

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th March 2015

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

District Councillor Julie Ward

Parishioners present - 6

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Vaughan

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 February were accepted as a true record and duly signed apart from a correction to 'Cllr Mrs Vigor-Hedderly' in item 8a).

4. Public Forum

A resident of the Oldhams Meadow Ward wished again to raise the matter of the planned extension of the St Louis Catholic Primary School and her concerns regarding the increase in traffic and car parking in the roads around the school. The resident also felt that the pedestrian access to the rear of the school would mean that cars would drive along Oldhams Meadow and use this entrance unless it was in some way controlled.

Other residents were concerned about the possible Barnett Way development and the future of Broughton Crossing.

The Chairman proposed to bring forward the planning items under item 7 and item 8 on the agenda.

5. St Louis Catholic Primary School

The proposed development of the primary school would clearly result in a significant increase in size of the school. It was agreed that the residents therefore have very valid concerns regarding the increase in traffic on all sides of the premises but especially on the narrow estate roads and that parking restrictions or traffic controls would need to be considered. The Parish Council therefore resolved to respond to the County Council and express these concerns. Cllr Gilpin agreed to draft a response which would be circulated to the other councillors before being sent to the County Council.

It was stated that there had been an update from the vicar on the proposed extension to Bierton School. Conveyancing work has begun for development into half of the adjacent field. It is planned that there will be a bridge over the brook, that the copse will remain as a wooded area and that the gate at the end of Parsons Lane will be opened up to form a drop off zone. It is hoped that the work can be completed by September 2017.

6. Possible Barnett Way Development

The Clerk had received a letter from Bidwells on behalf of Davidsons Developments Ltd asking to speak to the Parish Council. Letters from Davidsons had also been received by some Bierton residents. The chairman had also been contacted by a parishioner who had been prevented from walking along a Public Right of Way by some workman who were drilling bore holes and who had put up signs preventing access. It was agreed that the wording of the signs had been inappropriate.

The site of the proposed development is a site of some 4.067 hectares to the northwest of Barnett Way that is in part identified under reference SHLBIE011 in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Sites Plan (February 2014) for the village prepared by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The Parish Council agreed that the principle of "The residents do not want any more significant development in Bierton" still held but that they would meet with the development company on a 'Without

Prejudice' basis. The clerk was ask to invite Davidsons Developments Ltd to address the Parish Council at 7.00p.m.before the next council meeting in April.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of starting a Neighbourhood Plan although any plan would be affected by the Kingsbrook development. However one of the residents present had indicated to the chairman that he would be interested in rejuvenating a local Action Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan . The Parish Council expressed that it would be in support of the group being set up.

7. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The chairman reported to the Parish Council on the current position regarding the VALP which plans new housing, jobs and infrastructure across the Vale until 2033. A cross-party VALP scrutiny committee has been set up to "scrutinise, examine and challenge all aspects of the plan", part of the role being to make sure that there is "effective communication and engagement with the Vale communities and interested parties." There was a suggestion that the plan might be adopted as early as Summer 2016 but AVDC have been advised against shortening the period of consultation and the earliest date for the adoption of the plan will be Summer 2017 (as originally envisaged).

The plan may define settlement boundaries for the villages and may include specific site allocations. However national policies and local policies may change in May.

8. Other Planning Matters

a) Kingsbrook

A number of councillors had attended the meeting with Barratt on the 20th February at the Holiday Inn. The Parish Council raised various concerns over transport issues but it was not a particularly productive meeting . It was noted that the Oakfield Junction is in the area of County Councillor Phil Gomm. The Parish Council also asked if a representative from the council could be included in local site meetings.

It is suggested that Traffic Calming measures in the village should be considered now rather than in the future and Cllr Miller had produced a sketch showing possible sites in the village where measures could be taken. The chairman asked the councillors to think about this sketch and report back to the council.

It was also noted that trees and hedges had been cut down along Broughton Lane to allow for the development. This had led to a loss of privacy for at least one resident of Broughton Crossing and it was suggested that this resident should write to the case officer at AVDC and send a copy of the letter to the Parish Council.

