

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Present:** Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Sherley, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Dewis, Cllr Eaves, Cllr Foster, Cllr Gilpin, Cllr Honey, Cllr Webber and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

District Councillor Julie Ward.

Parishioners present - Two

**1. Apologies for Absence :** No apologies had been received.

**2. Declarations of Interest :** No interests were declared

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Three amendments were made to the minutes of the last meeting :-

a) Page 50: To read

**Present:** Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Dewis, Cllr Eaves, Cllr Foster, and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

b) Page 50: Public Forum spelling of application to be corrected

c) Page 51: Sentence beginning 'Work expected to start in the Spring....' to be deleted

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 with the above amendments were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

### **4. Public Forum**

The following issues were raised during the Public Forum :-

a) The William Hill Drive application. The Parish Council advised that Shenly Homes had stated that an application had been put in to AVDC so it is to be assumed that the application is waiting to be validated.

b) Lights in Hall - The light that has not been working for a while has been looked at by the handyman but he was unable to fix it so the light fitting will probably need to be replaced and the clerk had asked Kempson Electrics to take a look. The Clerk was asked to contact the electrician to see when he was going to fit the new fitting.

c) There was concern raised about the state of the Rocking Horse, specifically the rust & peeling paint. The Clerk will ask the handyman to look at it.

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

### **6. Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:-

a) **15/03374/APP-** Land off Barnett Way HP22 5DN

Outline planning permission with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for residential development of up to 70 dwellings including vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle links, public open space, car parking, landscaping, drainage and associated works.

District Cllr Ward had attended a briefing on this application. Apparently the Transport Department had not responded to date but it was understood that a response would be received in December. The Case Officer had stated that any response from the Transport Department would be included in the deliberations. The application would then be assessed on the basis of benefits versus detriments.

**15/03462/APP** Land East of Aylesbury(Kingsbrook)

Erection of Community Hall and Day Nursery in Village 2 pursuant to outline planning permission 10/02649/AOP and reserved matters planning permission 14/03486/ADP

The Parish Council agreed that it had no objections to this application.

It was noted that work is starting on Village 2 and it is proposed that rural Stocklake will be closed for approximately 18 months. It was agreed that one of the District Councillors and a Councillor from Aylesbury Town should attend the next stakeholder meeting with Barratt's.

**15/A2321/NON** - Conkers Barn 178a Aylesbury Road HP22 5DT Non material amendment to planning approval 15/02321/APP - Aluminium bifold doors instead of wood. The Parish Council agreed that it had no objections to this application.

- b) Planning Application No CM/50/15 Restoration of part of the old golf course to agriculture using imported soil including recycling of hardcore, for a period of five years at Aylesbury Golf Course, Hulcott Lane, Berton.

It is understood that several departments have concerns relating to landscape, waste management, dust & noise and that the application should go to Committee to be determined.

The Parish Council has responded to this application. If available Cllr Robson will attend the Committee Meeting, if not Cllr Sherley will attend.

## 7. Planning Determinations

The following determinations were received from AVDC :-

**15/03068/APP** 229 Aylesbury Road HP22 5DS

Erection of double garage and covered area to rear (retrospective) - **Householder Approved**

**15/03023/APP** 39 Great Lane HP22 5DE

Two storey side and rear and single storey rear extension) - **Householder Approved**

**15/02649/COUOR** Unit B The Firs Aylesbury Road HP22 5DX -Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, contamination risk and flooding for the conversion of the first floor offices from B1 office use to C3 residential - **Change Use - Prior Approval not Required**

**15/02533/APP** Land To East Of Gib Lane Berton Extension to ground based photovoltaic solar farm including associated works and grid connection - **Approved**

## 8. Other Planning Matters

a) **Grove Court** - There was a meeting on the 5th November to discuss this application. Cllr Sherley attended the meeting and stated that the comments he put forward were well received by the Committee. District Cllr Ward also put forward some very persuasive arguments. The meeting ended with a decision to arrange an Inspection Visit to the site. However Cllr Sherley had gained the impression that the Planning Officer felt that AVDC could not go against the comments of the Planning Inspector.

b) **Cane End Lane Crematorium** - The stopping off of Rowsham Road is still under consultation.

c) **Berton C.E. Combined School** - Five of the councillors had attended the consultation. The main concerns over the plans is the parking and also the proposal for a turning circle where the current staff car park is. It is estimated that the turning circle as envisaged would allow only eight cars at a time and whilst this may help with the drop off it is thought it would cause problems at pick up time.

It was agreed that Cllr Cotton would invite the Chair of Governors to the January meeting of the Parish Council.

It was also proposed that Cllr Cotton would meet with County Council Chapple to discuss the introduction of double yellow lines where deemed appropriate to try to control the parking at school times.

d) **Land off William Hill Drive** - It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet with the Action Group and collate comments about the application once it was circulated.

e) **VALP : Issues and Options Consultation** - The Councillors were asked to send their thoughts about the draft document to the chairman and he would form a response which would be circulated before submission to AVDC.

**9. Neighbourhood Plan** - The meeting with Steve Sharp from Haddenham Parish Council had been postponed but it was hoped that it would be re-arranged before the January meeting.

It was noted that status of Bierton had been changed in the draft VALP from that of a small village to a large village.

The Parish Council resolved that the Neighbourhood Area should be the same as the Parish Boundary. It was also suggested that a Steering Group should be formed of 6 to 8 people and that a volunteer to take the role of the leader of this group would need to come forward.

