

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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

Parishioners present: 5

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Miller & County Cllr Jenny Puddefoot

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

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

NAG have been offered premises free of charge. Councillor Cotton will report back on any progress.

4. **Public Forum** – No issues were raised.

5. **Queens Diamond Jubilee**

The committee now have a constitution and they are in the process of opening a bank account with Lloyds TSB. The Parish Council agreed a grant of £ 500 towards this event.

Emma Cable has been elected as chairman, Councillor Gilpin as secretary and Jane Wootten as treasurer. They are looking at getting a grant towards the cost of Public Liability Insurance. The committee are to produce a brochure to include photographs of 60 years of Bierton and advertisements from sponsors. They also propose to post a leaflet through every letterbox in the parish. They are in the process of finding out the number of children in the parish under the age of 11 with the view of giving a gift possibly a china mug. The Scouts are to organise a BBQ and there will be a bouncy castle and slide, a beat-the goalie competition as well as other games. Music will be provided and the Bierton Garden Society is going to have a produce stall. There will be a children's tea party in the sports centre hall at 5 o'clock with cakes being provided by residents and adults can bring picnics if they so wish. The committee are in negotiations with St John's Ambulance to attend. The Scouts are to provide marquees in case of inclement weather and there will be a raffle on site.

It was suggested by the councillors that the committee approach the landowner of the field next to the recreation ground to ask if they could use this field for car parking, leaving the centre car park for disabled parking. The subjects of extra toilets, rubbish bins and litter picking teams were also raised. The Parish Council agreed that the committee could apply for a TENS licence for a bar to serve alcohol to be run by The Red Lion Public House.

The committee will provide the clerk with details of the account so that a cheque can be raised and they will advise the Parish Council on progress at the next council meeting.

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

7. **10/02649/AOP Land East of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing Bierton.**

Councillor Robson reported on the meeting of the Strategic Development Control Committee meeting that had taken place on the 14<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this planning application.

The case officer gave a presentation and the councillors had had an informal briefing and a site visit that morning. At the end of the meeting a resolution had been passed in that the application was supported but deferred and delegated. This was due to the Secretary of State having issued an injunction so that the planners were forbidden to approve the decision without reference to him.

Councillor Robson stated that he was disappointed that in the end there were 6 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention with the outcome that the council think that they have approved the application but this position is not clear.

There is now a further opportunity to object and protest. The Action Group have written a letter to Mr Pickles asking that he call in the application and giving ten reasons in support of this action. Councillor

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Robson has begun a Parish Council response and the other councillors agreed that Councillor Robson continues in this vein and sends the letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Robson then offered a vote of thanks to the Action team and also the District Councillor Julie Ward for all their work on this application. This was endorsed by the other councillors.

Councillor Robson went on to stress that the Parish Council would now have to think about meeting with planning officers to get as many positive elements as possible from the development if it goes ahead.

Some of the subjects that would need to be considered include S106 agreements, road junctions, traffic calming and sports facilities.

**8. RFO Report :**

- The following receipts and payments were approved ;

**Credit**

G L & K A Smith	Private party 04/02	72.00
Louise Williment	Private party 05/02	50.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - Jan	100.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - Jan	100.00
Arnika Bass	Regular Booking - Zumba	75.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	200.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking - Dance	75.00
AVDC	Hall Hire 02/04	25.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong/Tai Chi	225.00

**Debit**

AVDC	Refuse Collection - SC	109.00
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges to 03/02	23.67
Thames Water	Water Supply SC Nov-Feb	184.10
Eon Energy	Street Lighting	187.96
Eon Energy	Electricity Supplied to SC	130.14
Bucks Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription	20.00
AVALC	Donation	10.00
All In One	Repair to Window SC	308.00
Chubb Fire Ltd	Six month Fire Alarm Check	173.06
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Community Impact Bucks	Annual Subscription	50.00
Jubilee Hall Building Fund	Hire of Jubilee Hall	280.00
Security Matters	Intruder Alarm Annual Check	102.00
UK Clean	Window Cleaning SC	25.00
Viking Direct	Stationery inc Printer Cartridges	114.42
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	134.76
Vonage	Clerk telephone	10.89
M Smith	Clerk's salary and expenses	658.16

<b>Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments</b>	<b>Natwest</b>	<b>29,896</b>
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 **8,902**

- **Data Protection Act** – The Parish Council gave the clerk the authority to register with the Information Commissioner’s Office at a cost of £35.00. This registration lasts for a year and needs to be renewed on an annual basis. The clerk is to check the previous registration which had lapsed and update if necessary the security statement.

