

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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

Parishioners present - 7

**1. Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor Bill Chapple, District Councillor Julie Ward

### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Miller & Cllr Sherley declared interests in the planning applications relating to Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane. Cllr Cotton declared an interest in the decoration of the Sports Centre and Cllr Webber declared an interest in the item on the Great Lane Allotments.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July were read and the following amendments made :-

a) 2014/32 9 a) the word 'had' was replaced with 'will seek to' to read Cllr Miller will seek to set up a meeting

b) 2014/33 12 a) the word United was inserted to read Aylesbury United Football Club

c) 2014/35 17 the Cllr was replaced with Alderman

Malcolm Ash had sent a few notes on the progress of the Wingrave to Aylesbury Cycleway stating that funding had been raised for the survey.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.

### **4. Public Forum**

A Hulcott resident expressed concern on the proposed development on Cane End Lane as there seemed to be no consideration of the effect increased traffic would have on the residents of Rowsham Road. The application did not give an exact number of vehicles that would be using the site. The resident stated that a number of Rowsham Road residents would like to see the road blocked off thus putting an end to the problem of access to Cane End Lane. A petition of the residents had been presented to the G.A.L.A.F. and the County Council had expressed the willingness to look at blocking the road off with lockable bollards. The District Councillor and County Councillor both support this proposal.

A resident expressed his concern on the number of sites around Aylesbury and in particular Bierton that had been shown on the AVDC website after the Call for Sites process and that Bierton was in danger of becoming part of Aylesbury. The chairman explained that these were sites that could potentially be developed but had not yet had planning permission and agreed that the Parish Council wished for Bierton to retain the village status and would consider any development plan on this basis.

The resident also asked if the Speed Sign situated at the moment on Burcott Lane could provide data on the speed of traffic using Burcott Lane. Cllr Gilpin said that the data provided by the sign could be used to find out the times at which cars are speeding and then it might be possible to get the police to come and use a police camera at these times.

Finally the resident asked if a respectful note could be put in the Green Sheet addressed to residents who walk across the fields around Bierton to keep to pathways and to pick up their dog's mess.

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

### **6. Planning Applications**

The following applications received via AVDC were considered:-

**14/02162/APP** - 65 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5BS -Two storey side/rear, single storey side and single storey rear extension- **No Objections**

**14/02315/APP** - Land to East of Gib Lane, Bierton

Installation of ground based photovoltaic solar farm including access, associated works and grid connection.

The location chosen for a solar farm is not crossed by any footpaths and is enclosed by hedges and trees. There had been no response from the residents of Gib Lane. Hulcott Parish had supported the application.

The Parish Council resolved to **support** the application with the comments that this is a Green Scheme providing energy to a wider community. The location is situated away from residential properties and surrounded by hedges and trees.

**14/02413/APP** - 39 Parsons Lane, Bierton, HP22 5DF -Single storey rear extension & bow window to front- **No Objections**

**14/02420/APP** - 195 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5DS -Rear Conservatory- **No Objections**

**14/02472/APP** - Old Mill House, Broughton Lane, HP22 5AW -Demolition of existing garage and workshop and erection of single and two storey side extension including alteration to existing access.

The Parish Council resolved to **support** this application with the comments that the Parish Council believes that this application has addressed the issues raised by the planning officer in refusing the previous application 14/00173/APP and that the proposed extensions would not affect the relationship between the Old Mill House and the adjoining property The Mill.

**14/02564/ATC** - 97 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5BT -Reduce crown of one cedar- **No Objections**

**14/02417/APP** - Canal Basin, Stocklake Bierton - Erection of 42 dwellings with garaging & parking and associated works including vehicular and pedestrian access, estate roads and highway works, landscaping, open space, drainage infrastructure and works to the canal bank- **No Objections**

**14/02532/APP** - The Paddocks Business Centre, Cane End Lane, Bierton HP22 5BH - Change of Use of premises to vehicle storage and maintenance depot including alterations to existing access.

The Parish Council referred to the earlier discussion during the public forum and stated that there needed to be a better transport assessment of the application and a better indication of the envisaged traffic routine and timetable.

The Parish Council agreed to **oppose** the application with comments on the lack of information provided on the hours of work and future potential development, and on the extent of the increase in traffic which would affect the residents of Rowsham Road in the absence of the separation of Cane End Lane and Rowsham Road.

Cllr Miller agreed to work on a draft response which he would then circulate for approval before submission.

