

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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

County Councillor Bill Chapple  
District Councillor Julie Ward arrived at 7.35 p.m.

Parishioners present - One

### 1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman –

Cllr. Robson was elected as Chairman proposed by Cllr Cotton and seconded by Cllr. Horne.  
Cllr. Miller was elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by Cllr Cotton and seconded by Cllr. Horne.  
Cllr Robson thanked the councillors for the vote of confidence in him and Cllr Miller continuing as chairman and vice chairman respectively and they both signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. Election of Planning Committee –** All members of the Council were elected to the Planning Committee. It was agreed that the committee would only be called if it was not possible to review planning applications at a regular meeting and it would be convened with either the Chairman or Vice Chairman and at least two other councillors and the clerk.

### 2 a) Election to other offices. –

It was agreed Cllr Robson would attend the Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum meetings and North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Other positions would be appointed at Parish Council meetings as needed.

**3. Election of Sports Centre Management Committee –** It was agreed that Cllr Cotton, Cllr Horne & Cllr Webber would continue as members of the Sports Centre Management Committee responsible for the day to day running of the Sports Centre.

**4. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Batson, Cllr Gilpin, and Cllr. Vaughan.

### 5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Miller declared a continuing interest in the planning applications relating to Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane and Cllr Sherley declared the same interests.

### 6. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2014 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

District Councillor Ward arrived at 7.35 p.m.

### 7. Clerks Report –

The Clerk's report was noted.  
The clerk was asked to remind the Sport Centre users not to put wet wipes down the toilets. The street light outside 10 Great Lane was reported as faulty.

### 8. Planning Applications

a) The following applications received via AVDC were considered:-

**14/01125/APP-** Land To North Of Cane End Lane Bierton - Single chapel crematorium within a single-storey building, with associated cortege facilities, private and remembrance gardens (including a small remembrance chapel within the gardens), parking facilities, service areas, off site highway enhancements and appropriate drainage and services infrastructure.

Various councillors had attended the two exhibitions regarding this application, one for parish councillors and the other a public exhibition that had been quite well attended. Various correspondence relating to the application was also discussed.

The Parish Council agreed that the general position is that the need for a crematorium is recognised and that there is no objection in principle to the proposals except that the application does not appear to pay enough attention to traffic issues a) In Bierton, b) On the A418 between Bierton and Rowsham and c) Rowsham Road.

County Cllr Chapple stated that he was also concerned about potential traffic problems and he believed that sensitive traffic lights should be considered for people coming out of the crematorium which might also allow for a pedestrian facility.

It was proposed that the Parish Council opposed the application solely on the grounds of traffic and that Cllr Robson and Cllr Miller would rework the reasons for opposing the application to be considered by the other councillors before submitting to AVDC. This proposal was agreed.

**14/01209/ATC** - Church Cottage 66 Aylesbury Road HP22 5BU - Fell one Leylandii - **No Objections**

**14/00829/APP** - 47 Parsons Lane HP22 5DF - First floor side extension over existing garage and single side extension with front dormer window - **No Objections**

### **9. Planning Determinations**

The following determinations by AVDC were noted: -

**14/00489/APP** – 6 Grendon Way, Bierton HP22 5DD - Single Storey side extension incorporating conversion of garage into living accommodation - **Permitted**

### **10. Land East of Aylesbury**

Cllr Robson, Cllr Miller, Cllr Cotton & Cllr Gilpin met with Barratt Homes on 15th May. Work is due to begin early next year. The proposal is that a single carriageway road will be built from the Hulcott Turn towards the canal but not to go over the canal and then to go parallel to the existing Stocklake road to the junction of Oakfield Road near Askeys. There is to be a public exhibition in July. The proposal is that the two primary schools will be built with an increase in the numbers in Bierton School as well. It is still not clear whether the secondary school site will be taken up or whether it will remain as a field with no planning permission. It is proposed that a number of working groups will be set up to look into various aspects of the scheme for example ecology.

### **11. Other Planning Matters**

**Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan** - It is proposed that a cross party scrutiny committee will be set up to avoid the pitfalls of previous plans and to scrutinise that work that is being done.

**Crematorium Proposal at Watermead** - The residents of Watermead are very much against this proposal as the crematorium would be in full view across the lake.

**Aylesbury Town Centre Development** - The proposal includes a reduction in car parking spaces and more integrated housing.

### **12. Broughton Lane**

Cllr Robson had received a reply from Ann James the Network Resilience Manager for Bucks County Council with an update on the meeting on the 16th January. Cllr Robson stated that there needed to be a better response from Ann James as items had been marked as completed when nothing seemingly had been done. Cllr Chapple stated that he would be seeing Ann James in the near future and that he would discuss this issue with her.

Cllr Cotton had received an e-mail from Phil Gomm stating that the timings/phasing of the lights at the Broughton turn will be changed to accommodate the Broughton traffic turning right towards the town. Cllr Gomm also offered to lend the mobile SID sign to use in the area.

### **13. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID) -**

Cllr Gilpin sent a report to the clerk which was read out in his absence.

It was stated that the Parish Council now have an approval from Bucks County Council for the Speed Sign Locations. CA Traffic are close to releasing the latest version of their TSID. It is hoped that the Parish Council are to receive one of the first ones off the assembly line to be swapped with the old unit. The newer unit is smaller, lighter, more power efficient and also works with solar power. Cllr Gilpin has requested that there is a free solar panel upgrade on the new sign so that it requires less maintenance.

Cllr Gilpin is also hoping to set up the 5 locations with brackets so that the sites will be pre-prepared when the sign is ready.