**10. Defibrillator** - A representative of the Griffin Trust was invited by the Chairman to address the Parish Council. He stated that the Griffin Trust which covers the villages of Bierton & Broughton and Hulcott has been set up to benefit the fabric and people of the villages and also to help residents to go onto Further Education. The representative stated that in principle the Griffin Trust would be amenable to fund the purchase of a defibrillator by the Parish Council and also to cover the costs of a training course. The next stage would be to ask for an application form and apply for funding. Cllr Webber agreed to find out costs and liaise with the Griffin Trust.

Cllr Foster left the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

#### **11. Gib Lane Fund :**

Cllr Sherley stated that the fund will run for twenty-five years and will be there for anyone in the community to put in a bid . The Parish Council however would ultimately be responsible for deciding annually about where the money goes. Cllr Sherley was therefore concerned about the Parish Council being accused of bias especially if, as is the case this year, the Parish Council itself had put in a bid. This year two bids had been received by the fund. One from the Tennis Club for £2,000 and one from the Parish Council for the full amount of the annual fund of £3,800 to replace the external doors to the Sports Centre.

Cllr Sherley proposed that the Parish Council recommended to Grantscape that the £3,800 should be split equally between the two bids, that is £ 1,900 for each bid. The Parish Council could then fund the remainder of the costs of the doors from the money reserved for the Sports Centre. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

#### **12. RFO Report :**

a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

##### **Credit**

Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - September	211.20
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - September	148.50
Emma Trump	Private Hire	75.00
Sportsfactor	Regular Booking	308.00
1st Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire - Scouts	360.91
Bierton Pre-School	Regular Hire - Pre-School	1,725.90

##### **Debit**

NatWest	Bank Charges	21.08
Performing Rights Society	SC _ Music Licence to 15/10/2016	152.27
EON	Street Lights - Electricity	256.22
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Lights - Maintenance	178.80

Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	340.00
B Small	Handyman	1322.88
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	959.84
Highway & Solar Solutions Ltd	Ground Screw for MVAS	456.00
Swarco Traffic Limited	MVAS - first payment	936.89

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

	£
Natwest	54,393
	<u>54,393</u>
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	10,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	4,000
Traffic Lights	1,000
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	16,500
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>37,893</u></u>

**b)** The Parish Council had been informed by Aylesbury Town Council that a sum of £ 1,312.88 would be needed in order to continue the Devolved Services work for Bierton with Broughton in 2016/2017. The Parish Council noted this amount and agreed that it would need to be added into the budget for next year.

**c)** The Parish Council agreed to add the following items to the budget for 2016/2017:-

- I. £ 1,400 for Devolved Services
- II. £ 8,000 for Lighting Improvements that is to phase in LED lights to the Street Lighting
- III. £ 3,000 for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan
- IV. £ 4,000 for paving in front of the Sports Centre

The Parish Council then resolved by a majority vote to increase the precept by 2% to £ 26,230 resulting in a band D council tax payer making a contribution of £ 30.50 per year to the Parish Council.

**d)** It was agreed that Cllr Cotton would look to get quotes for changing the street lights along Great Lane to LED lights from Aylesbury Mains Ltd and at least two other suppliers.

**e)** The Parish Council Insurance policy is due for renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. The renewal quotation of £2,144.89, including 9.5% insurance premium tax takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and includes the Council's annual 5% no claims discount. The Policy excess remains £250.00 for each and every claim

The Council's long-term agreement (LTA) is due to expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The renewal premium can be reduced by 5% to £2,037.64 if the Council wishes to enter a new LTA until the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The whole purpose of a 3-year binding agreement (LTA) is that the Council will know that for the period of the agreement the premiums will only increase slightly (due to the property sums insured being index linked). The rates applied by Aviva at the start of the agreement will be maintained at the same level throughout the period.

The Parish Council agreed to enter into a new Long Term agreement and agreed to pay £ 2,037.64 to Came and Company for the premium from 1st December 2015 to 30th November 2016.

### **13. Outside Organisations**

Cllr Robson had attended the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils(BMKALC) AGM on Tuesday 3 November, when it was agreed that there would be no increase in the rate of the BMKALC portion of the Parish Council subscriptions.

Cllr Cotton had attended the Healthy Places Workshop run by Buckinghamshire Public Health Team and the handout she received was placed in the monthly correspondence bag for circulation.

### **14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

- a) AVDC - Invitation to a Winter Driving Workshop - Noted
- b) Bucks CC - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Hulcott Lane - Noted
- c) Invitation to Youth Voice Community Event Monday 7th December 4 p.m. - Noted
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2015 - Circulated
- e) Notification of a campaign entitled ' Clean for the Queen ' to take place from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th March 2016 - Deferred to January Meeting
- f) AVDC - Request for Waste & Recycling Team to use hygiene facilities - Clerk asked to respond to the request stating that there were no suitable facilities in Berton.

Cllr Eaves left the meeting during the above item.

### **15. Confidential Matters**

The Parish Council discussed the designation of a community asset and the Parish Council obligations under Auto-Enrolment Legislation under Confidential Matters allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings ) Act 1960.

### **16. Matters of report**

- a) The hedge along Great Lane in front of the VAHT properties has now been cut.
- b) The clerk is awaiting the delivery of the MVAS sign from Swarco. The Post has been delivered.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Berton Sports Centre