual Return, and after the other councillors agreed with the responses Cllr Miller and the Clerk signed and dated the form. The clerk will forward the return to the external auditor.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

a) **Health and Safety Issues** – The majority of issues raised by the Preschool had been attended to but it was agreed to put the item on the agenda for the September agenda for further discussion. It was also noted that the grass in front of the Sports centre had not been cut. The clerk will contact the mowing contractors, Buckland landscapes, regarding this issue.

b) **Cleaning Machine** – Done and Dusted had reported that their cleaners were having problems with the machine at the Sports centre as the machine was no longer cleaning the floor properly in particular scuff marks were not being removed. Cllr Cotton had received a quote from a company recommended by Done and Dusted for a new machine at the cost of £ 995.00 plus VAT. The price included delivery, installation, full training and a 12 months part and labour warranty. This was a reduced price do to the fact the company wished to sell these machines to make way for new stock. The clerk commented that the cost of equivalent machines on the internet varied from approximately £ 1,500 to £ 2,000 . There followed a discussion as to whether this level of expenditure for a new machine was justified. It was finally agreed that Cllr Cotton would arrange a demonstration and the decision as to whether to purchase the machine would be left to the Hall Management Committee with the approval of the parish Council to spend up to £ 995.00.

c) **Annual Firework Night** - The Parish Council agreed that the Scouts could hold the annual bonfire night on 1st November at the Recreation Ground subject to the usual conditions

d) **Bierton Football Club Memorabilia-** Cllr Cotton stated that the proceeds from a collection during the funeral of a previous resident had been donated to Bierton Football Club this amounted to £ 250.00.

Cllr Cotton had also been given a book containing newspaper cuttings and scores for safekeeping.

e) **Playground Equipment** – The Annual ROSPA report had been received and it was noted that there were no items that required immediate attention. Cllr Ash will look at the report and report back to the Parish Council.

f) **Electricity Contract** – The clerk stated that a renewal for the electricity contract had been received with a rate of 18.4p KWH over 25% more than last year. She was asked to compare prices to get a better rate.

g) **Tree** – The clerk had been unable to find the deeds for the Recreation Ground at the Sports Centre in order to verify its boundaries. It was suggested that the clerk phone the solicitors, Horwood & James, to see if they had kept a copy of the deeds or to contact the Land Registry. It agreed the Clerk should establish the cost of a lockable storage in which to keep the archived papers at the Sports Centre.

Cllr Batson agreed to look at the tree at the Recreation Ground on the border with the adjacent field owned by Charles Blakey and cut down the lower branches to help prevent children climbing the tree.

8. Outside Organisations –

Cllr Cotton and Cllr Batson had given a presentation on the Sports Centre Kitchen Refurbishment at a Community Chest Event organised by Aylesbury Vale District Council on Wednesday 12th June at the Chilterns MS Centre. Sarah Rothwell from AVDC asked the clerk to pass on her thanks to the councillors and said that the feedback comments had been very good.

Cllr Gilpin had been invited to visit the Arla plant. He stated that it will be the largest milk processing plant in the world and the most technologically advanced, being almost fully automated.

9. Neighbourhood Action Group Meeting

Cllr Cotton advised that the boundaries for the local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meetings had been re-organised and that two NAGS will be combined specifically Berton/Broughton/Oakfield NAG and the Bedgrove NAG. It is intended that Phil Gomm, the current chair of the Bedgrove NAG will be the chair and Emma Cable from Berton the Vice Chair.

10. Grass Cutting

This item had been covered during the pre-meeting discussion with Clifford Marshall.

11a) **Planning applications** – this item had been discussed after item 3. The Parish Council agreed that it would be beneficial to bring forward planning matters on future agendas to a position just after the Clerks Report to allow interested residents to listen to the discussion on these matters.

11b) Update on the progress of the ongoing planning applications at **10/02649/AOP** Land East of Aylesbury and **13/00391/AOP** Land East of Watermead.

The application 13/00391/AOP had gone before the Strategic Development Control Committee of AVDC on the 29th May. There had been a large turnout and a large number of speakers although there were no representatives from the proposers of the application Hallam Land Development. The committee had unanimously rejected the application.

11c) Planning Determinations - None

12. **Vale of Aylesbury Plan** – The formal response to the Vale of Aylesbury Submission Document had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Miller suggested that page numbers should be inserted to clarify a number of references. The Parish Council then agreed that the document represented the views of the council and it was agreed that the amended response would be sent to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

13. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

Correspondence:

- a) **Bucks CC** – Letter from Martin Tett re High Speed 2 - Circulated
- b) **Bucks CC** – Notification that the next meeting of the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum on Monday 1st July - Noted
- c) **Bucks CC** – Invitation to be involved in the Parish Devolution review. The clerk will e-mail the invitation to Cllr Cotton who expressed an interest in finding out more.

- d) **AVDC** – E-Mail regarding Grass Cutting Enquiries - Noted
- e) **AVALC** – E-Mail re Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy – The clerk will send a copy of the parish Council response to AVALC.
- f) **North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium** – Annual General Meeting to be held on 26th June - Noted
- g) **The Outer Aylesbury Ring** – Notice of walk on 7th September. The clerk will forward the e-mail to Cllr Ash

Circulars:

- a) **AVDC** – News for the Parishes Number 2/2013
- b) **AVDC** – Parish Newsletter July 2013
- c) **AVDC** – Have your Say with your Police & Crime Commissioner
- d) **BALC** – Notes of Parish Liaison Meeting April 2013
- e) **Community Impact Bucks** – Community Buildings News May 2013
- f) **Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association** – May 2013

14. Matters of report –

Cllr Ash stated that he had looked at the letter from CAMRA regarding the legislation that allows Parish Councils to have their village pubs listed by Aylesbury Vale District Council as assets of community value. He stated that this may be of interest and the clerk was asked to look into the matter further.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th July at 7.30 pm.