**14/02640/APP** 8 Grendon Way, Bierton HP22 5DD - Single Storey Rear Extension- **No Objections**

## **7. Planning Determinations**

To receive determinations by AVDC including:-

**13/00782/ALB & 13/00784/APP** Badricks Farm 94 Aylesbury Road, HP22 5DL - **Permitted**

**14/01535/APP** - Land Adj Grove Court, Rowsham Road -Erection of 4-bedroomed detached dwelling- **Refused**

**14/01588/APP & 14/01589/ALB** - Conkers Farm/Conkers Barn 178 Aylesbury Road - Replacement fence - **Permitted**

**14/08196/APP** 139 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DW-Two Storey Rear Extension - **Permitted**

**14/01645/APP** - 32 Grendon Way, Berton HP22 5DD - Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of three detached dwellings with associated parking provisions - **Permitted**

**14/01929/APP** 101 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5BT -Removal, repair and replacement of a section of boundary wall -**Permitted**

**14/02158/HPDE** 8 Grendon Way, Berton HP22 5DD - The erection of a rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.85m, for which the maximum height would be 3m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.6m. - **Refused**

## 8. Other Planning Matters

### a) Land East of Aylesbury (Kingsbrook)

There had been a meeting of some of the councillors with Barratt Homes on the 29th August to talk about the programme of development and the way ahead. It is likely that an application will be placed for the proposed roads and junctions by November to go before committee in February or March 2015. It is planned that work will start in November of next year with the roads being completed within 5 years of the work starting. The plan is to build 120 to 150 dwellings a year.

Barratt Homes are proposing to have a Public Exhibition in October. It has also been agreed to set up an Ecology sub-group and therefore anyone interested in becoming part of this group should be put in touch with Barratt's.

Cllr Gilpin expressed a concern about the financing of the development. The chairman asked Cllr Gilpin to draft a letter setting out his concerns and the chairman could then raise this issue with the County Councillor or the Chief Executive.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should get the first houses that are built on the development to be recognised as part of Berton Parish and therefore be able to lay claim to some of the S106 monies. The chairman will explore this avenue.

b) 14/01125/APP Land To North Of Cane End Lane - Single Chapel Crematorium- including Minor Amended Plans. A Great Crested Survey had been submitted to AVDC.

c) The proposal from AVDC advising a change to the Planning Bulletin from paper to electronic format and to only provide paper copies of major applications.

This decision had been made by officers and endorsed by members with limited consultation with the Parish Councils.

It was agreed that the clerk would forward the weekly bulletin to Cllr Robson and Cllr Miller.

Cllr Vaughan left the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

The problem with planning applications is that there is no Wi-Fi connection in the Jubilee Hall, therefore the applications would need to be downloaded onto a lap-top by the clerk to be brought to Council Meetings. This would mean an increase in the clerk's time and also some difficulty had been experienced in downloading some documents.

It was suggested that the clerk should e-mail the comment sheet received from AVDC to all councillors so that they could look at the application on-line, download the application to a lap-top and note any difficulties in so doing and only print off the papers if the application appears to be controversial.

It would seem therefore that some of the cost savings that AVDC would make would be transferred to Parish Councils.

Another suggestion was to look at purchasing a laptop, projector and screen so that plans could be shown at parish council meetings in more detail and it was wondered if AVDC could bulk buy these items and then sell them to the parishes.

- d) The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan including The Call for Sites and attendance at Parish & Town Council Forum Thursday 16th October 6.30 p.m.

AVDC have recently undergone a Call for Sites as part of the process of getting a new local plan endorsed by the government. There is no mechanism in the process for the Parish Council to put in comments regarding the potential sites for development.

AVDC is forecasting that The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) will be endorsed in 2017. In the meantime there is no local plan in place which has led to the comparatively large number of sites that are currently under appeal.

- e) Aylesbury Eastern Link Road

Buckinghamshire County Council has recently tabled a motion to make a decision regarding the acquisition of land for an link road from the Kingsbrook development to the Aston Clinton roundabout on the A41.

- f) Great Lane Allotments

The Parish Council were informed that there is a possibility that the land may be sold for development.

### **9. Council Devolution Programme**

Cllr Cotton reported on the meeting with Keith Gray from Aylesbury Town Council on 9th September. The council proposed to take on the grass cutting in the parish (as well as a number of other parishes) from Bucks County Council and to do 8 cuts possibly 10 cuts during the growing season to include both sides of Rowsham Road and the 30 to 40 mph section in Broughton. Also the Town Council said if the Parish Council advised them about the hedges that had not been cut then the Town Council would write to the owners. There is still a query over whether the Town Council would take on the other services that were being devolved to the parish. It is the intention of the Town Council to take on the Grass Cutting and possibly the other services over a two year trial period.

A query was also raised as to whether the council would need to get three quotes in order to comply with financial regulations or whether the contract would pass from Bucks County Council to Aylesbury Town Council.

### **10. Sports Centre & Recreation Ground**

The Sports Centre Management Committee proposed that the rest of the interior of the Sports Centre is redecorated over the Christmas period. The referee's room and the changing rooms had been decorated over the summer leaving the main hall, corridor and toilets to be done. A quote of £ 2,000 including materials had been obtained from D. Hargrove.

The Parish Council resolved to accept this quote.

Cllr Cotton also advised the Parish Council that she had asked John O'Connor to mark out the football pitch once the new goalposts had been erected.