#### 9. **Bierton Sports Centre**

- **Health and Safety Check.**  
Councillor Ash was delegated as the Parish Council to co-ordinate a response to the points raised by the Pre-School. The fire alarms are tested monthly and a six monthly test is carried out by Chubb, this includes the heat detector situated in the kitchen. The fire extinguishers are inspected annually. The boiler had been serviced annually, the last service having been carried out at the end of 2010 by Action Heating. Obviously the service was now overdue as one should have been organised at the end of last year but had been overlooked due to the change in the Parish Clerk. The clerk is to arrange for Action Heating to service the boiler as soon as possible. Kempson Electrical is to carry out a PAT test and Chubb are due for the six month fire alarm check and Security Matters for the annual Intruder Alarm Check. The provision of salt during icy or snowy conditions was discussed and the consensus was the Parish Council could provide salt but would not be involved in distribution to affected areas.
- **Bierton Football Club**  
Councillor Cotton advised that the reserve team has now been abandoned.
- **Cricket Nets**  
Councillor Ash put forward a proposal to remove the nets but other councillors stated that they wished the nets to remain. It was agreed that Steve Holdham would repair the nets as a temporary measure so that they would be available during this summer. In September a decision would be made as to whether to keep the nets, to replace them or to remove them.
- **Bierton Tennis Club.**  
The proposal by Bierton Tennis Club to remove the path running alongside the tennis courts was discussed and the Parish Council had no objections to the proposal provided all the broken slabs were removed from the site.
- **Sports Centre Kitchen**  
Councillor Cotton asked that the Parish Council consider purchasing a new cooker and fridge as the current cooker and fridge both needed replacing. It was agreed to obtain quotes for these items.

#### 10. **GALAF**

Councillor Robson attended the GALAF meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and reported on the following issues. A list of events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee will be sent out to the parishes. There will be 60 Jubilee Beacons in Buckinghamshire. There was a general update by Transport for Bucks and the speed limits should be in by the end of March. The protests against HS2 would continue and the East West Rail will have trains running by 2017. There is to be a legal challenge to the consultation process of HS2.

#### 11. NBPPC

Councillor Robson had sent his apologies to the NBPCC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March due to his attendance at the Strategic Development Control Committee meeting on the same day.

#### 12. Bucks Herald Community Column

The publication of the Parish Council minutes in the Bucks Herald was commented on and it was decided that the clerk would send a copy of the minutes to Councillor Cotton and that she would produce a summary to send to Alan Curtis to be published in the paper.

#### 13. Planning Applications

**12/00339/APP** – 2 Rowsham Road- Raising of roof to provide first floor living. – No Objections but with the comments that firstly the proposed alterations meet the requirements of the Planning Officer and that secondly the Conservation officer must be satisfied that the application is consistent with the Conservation Area Policy, especially with respect to views into and out of Conservation Areas,

**12/00377/APP** 2 Pecks Farm Close, Berton HP22 5FJ – Timber garden Building (Retrospective)- It was agreed that the Parish Council opposes this application as the timber building impinges on the conservation area and is of inappropriate design, as at 3.8m high it is inappropriate to the location next to a boundary.

On the information available it would appear to be non compliant with building regulations and it interferes with the neighbouring properties both physically and visually.

The Parish Council is aware of objections from residents of neighbouring properties and supports these concerns.

#### 14. Planning Determinations

**11/02668/APP** Aylesbury Golf Centre, Hulcott Lane, HP22 5GA – Erection of residential accommodation for golf centre groundsman. – Refused

**11/02669/APP** Aylesbury Golf Centre, Hulcott Lane, HP22 5GA – Erection of residential accommodation for golf centre manager. – Refused

#### 15. Correspondence

**AVALC** – email – New Code of Conduct, Invitation to a Presentation 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH – It was decided the clerk would attend and request a template when issued.

-Letter – Request for nomination to AVALC executive.

**AVDC** – Diamond Jubilee Tree Offer – The clerk will respond and reserve a tree for the parish.

- Easter activities in the area

**BALC** - Letter- Best Kept Village Competition

**Bucks County Council** – Letter – Household Waste Recycling Centres

e-mail – Adult Social Care Consultation

**Community Impact** – E-Mail -Engaging with your Community Workshops

**Thames Valley Police** – Partnership Community Safety Survey – Councillor Cotton had already replied.

**Theatre in the Villages** – Invitation to Promoters Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Circulars:**

**AVDC**- Alert re Jequirity Bean Bracelets

News for the parishes – March 2012

**BALC** – The Changing Role of Local Councils

**Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association** – Winter 2011/2012

**Clerks & Councils Direct** – March 2012

**Clerk Magazine** – March 2012

**Community Impact** –March 2012

**Communities & Local Government** – Freedom to Pray

**LCR** – Spring 2012

**22. Matters of report**

Councillor Ash has organised a walk around the village on Good Friday starting from the well at 2.00 p.m.

A load of rubbish has been dumped at the end of Great Lane.

Councillor Gilpin had attended a meeting with Arla which will take place on a three monthly basis. He reported that it has been proposed to remove all four mini roundabouts between the A41 and the Tring Road Tesco. Arla has requested that this work is carried out this year but Bucks County Council wish to wait as they do not have the funds to put towards this scheme.

The road sign at the top of Parsons Lane has been knocked down .The clerk will report this to AVDC. It was commented that the Council Tax bills show an increase in the Parish Council portion although the precept had not been increased. The clerk will ask for an explanation from AVDC.

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

Date of next meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.