#### 14. Bierton Sports Centre

Cllr Cotton had been approached by Aylesbury Reserves to hire the Sports Centre for their football matches. It is suggested that the fee will be the same as for Aylesbury Ladies at £33 per match and that for this fee equipment will be provided. Cllr Cotton stated that in this case new goal posts would need to be purchased. Also the goal mouth areas were in need of repair. The clerk was asked to contact Buckland Landscapes regarding a quote for the maintenance work to the pitch. . There may be some practice sessions before the start of the season and therefore the work would need to be done quite quickly.

Cllr Sherley said that he would have a look at getting a grant for the purchase of the goal posts.

#### 15. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

##### Credit

Mr C Finch	Regular Booking - Football	30.40
Bierton Pre-School	Regular Hire April-June	1482.16
Mr J Smith T/A The Sports Factor	Regular Booking - Sports Course	420.00
Mr A M Honeyball	Private Hire - 18th May	72.00
Carers Bucks	Private Hire 01/05 & 26/06	50.00
AVDC	First Half of Precept	12000.00
AVDC	Government Grant	1300.00
Mr C Finch	Regular Booking - Football	110.40
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	243.00
Mr C & Mrs A Bowden	Private Hire - 23rd August	92.00
Mrs J McDonald	Private Hire - 21st May	72.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - April	132.00
Claydons Academy	Regular Booking – Dancing	30.00
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	90.00

##### Debit

AVDC	Play Around the Parishes	130.00
Natwest	Bank Charges	27.92
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	186.44
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Replacement Light Column	1680.04
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light - Maintenance	139.80
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract	184.80
Church Buying Group	Two Storage Trolleys	378.82
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Booker Ltd	Cleaning Supplies	62.31
Brian Small	Handyman	324.73
Cheddington Parish Council	Stationery	38.09
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	701.61

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

	£
Natwest	42,823
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Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	11,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	370
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
Traffic Lights	1,600
War Memorial/Pavilion	<u>1,000</u>
	15,970
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>26,853</u></u>

**b) Summary of Receipts & Payments**

The receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March 2014 were approved.

**c) Online & Telephone Banking Service -**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for Online and Telephone Banking with Natwest and the form was signed by the signatories to the account that were present. The clerk will obtain Cllr Vaughan's signature before sending the form to NatWest.

**d) Utility Contracts**

The Parish Council agreed to the contract rates with Scottish and Southern Electricity as negotiated by LSI Independent Brokers.

**16. Outside Organisations**

Cllr Gilpin had attended two meetings on behalf of the Parish Council and the clerk presented his report in the absence of Cllr Gilpin.

**Arla Liaison Meeting**

Cllr Gilpin reported that Arla are now up and running, no real complaints, everything going well. No real feedback or complaints,

**Bucks County Council Parish Liaison Meeting**

In this meeting Bucks County Council advised that door-step-fraud is costing millions of pounds. They also gave a presentation of fracking despite there being no gas in Buckinghamshire to frack, so all in all a waste of time and money for all.

There was a 15 minutes presentation on the decentralisation of services and Cllr Gilpin raised the point as requested by Cllr Cotton regarding footpath and highway trimming.

Cllr Gilpin said that the amount on offer was too low for footpaths, the small amount of pence offered per mile is less than the cost of the work. He also said that Bierton with Broughton Parish Council would be interested in cutting their own verges because they are done less frequently now and it would give more control - but \*only\* if the money provided is enough to do that job. The representative said they did not think that the money available would be enough and said that other Parish Councils had given them the same feedback.

**17. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

**Correspondence:**

- a) AVDC - Increase in Dog Waste Service Charges - The small increase in the charges was noted.
- b) AVDC - Invitation to Open Session with Parishes - 25th June - Cllr Sherley and either Cllr Gilpin or Cllr Miller will attend.
- c) AVDC - Invitation to Chairman to Civic Service 14th September All Saints Church Brill - Noted
- d) Bucks CC - Invite to Conference on 27th May Green Park, Aston Clinton. Cllr Robson & Cllr Gilpin will attend.

- e) Bucks CC - Notification of a Public Health Network Engagement Event on 4th July - Cllr Cotton expressed an interest.
- f) Bucks CC - Inquiry into County's Public Transport - Noted.
- g) TfB - E-Mail re New Localities Manager - Noted.
- h) TfB - Damage to Verges - Circulated in Correspondence Envelope
- i) NBPCC - Notification of AGM on Weds 18th June at Winslow Town Chamber- Cllr Robson to attend.
- j) Vonage - Increase in monthly charge - Increase noted and Parish Council agreed to pay the increase charge.

**Circulars:**

- k) TfB News - April
- l) fit - Fields in Trust 2013 Impact Report
- m) Bucks County Council - HS2 Update
- n) Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2014
- o) The Clerk Magazine - May 2014
- p) BALC - Matters Arising Spring 2014

**18. Matters of report**

- a) The clerk was asked to find out if the deeds to the Recreation Ground were in the County Archives.
- b) The A418 will be resurfaced during the summer. The clerk was asked to include an item regarding the fact that potholes should be reported to Transport for Bucks in the Village Diary.
- c) Cllr Webber reported that the access path outside 25 and 27 Great Lane was very overgrown and asked the clerk to report the problem to Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust.
- d) The clerk was asked to contact the Head of Governors of Bierton School stating that the Parish Council would like to be kept informed and possibly involved in any discussions regarding the proposed increase in pupil numbers relating to the Barratt Development.
- e) It was noted that a hedge at the bottom of Great Lane was growing over the pathway and the clerk was asked to write to the owners of the property requesting that branches were cut back.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 pm.