

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st March 2011

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

Parishioners present: One

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Mallard.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Public Forum.** Jack Batson whom the Clerk had asked to quote for a new shower pump at the Sports Centre was present. He said that he was going to approach an acquaintance to see if the old shower pump could be refurbished. This he suggested would cost in the region of £200, substantially less than a new one. If this was not possible it was agreed that Mr Batson could purchase and fit a new shower as per his quote of £650 fitted plus VAT.
5. **Clerk's Report:** The Clerk's report was noted.
6. **RFO Report:**
 - The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

L Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	192.00
B Sargeant	Table Tennis	37.70
C Haes	Short Mat Bowls	119.60
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dance	72.00
J Watt	Private Party	58.00
L Williment	Private Party	48.00
HMRC	VAT Repayment	414.80
Bierton FC	Regular Hire- Football	241.60
J Kitteridge	Regular Booking – Qigong	192.00
Aylesbury Town FC	Regular Hire- Football	24.00

Debit

Thames Water	Water Supply-Sports Centre	161.66
Natwest Bank	Bank charges	23.70
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	52.92
Bucks Playing Field Assn	Annual Subscription	20.00

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Chubb Fire Ltd	Periodic Inspection	160.02
Done & Dusted	Cleaning Sports Centre	232.00
Kempson Electrical	Periodic Electrical Testing	685.20
Techniclean	Cleaning Supplies	170.54
S G Holdham	Repairs to Notice Boards	306.98
Liberal Democrats	Printing of Village Diary	126.00
A Piotrowski	Clerks Salary	118.40
M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	625.28
Vonage	Telephone Bill	12.49
HMRC	PAYE – Clerks Salaries	413.80
Brian Robson	Honorarium-Retiring Clerk	35.00
Brian Robson	Expenses	18.00

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments **Natwest** **31,782** **–**

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	11,615
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	3,000
Promotion of Recreational Activities	500
Traffic Lights	1,000
County Leadership Fund	585
Contingency Planning	500
Election Expenses	2,000
Traffic Calming Measures	<u>7,000</u>
	27,700

Leaving unallocated **4,082**

- It was decided to donate £ 50 to Aylesbury and District Citizen Advice Bureau
- The Clerk will make sure that the final accounts are ready for the May meeting for approval by the Parish Council so that they can be sent to the External Auditor.
- Copies of the List of Parish Council Assets were distributed to the councillors present and the assets were divided up between the councillors for them to carry out an inspection.

7. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground

- The recommendations and quotes from Kempson Electrical Services after the Electrical Periodic Inspections of the Sports Centre and the pavilion were discussed. It was decided that the work in the pavilion should be done as a matter of urgency. The question of getting alternative quotes for the work needed at the Sports centre was raised but it was decided to ask Kempson Electrical to undertake all the work during the Easter Holidays apart from the emergency lighting. Cllr Ash is to check on the emergency lights and whether they need replacing.

- The recommendations of Chubb Fire were also discussed. Cllr Ash stated that there was neither need for emergency lights in the changing rooms nor spare glass for the emergency alarm boxes. He also stated that there is a fire risk assessment for the Sports centre in the filing cabinet in the store room and the Emergency Log Book may also be there. Cllr Ash and the Clerk will check on the need to have six month inspections of the fire alarm system and whether the current risk assessment needs to be updated and report back to the council.
- It was proposed that there was a need to co-ordinate the monthly reports of the Playground Inspections by councillors so that a track is kept of any problems that are noted and action taken. Cllr Ash agreed to take on the role of Children's Playground Maintenance co-ordinator and therefore a copy of all the playground inspections will be in future forwarded to him. The Clerk was asked to contact Steve Holdham to put weed killer round the edges of the playground and also to look at the weeds around the well. The need to keep a watch on the state of the wood panelling on the front of the Sports Centre was also noted and if necessary Steve Holdham would be asked to repair this.