14/03486/ADP & 14/ 03487/ADP will be considered by the Strategic Development Committee on the 22nd April.

b) 14/01125/APP Land to North of Cane End Lane - Single Chapel Crematorium

The next meeting of the Aylesbury Crematorium Community Liaison Group has still not been arranged . Cllr Miller proposed putting an article in the April newsletter or producing a flier to alert residents to a public consultation about the severance of Rowsham Road from Cane End Lane even though the dates of the public consultation are not yet known. He will send a draft copy to all councillors for their comments and approval.

Also despite assurances that the signage to the site would be improved the notices are still inadequate, the signs need to be larger and in more appropriate locations.

Cllr Ward stated that she would e-mail the leader of the District Council to make enquiries as to what the problem is and why the delay.

There is to be a judicial review on the 18th March on the decision of AVDC to allow to grant planning permission for the crematorium on the land to the North of Cane End Lane. Cllr Ward will update the council on any developments.

c) APP/J0405/W/15/3003131 - Appeal on refusal of planning application for development on land adjacent to Grove Court, Rowsham Road, Bierton HP22 5EA

There has been a problem with the objections of some of the residents not being acknowledged by AVDC planning and therefore not sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The appeals officer at AVDC suggested that these residents should send a letter of objection as additional comments.

All additional comments had to be sent by the 19th March . A site visit may then be undertaken by the planning inspectorate.

It was noted that all of the letters of objection from residents had not been uploaded onto the website even those that had been acknowledged by AVDC.

Cllr Ward stated that she would take up the problem of why some of the letters had seemingly gone missing and to make Cllr Sue Polhill aware of the situation.
The Parish Council again voiced reservations and concerns over the Planning Website and the revised consultation process.

9. Clerks Report – The Clerk’s report was noted.

10. Gib Lane Solar Farm Community Fund

The chairman and the clerk had attended a meeting with a representative from Grantscape on the 17th February in Aston Clinton. The fund amount will be £10,000 each year for the next 25 years. The funding is linked to inflation and Grantscape will confirm exactly how much is available each year. It was agreed at the meeting that the Fund should be split by Parish based on the proportion/percentage of the development area within each Parish Boundary which resulted in Bierton with Broughton split being 38% equivalent to £ 3,800.00 in the first year. This split would be reviewed periodically. The funding would roll forward if not all the money is allocated or claimed each year for each parish.

Parish	Size of Development	Percentage of Development Size	Amount of Funding available for projects in each Parish*
Bierton with Broughton	41.8 acres	38%	£3,800
Hulcott	14.5 acres	14%	£1,400
Aston Clinton	32.2 acres	29%	£2,900
Buckland	21.2 acres	19%	£1,900

* £10,000 available for year one, subject to annual inflation rises

The Fund will be administered by Grantscape and there will be no administration work required for any of the Parish Clerks, apart from helping to promote the opportunity and circulating the grant applications provided by Grantscape.

The draft criteria that had been drawn up by Grantscape was agreed by all four parishes and basically covered most community groups who could apply for good causes.

It may be possible to see if some of the applications that do not meet the requirements of this grant could be passed to the 'Griffin' Trust once this is established.

It is planned that the first closing date for applications will be in September 2015 and the final decisions will be made on the first year's money by December 2015.

11. Broughton Lane

No Update was given.

12. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID) -

An e-mail had been received from CA Traffic stating that the new units had finally gone into production and therefore hopefully a new sign would be available in the near future.

Cllr Gilpin had sent an e-mail asking for the money back but as yet has not had a response to this request.

Cllr Gilpin said that he will phone up CA Traffic every Monday to check on progress. Cllr Robson said that the next meeting in April will be the last formal meeting of this present Parish Council and therefore it would be timely if the sign could be received by then. He then stated that he would be giving the Chairman's Report to the Annual Public Meeting in May which would then be published in the newsletter and on the website. As CA Traffic would be mentioned in this report it would be to their advantage if this reference was positive not negative.

13. Devolved Services

The signed agreement had been returned to Bucks County Council . The chairman also has signed an authority to Aylesbury Town Council allowing the money for the devolved services to be paid directly from the County Council to the Town Council.

Cllr Cotton had attended a Health & Safety Awareness Session as required by Bucks County Council.

The responsibility for the cutting of the grass and other services should therefore be devolved to Aylesbury Town Council (on behalf of the Parish Council) from 1st April 2015 .

14. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

15/00641/APP - Ivy House, 1, Brick Lane, Berton HP22 5DA - Single storey rear extension - **No Objections**

15/00788/APP - 1 Moat End, Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DW - Two storey front extension- **No Objections**

14/03486/ADP - Land East of Aylesbury - Minor Amended Plans - Cllr Robson is to prepare a draft addendum to the comments of the Parish Council to this and application no 14/03487/ADP to cover the concerns of the Parish Council over various transport issues which will be circulated to the councillors for comments before being sent to the case officer Claire Harrison at AVDC.

15. Parking

Cllr Cotton reported back to the Parish Council and stated that she had continued to monitor the area on the Aylesbury Road that had been reported but had only seen one car parked twice. However, it might be that the Parish Council could consider sending a letter to people in the parish who park on the verges.

16. Parish Council Elections 2015

The Parish Clerk had handed out Election Packs to the councillors intending to stand again for the Parish Council. The completed form is to be delivered in person to the AVDC offices by 4 p.m. on Thursday 9th April 2015. If any election is to be contested the poll will take place on Thursday 7th May 2015.

17. Annual Parish Meeting

The chairman stated that he was preparing a report for the annual parish meeting in May to cover the four year tenure of the current parish council. He therefore asked the other parish councillors to contact him with their ideas about the items to be covered by the report and also about their thoughts for the future of the Parish Council and the village.

18. RFO Report :

The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

JM Smith - Sports Factor	Regular Booking - Half Term	280.00
Keri Donnellan	Village Diary	15.00
Lorraine Maganacavello	Private Hire 07/06	120.00
FC Mandeville Reserves	Regular Booking - Football	33.00
Julianna Poole	Private Hire 08/03	72.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking - Karate	210.00
Aylesbury Canine Training	Village Diary	15.00
The Red Lion	Village Diary	15.00
Melissa Hovell	Private Hire 08/03	75.00
Berton Pre-School	Village Diary	15.00
Aylesbury United Ladies	Regular Booking - Football	132.00
Mrs Douglas	Private Hire - 25/07	110.00
Dawn Rallings	Private Hire - 26/04	75.00

Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - December	150.00
Debit		
Aylesbury Vale DC	SC - Rubbish Collection & Bin Hire	152.40
NatWest	Bank Charges	15.62
Eon Energy	Electricity - Street Lights	174.02
Thames Water	SC Water Supply	157.88
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	92.31
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Registration	35.00
Matter Property Services Group	SC- Intruder Alarm	108.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership Fee	83.50
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	272.00
B Small	Handyman	207.74
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary	775.22
HMRC	PAYE Q4	114.87

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

	£
Natwest	35,163
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Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	7,340
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	240
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,600
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	12,180
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>22,983</u></u>

19. Outside Organisations

Cllr Sherley attended the Parishes Delivering More Conference on the 24th February. He stated that the conference should have been entitled Bucks County Council delivering less and was not really relevant to parishes as the presentations were aimed at town councils rather than parish councils.

Cllr Robson stated that he had received through the GALAF an invitation to attend the Active Bucks - Stakeholder Launch Event on Thursday 23rd April and if any of the councillors wished to attend this event then to let the clerk know as soon as possible.

20. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

- a) AVDC - e-mail from Jeff Membrey - Registering to speak at Committee - circulated
- b) NBPCC - Response to letter from Tacey Aldworth Director AVDC - circulated
- c) Invitation to enter Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village 2015 - It was agreed not to enter this competition.
- d) Vonage - Notification of Call Plan Price Change - Noted
- e) Mazars - Change of Office address - Noted

- f) Community Impact Bucks - Invitation to attend Community Buildings Forum 26th March Winslow - No one wished to attend.
- g) AVDC - Village Pub Competition 2015 - Noted
- h) Bucks County Council - ' Do It Online' Campaign - Circulated

Consultations:

- a) Bucks County Council - Buckinghamshire Replacement Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Circulated
- b) Bucks County Council - Library Opening Hours - Circulated

Circulars:

- a) AVDC - News for the Parishes - February 2015
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2015
- c) NALC - Legal Briefing on Freedom of Information Act

21. Matters of report –

Cllr Cotton stated that the Sports Centre was now free on a Monday Evening. The Parish Council therefore agreed to change the venue of the next Parish Council Meeting on the 20th April to the Sports Centre.

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

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.30 pm.