

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013

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

County Councillor Chapple

Parishioners present – One

### 1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Gilpin, Cllr Batson

The chairman informed the Parish Council with regret that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Malcolm Ash to take immediate effect and therefore there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The clerk had informed the electoral officer at AVDC of the vacancy and had placed a Notice of Vacancy on the parish notice-boards. The clerk will ask for the vacancy to be advertised in the Village Diary and also inform Alan Curtis.

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

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September were read and a couple of amendments were suggested, firstly on Page 37 under Planning Applications an additional heading 'Other Planning Matters' was inserted and secondly under item 11 'he' was replaced by 'she'. The minutes were then accepted as a true record with these two amendments and duly signed by the chairman.

Cllr Robson queried the amount £ 213.63 paid to Eon for the electricity at the pavilion and the clerk was asked to check on the amount paid last year and compare. Cllr Ash had informed the chairman that he would still attend the AVALC AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November on behalf of the Parish Council.

### 4. Public Forum –

The resident asked about the village skip service and he was advised that the Parish Council had not been prepared to pay for the cost of the service and therefore the service had been discontinued.

The chairman welcomed County Councillor Bill Chapple to the meeting and it was agreed to discuss county council issues at this point of the meeting so that the county councillor could leave the meeting early. The following issues were raised :-

- a) The lack of communication from Bucks County Council concerning the TSID sign
- b) The concern of the Parish Council about the amount of traffic that will come through Bierton with regard to HS2, Aylesbury East and Arla. Cllr Robson stated that there appeared to be no contingency plans in place with regard to the Arla traffic if any of the roads in Aylesbury were blocked or if a lorry breaks down and this would also apply to HS2 traffic.
- c) Cllr Chapple announced that he is going to get priority for the resurfacing of the road between Oldham Meadows and Old Forge Gardens. The Parish Council suggested that it would be a good time to sort out the road surface in Broughton as the road was closed for the traffic light installation. The subject of traffic lights at the canal bridge was also discussed as one of the previous draw backs was the lack of an electricity supply which could possibly now be provided due to the Circus Field development.
- d) The S106 discussions in relation to the Aylesbury East development and specifically the reduction in the money in the education allocation. The Parish Council believed that the decision should have been deferred back to AVDC as the reduction represented a fundamental change in the application.

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

## 6. Planning Applications

Cllr Miller advised that the meeting to discuss the application concerning the Paddocks Business Centre had been delayed as the case officer had been away and would be heard in November.

### 13/01578/APP – Land at Circus Fields, Oakfield Road-

The planning application had been discussed at a meeting of the Strategic Development Control Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and had been delegated to the Head of Planning or Planning Manager to determine off-site affordable housing and financial S106 contributions.

Cllr Miller advised that he had arranged a meeting with the Democratic Services Department at AVDC to discuss the Parish Boundary.

### Other Planning matters

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan Hearing has been set for December and Cllr Robson and Cllr Miller informed the council that they would be attending a Pre Hearing meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## 7. Planning Determinations - None

## 8. Financial Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

### Credit

Mr and Mrs Mendicino	Private Hire	90.00
AVDC	Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	11,375.86
Ms Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	108.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire -Scouts	347.42
Hulcott Parish Council	Hulcott Domain Name Renewal	20.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	310.50
Miss S J Collison	Regular Booking – Dancing	108.00
Mr C Finch	Regular Booking – Bierton FC	90.40
Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	189.00

### Debit

Eon Energy	SC - Gas	31.00
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	157.68
Natwest	Bank Charges	21.21
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	111.84
Brian Small	Handyman	191.16
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing Contract – September	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Mazars	External Auditors	240.00
Performing Right Society	SC PRS Licence	387.67
Techniclean	SC – Cleaning Materials	144.55
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	760.42

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

	£
Natwest	<u>38,923</u>
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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	1,000
Replacement of Concrete Light	1,000
Replacement of Fire Alarm panel	<u>1,000</u>
	18,560
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>20,363</u></u>

**b) External Auditor** –The report of the external auditor, Mazars, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 was read and noted.

**c) Aylesbury Dial - a-Ride** – It was resolved to donate an amount of £50 to this organization.

**d) British Legion** – It was resolved to raise a cheque to the British Legion in the sum of £100 to include the purchase of the wreath. It was also agreed that Cllr Robson would lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

**e) Replacement of the lamppost in Cowley Close** – it was agreed to replace the concrete column with the Phillips SGS lantern 36W PLL lantern as recommended by Aylesbury Mains Ltd. up to a cost of £ 1,500 plus VAT.

## **9. Sports Centre/Recreation Ground**

a) **Jubilee Oak tree** – It is thought that the Oak Tree may not have survived the dry summer. The clerk was asked to contact AVDC who supplied the tree.

b) **Licence Requirements** – The Parish Council agreed that as no TV equipment was provided in the centre then a TV licence was not needed. However all users and hirers should be informed that they were not to plug in any devices and then watch live TV.

Concern was raised that sellotape was being used to stick up posters etc leaving marks on the walls and that correspondence was still being sent to the Sports Centre addressed to the Pre-School. The clerk was asked to contact all users and the pre-school respectively in writing.

## **10. Outside Organisations**

The Open Session with the AVDC cabinet had proved not to be a particularly useful session with a lot of the presentations not being up to standard. It was to be noted that the precept for 2014/15 had not been frozen.

The NBPPC meeting had discussed the route for HS2 traffic and the Vale of Aylesbury Plan but there was really nothing to report from this meeting.

## **11. NAG Meetings**

Cllr Cotton reported that the new combined NAG was to go ahead with Cllr Gomm as the chairman.

## **12. Temporary Speed Indicating Device (TSID)**

Cllr Gilpin was not present and therefore could not give an update on any data that he had downloaded from the sign. The problem with getting permission to attach the sign to lamp posts belonging to Bucks County had previously been raised with the county councillor and it is hoped that a response would soon be forthcoming from Bucks County Council.

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

#### **Correspondence:**

- a) Bucks C.C. – Review of Mobile Library Services - Noted
- b) Bucks C.C. - Reduce food waste and save money - free training course for all residents – the posters will be placed on the notice-boards.
- c) South East Waterway Partnership – Invitation to workshops re Strategic Waterway Plan -Circulated
- d) Buckinghamshire Community Foundation – The Big Heat Surviving Winter Fund - Circulated
- e) Bucks C.C. – Invitation to the Youth Service Showcase on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - Circulated
- g) Buckinghamshire Playing Fields – Playground Inspection Training Course 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Thame- Not required
- h) Mayor of Aylesbury – Invitation to Civic Remembrance Service on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Carol Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Noted
- i) GALAF – Choose 4 Greater Aylesbury Update - Noted

#### **Consultations**

- a) Bucks County Council – County Council Priorities

#### **Circulars**

- a) AVDC – News for the Parishes Number 4/2013
- b) AVDC – Domestic Abuse Support Services
- c) Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership – Issue 4 October 2013
- d) DCLG – Openness and transparency on personal interests- A guide for councillors
- e) Came & Company – Parish Matters Autumn 2013

### **14. Matters of report –**

Cllr Miller stated that Hulcott Parish Council had not responded to the Paddocks planning application but that they had now submitted their opposition to the plans.

The chairman asked councillors to think about items to include in the budget for next year. The clerk was asked to look into the interest rate that was being applied to the loan for the Public Works Loan Board. Cllr Miller suggested that a cleaning store or broom cupboard would be a useful addition at the Sports Centre as there was nowhere at present to store the cleaning equipment neatly away. Other councillors agreed with the proposal but did not know where the best place for this would be.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.