8. Provision of Salt Bin at Broughton Crossing.

The Council agreed to fund the provision of a salt bin at Broughton Crossing at a cost of £450. The Clerk would make the arrangements with BCC.

9. Community Plan Action Group

At the second meeting of this group, which Cllrs Cotton, Horne and Webber also attended Andy Barton from AVDC suggested that there was a difference between the Neighbourhood Plan, which is more the Parish Council responsibility and the Community Led plan which is much more the responsibility of the residents with a Parish Council overview. It is therefore important to have Parish Council representation on the Working Group.

There is a sense of confusion over the Neighbourhood Plan element of the new legislation but it would seem it is a right not the duty of the Parish Council to produce a plan.

There are also different strands to consider in the Community Right to Build which takes forward the development of a 10 per cent expansion of the community over ten years and the Localism Bill in which anyone can initiate a Neighbourhood bill if they receive 50% of the votes in a referendum.

The Working Group are planning an Open Day in the Sports Centre on 15th May to provide displays of all the elements needed to produce a plan, that is the resident's views on houses, roads, shops and other facilities etc over the next ten to fifteen years. This will then form the basis of a questionnaire to go round to produce evidence for what the local community want. A notice will be placed in the next green news letter informing residents of the open day.

Cllr Miller will coordinate the distribution and collection of the questionnaires.

The Parish of Hulcott is to produce its own plan so Cllr Miller will liaise with Hulcott on behalf of Bierton Parish Council.

10.NAG Meeting

- A drugs raid was carried out at William Hill Drive Car Park and an arrest was made.
- There has been no response to the letter regarding the speed checks on Burcott Lane.
- NAG held a surgery at the church on Sunday 20th March but nobody attended.
- The flat screen notice board that has appeared near the Hulcott end of the village is part of a Traffic Information System to inform drivers of any traffic problems on Aylesbury roads.

11. Planning Applications

11/00444/APP- 1 Reynolds Drive, Aylesbury HP20 2UX – Single storey front side and rear extension - No Objections

Planning Appeal

APP/J0405/A/11/2146454/WF- Badricks Farm Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of one building

12. Planning Determinations

10/02237/APP – 185 Aylesbury Road Reconstruction and extension of detached garage/workshop/store – **permitted**

10/02238/ALB – 185 Aylesbury Road Reconstruction and extension of detached garage/workshop/store – **permitted**

13. Parish Council Elections

Nomination packs were given to councillors wishing to stand again in the forthcoming Parish Elections. Nomination papers must be delivered to The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury by noon on 4th April 2011. The Clerk had also given a pack to one other potential candidate.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will be on Monday 16th May at 7.00 p.m. The clerk will draft a notice to go into the May Village Diary to say that there will be an Annual General Meeting at 7.00p.m. before the Monthly Parish Council Meeting at 7.30. Members of the public are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. A copy is to be sent to Jonathan Gilpin to go on the website.

15. Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

The Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed to reduce the number of county councillors in Buckinghamshire. The council could see no justification in having two county councillors as at present. The preference of most of the councillors was to be linked to other villages rather than Aylesbury so as to preserve the identity of Bierton as a rural settlement. It was agreed that the Clerk responded to the effect that any adjustment of boundaries should reflect and respect the village status of Bierton.

16. Correspondence

The clerk is to inform the Village Diary of the Closure of Stocklake Road from 18th April to 18th August.

17. Matters of Report.

North Bucks Planning Consortium will be meeting on the 22nd March and GALAF on the 28th March.

The street light outside Badricks Farm is not working and the light outside Jubilee Hall has still not been repaired.

There is a problem on Parsons Lane in that gravel driveways are spilling out onto the road and the pathways, compounded by the fact that hedges are overhanging the pathways. It was suggested that a request is put into the green letter suggesting that residents cut hedges back and sweep back the gravel onto the driveways.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 18th April at 7.30 pm.