The committee also informed the council of the proposal to purchase a line marking machine so that the football teams could take on the job of marking the lines in the future.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to this proposal.

### **11. Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID) Sign**

Cllr Gilpin gave an update on the position regarding the replacement sign. He said that CA Traffic were having difficulties in getting parts but he had been promised that the new sign would be ready at the end of October.

He was also looking at what could be done from the data collected and whether it could be sent to Bucks County Council and the police.

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

- a) The following receipts and payments were approved :-

#### **Credit**

Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking – Quigong	210.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	570.00

Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	90.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - June	177.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - June	90.00
Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	90.00
Jackie Russell	Private Hire 27th July	30.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - July	199.50
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - July	138.00
Action Against Cancer	Private Hire 7th Sept	163.00
Mrs S Ilic	Private Hire 19th July	57.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking – Karate	270.00
Arnika Bass	Regular Booking – Zumba	150.00
James Smith	Regular Booking - Sports Centre	1570.00
Sophie Allen	Private Hire 4th Oct	72.00
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - August	96.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - August	174.00

**Debit**

Eon Energy	SC - Gas	48.67
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	139.95
Natwest	Bank Charges	27.92
Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment	1392.74
AVDC	SC - Waste Collection	120.10
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	192.67
Eon Energy	Pavilion - Electricity	42.20
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light - Maintenance	109.20
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Fluent Ltd	Web Hosting	144.00
D Hargrove	Painting of Sports Centre	600.00
Online Playground	Wetpour Repair Materials	138.00
Brian Small	Handyman	503.04
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	698.64
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Repair to Football Pitch	468.00
Eon Energy	SC - Electricity	90.52
Natwest	Bank Charges	13.72
Thames Water	SC- Water Supply	230.89
Eon Energy	Street Lights - Electricity	192.67
St James	Donation for clock annual service costs	100.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80

Done & Dusted	SC Commercial Cleaning	382.76
Jubilee Hall Building Fund	Hire of Jubilee Hall	480.00
RBS Software Solutions	Accounts Software Maintenance	130.80
Brian Small	Handyman	510.22
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	769.64
H.M. Revenue & Customs	PAYE Q2	10.40

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

	£
Natwest	40,114
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>24,144</u></u>

**b) Financial Standing Orders**

The clerk will produce a draft set of financial regulations to be circulated to the councillors before the next meeting.

**13. Outside Organisations**

There were no reports as the meetings attended by councillors had been covered by previous agenda items.

**14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

**Correspondence:**

- a) Invitation to Installation and Induction of the Reverend Douglas Zimmerman as Team Rector 17th September - Noted
- b) Invitation to Transport for Buckinghamshire Griffin Lane Open Evening 1st October - Noted
- c) Buckinghamshire Business First - Invitation to Aylesbury Vale - Growth Potential Seminar 2nd October -The clerk will send details to Cllr Gilpin
- d) AVDC - Invitation from Chairman of AVDC to Call My Wine Bluff Charity Event on Friday 10th October -Noted
- e) Bucks County Council - Invitation to a meeting to discuss options for devolving services in the Aylesbury area at 11a.m. on Tuesday 16th September - Cllrs Cotton, Horne and Gilpin to attend
- f) TfB - Invitation to 'Think Community Conference ' 9th October 4-7.30 p.m. - Noted

**Circulars:**

- a) AVDC - News for the Parishes Number 4/2014
- b) AVDC - Feedback from Open Session with Parish Councils - 25th June 2014
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2014
- d) CPRE - Countryside Voice Summer 2014
- e) Came & Company - Council Matters Autumn 2014

**Consultations:**

- a) Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service - Public Safety Plan
- b) Buckinghamshire County Council - Buckinghamshire Draft Countrywide Parking Guidance

## 15. Matters of Report

- a) 72 Aylesbury Road - The clerk was asked to send a letter to the owners to ask that the overhanging hedges of the property were cut back close to the boundary and the height reduced. Also the tree on the corner of Great Lane and Aylesbury Road.
- b) Dunsham Farm - It would appear that a car selling business is being conducted on an agricultural tenancy. The clerk was asked to write to the enforcement officer.
- c) Parish Council Elections - The clerk was asked to put a notice in the November issue of the Green Sheet that there is to be a full election to the Parish Council in May next year and if anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor then they should think about it and contact the Parish Clerk.
- d) Drains at the Sports Centre - The drains were becoming blocked on a regular basis and the clerk will contact Sandy's Plumbing to get a survey done to find out what is causing the problem.
- e) Redberry House 185 Aylesbury Road - concern was raised over the rear extension. The clerk was asked to contact the enforcement officer to make sure that everything is in order.  
Cane End Lane - concern was also raised on the fact that a property just off Cane End Lane was being used as a dumping ground for rubbish from the development of Redberry House.
- f) Cllr Gilpin informed the council that he was having a meeting with Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Town Council on the redevelopment of the Old Police Station.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 pm.