

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Present:** Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Miller, Cllr Batson, Cllr Cotton, Cllr. Gilpin, Cllr Horne, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Webber and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.  
District Councillor Ward, County Councillor Chapple

Parishioners present - None

**1. Apologies for Absence:** None

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

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

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February were discussed. A correction was made under item 4, the word 'District' was replaced by 'County' in respect to County Councillor Chapple in three places. The minutes were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

Cllr Miller advised that planning application no **13/02282/APP** The Paddocks Business Centre, Cane End Lane had been withdrawn.

**4. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

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

It was reported that the streetlight in Grove Court might be running 24 hours a day and that the light is being obstructed by foliage. Cllr Miller said that he would check on this.

Also a new street light has been installed by Aylesbury Mains in Cowley Close but the old light with the concrete column is still in place.

**6. Planning Applications**

a) The following planning application received via AVDC was considered:-

**14/00489/APP** – 6 Grendon Way, Single Storey Side extension incorporating conversion of garage into living accommodation - **NO OBJECTIONS**

**b) 13/03534/AOP – Land East of Watermead**

Cllr Robson had sent photographs of a number of areas in Watermead that had been flooded to AVDC. He also advised that the Environment Agency had stated that it would have no objections to this application if a number of conditions were met and that these conditions had been detailed in a six page letter.

The application is likely to be considered by the committee on the 2nd April. There is to be a meeting with Watermead & Weedon Parish Councillors on Wednesday 26th March at Watermead Village Hall and it is planned that a joint decision will be agreed and also it will be decided who is to say what at the committee meeting.

**c) Proposed Crematorium for Aylesbury**

The proposal had been put forward by the same consortium of three councils that run the crematorium at Amersham.

Several parish councillors had attended the event on the 10<sup>th</sup> February when they were shown the slides that were shown at the public exhibition on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

A discrepancy was mentioned at the latter event regarding the proposed site and the route safeguarded by Bucks County Council for the Northern link road. Apparently a transport consultant had only been involved with the proposed application in the last two to three weeks.

However the main concern of residents attending the presentation was the effect that this proposal might have on the volume of traffic going through Berton, the junction of Cane End Lane and the A418 and possible extra traffic along Rowsham Road.

It was suggested that a roundabout at the junction of Cane End Lane and the A418 would not conform to the Highway Agency code that there should be a balance of traffic on the roads feeding into a roundabout but this is only guidance.

Cllr Miller also pointed out that the agreements that had been made when Cane End had been developed in the past had not been honoured as some vehicles going both to and from the industrial units were still using Rowsham Road. It may be that the only way to stop this happening is to have a physical barrier and then Grove Court could be used as a turn end head. The need for a clearer sign at the end of Cane End Lane was also expressed.

County Cllr Chapple stressed that he felt the junction with the A418 would need to be improved if this application was agreed. If a roundabout is not the answer then traffic lights should be considered with a sensor on Cane End Lane. He also agreed that Cane End Lane and Rowsham Road should be made into Cul- de-Sacs. He then stated that if this was not agreed by the County Council then he would object both in committee and in the media.

The issue of the speed limit from the junction into the village was then raised and the associated problems with enforcing this limit.

It is hoped that a resume of all the comments that had been written on the consultation day would be written and a copy sent to the Parish Council.

Finally it was stated that during the presentation it had been suggested that the plans would be submitted to AVDC in April.

## 7. Planning Determinations

The following planning determinations made by AVDC were noted :-

**13/01884/APP** - 32 Grendon Way-Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three detached dwellings-  
**Refused**

**13/03370/APP** - 60 Burcott Lane Single storey and part two storey rear extension and detached garage –  
**Permitted**

**13/03424/ACL** – 6 Grendon Way- Certificate of Lawfulness **issued** for Loft Conversion but **refused** for Single Storey Side Extension.

**13/02871/APP** – 4 Old Forge Gardens Single Storey and one and a half-storey side and rear extension, front porch and side extension to garage. **Permitted**

**13/03347/APP** - OS 216070 & 485004 Land to south of Greenacres Hulcott - Erection of livestock building-  
Permission **Granted** by the Development Control Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## 8. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID)

Bucks County Council had received the application from the Parish Council for the use of five sites as agreed at the meeting with Tim Fowler for Transport for Bucks but had now asked for the dimensions of the sign. CA traffic instead of modifying the existing sign had agreed to supply a new sign which is lighter and smaller and will more closely meet the Bucks County Council criteria as it only has the functionality to show the speed limit of the road.

Cllr Gilpin stated that if the Parish Council wished to use the community speed-watch equipment then it was possible to borrow a sign.

The Parish Council agreed that it did not want to pursue the complaint regarding the lack of communication from Bucks County Council regarding the TSID sign but there was still concern expressed as to why this communication failure had occurred.

## 9. War Memorial

Cllr Sherley had attended the Community Funding Fair and had spoken to some potential funders regarding the War Memorial. However the problem was finding a use for the pavilion and there was therefore a need to look at what can be done.

A suggestion was put forward that maybe the plaque could be removed from the pavilion and a separate War Memorial created. A decision about the future of the pavilion would then have to be made with the possibility of demolishing the pavilion and then creating alternative storage for the Scouts and Football Teams.

It was also noted that the paint on the door of the pavilion was peeling quite badly and Cllr Cotton would ask D. Hargrove to have a look at the door.

## 10. Parish Paths Clearance Fund

The Parish Council agreed that the amount suggested by Bucks County Council to cut the paths twice a year was not sufficient to make the proposal feasible.

However it was noted that Cllr Ash used to keep an eye on the state of all the footpaths in the parish. Cllr Gilpin volunteered to take over this task.

## 11. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

### Credit

Bierton & Hulcott W.I.	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	162.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - January	109.50
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - January	123.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong	108.00
Hulcott Parish Council	Contribution to Village Diary	15.00
Mr C Finch - Bierton FC	Regular Booking – Football	120.80
Mr C Finch - Bierton FC	Regular Booking – Football	30.40
Mr James Smith	Regular Booking – Sports Factor	240.00
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	189.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Qigong	81.00

### Debit

Eon Energy	Electricity Pavilion	73.75
D Hargrove	Sports Centre Maintenance	280.00
Cupboards Direct	SC Utility Cupboard	253.20
Natwest	Bank Charges	22.38
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	173.72
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lights - Maintenance	115.20
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract	184.80
Bucks Playing Fields	Annual Subscription	20.00.00
Community Impact Bucks	Community Buildings Forum	10.00
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	35.00
Kempson Electrical Services	SC - Maintenance	1212.60
Matters Property Services	Burglar Alarm Annual Service	108.00
Sign Rite Grafix	Repair to Sign	84.86
Society of Local Clerks	Annual Membership	73.50
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	74.17
Brian Small	Handyman	185.00
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	731.15

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

	£
Natwest	27,812
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Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	340
Traffic Calming Measures	4,220
Traffic Lights	1,600
Replacement of Concrete Light	<u>1,400</u>
	18,560
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>9,252</u></u>

Concern was raised over the cost of the electricity supply to the pavilion due to an increase in the daily standing charge. Cllr Gilpin agreed to look at the possibility of linking the supply to the Sports Centre instead of having a separate supply.

Cllr Cotton stated that, after speaking with the contractor and the Sport Centre Users, it would be more convenient to carry out the painting of the changing rooms during the summer leaving the main hall to be painted in the Christmas holiday as originally agreed. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

**b) SLCC Course** - It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund 50% of the cost of the course on Funding Applications, that is £ 82.50 plus VAT.

**c) Defibrillator** -

It was agreed to defer a decision on this item to allow more information to be gathered.

**d) Local Government Act 1972**

The clerk was asked to contact the bank to find out the steps required to set up an online banking account and also to get some guidance as to the arrangements that would be needed to authorise and make electronic payments.

**12. Outside Organisations**

Cllr Robson reported on the Transport for Bucks Conference that he had attended on the 7th March 2014. He noted from the presentations that unclassified roads only have to be inspected annually although it was stated that the Local Area Technicians do survey the roads more regularly. Also footways are classified as to the number of people who walk on them. There did seem to be more reliance on members of the public reporting faults.

One of the concerns he raised at this conference was the apparent lack of supervision of the Transport for Bucks operatives and in particular the fact that no one had a general supervisory role in Bucks County Council.

The Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum met on 10th March when the main issue was improving the health and well being of the community. The next meeting will be 16th July.

Cllr Batson will be attending a South East Waterway Forum held by the Canal & River Trust on Tuesday 8th April in Tring.

**13. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

**Correspondence:**

- a) The Planning Inspectorate - Letter in response to Request to attend and speak at Planning Appeal on Land East of Watermead - Noted
- b) AVDC – Community Rights Workshop for Councillors – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - No councillors wished to attend this workshop.
- c) AVDC – E-mail from Historic Buildings Officer re Thatch Survey - Noted
- d) Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition – Invitation to enter the Competition - The Parish Council agreed not to enter this competition.

**Circulars:**

- a) Bucks C.C. – Buckinghamshire Flood Recovery Update
- b) Bucks C.C. – HS2 Update
- c) Clerk Magazine - March 2014
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2014
- e) Community Buildings – Newsletter Feb 2014

**14. Matters of report –**

- a) Allotments - It has been proposed that the Aylesbury Road allotments might be open to Berton residents and the Parish Council was asked by Cllr Sherley if there would be any objections to a mention being put in the village diary. The Parish Council agreed they had no objections. It was then pointed out that there were also vacancies for the Great Lane Allotments.
- b) Brian Small has collected the bench from Cllr Gilpin and will find a place for it at the Recreation Ground.
- c) Cllr Cotton stated that the Sport Centre Management Committee were looking at purchasing a trolley to hold the tables.
- d) Cllr Cotton remarked on the number and size of the signs advertising the Barn/Golf Range that had appeared at the junction of the A418 and the turn to Hulcott.
- e) Cllr Cotton advised that Chris Finch had withdrawn from the Football Club due to work commitments. A meeting had been arranged of the old and new managers and Cllrs Cotton and Webber to discuss the future of the team.

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

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30 pm.