

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th September 2011

Present: Cllr. Robson in the chair, Cllr Ash, Cllr. Gilpin, Cllr Horne, Cllr Mallard, Cllr. Vaughan, Cllr Webber, District Councillor Julie Ward and the Clerk Mrs. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present: Two

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Miller, Cllr. Cotton and County Cllr. Puddefoot
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None declared
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Public Forum**
 - A parishioner suggested that the seat by Barnett Way, now that it could be used following the cutting back of the hedgerow, needed a rub down and wood treatment. A number of councillors commented that they felt the seat was usable at the moment but suggested that the state of the seat would be monitored.
 - It had been noticed that vans were parking on the grass verge about fifty yards from the junction of Burcott Lane with Aylesbury Road. This was obstructing the view of vehicles emerging from Burcott Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police expressing this concern.
 - A letter had been received from a parishioner expressing concerns about the footpaths. Councillor Ash will raise the matter with Bucks County Council.
5. **Clerks Report** – The Clerk's report was noted.
6. **Community Plan Progress Report**

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow Tony Strevens and Julie Ward to give a report on the progress of the Community Plan.

The questionnaires had been distributed and a number of returns had been collected. The prediction is a 50 or 51 % return with areas such as Great Lane and Barnett Way being 50% or more whilst Oldhams Meadow will give a very low return, predicted to be less than 15%, as the residents have commented they do not feel part of Bierton.

The general feedback of the responses given so far is that residents are open to developments of a small number of houses, but wish to remain separate from Aylesbury Town.

It is planned that the results of the questionnaire will be input in October and an outline community plan will then be produced. It is also planned that Tony Strevens, Keith Miller and Brian Robson together with Jonathan Gilpin for technical support will get together in December to provide a status report as requested by AVDC. Councillor Robson will talk to various organisations such as the WI, Vicar, School, Scouts etc to see if there are different views expressed by bodies rather than individuals.

With regard to the Village Plan there is some confusion as to how this will fit in with the New National Policy Framework, in particular in relation to the presumption in the National Framework in favour of sustainable development. Concerns had also been expressed that a developer would be able to appeal if a development is turned down but communities would not have the right to appeal if a development is accepted in an area where the village plan has said that there should be no development. There is also confusion about which grades of agricultural land (Bierton has a lot of Grade 2) would be precluded from development

On the local scale Councillors Robson and Gilpin will be attending a meeting at the Oculus on 21st September to discuss how Aylesbury Vale District Council is developing The Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

It was noted that in Bierton only fourteen people are on the waiting list for social housing which is very low. In terms of the budget, a list of expenditure to date had been prepared by Julie Ward and basically the process of producing the plan is approximately half way through and half the budget has been spent. The main area of future expense is the cost of printing the plan especially with regard to the type of paper and as to whether to use colour print. This will be decided at a later date when quotes have been received.

When Standing Orders were reinstated, the Council noted the report, but decided there was no action to be taken at the time other than to monitor progress and to be aware of the possible expenditure (for which there was budget provision).

7. RFO Report :

The following receipts and payments were approved ;

Credit

Mrs J R Mitchell	Regular Booking-Qigong etc	175.00
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking-Karate	450.00
Mr R K Naseem	Private Hire – Replacement Cheque	48.00
Mrs J I Field	Private Party 14/08	75.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Claim	203.86
Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - July	72.90
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - June	59.40
Miss A Lundie	Private Party 11/09	90.00
AVDC	Funding re Community Plan	200.00
Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - Aug	129.60
Lester Wellington	Regular Booking-Karate	412.50
Jazzercise	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Bierton Scout Group	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
The Red Lion	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
J R Mitchell	Regular Booking-Qigong etc	200.00
S Whincup	Hire of Football Pitch	15.00
Bierton Lawn Tennis Club	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
St James Church	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
J R Mitchell (Quigong)	Village Diary Contribution	15.00
Bierton Judo Club	Village Diary Contribution	15.00

Debit

Broker Network Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	2262.88
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	22.01
Public Loans Board	Loan Repayment	1392.74
E-on Energy	Street Lighting - July	187.96
E-on Energy	Gas – Sports Centre	195.65

E-on Energy	Electricity – Sports Centre	67.60
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	78.04
Chubb Fire Ltd	Call Out & Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	555.85
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	232.00
J B Building & Decorating	Sports Centre Maintenance	2222.40
Maple Leaf Services	Mowing	820.00
North Bucks Parishes	Annual Subscription	20.00
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Playground Maintenance	55.80
S G Holdham	Recreation Ground Maintenance	545.78
UK Clean	Window Cleaner Sports Centre	25.00
Brian Robson	Councillor Expenses	60.87
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	23.40
Staples	Photocopying	3.30
Direct Wines Ltd	Honorarium Internal Auditor	64.99
M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	638.42
Jones & Cocks	Cleaning Materials	19.39
Vonage	Clerks Telephone July	12.33
AVDC	Refuse Collection	96.25
David Hargrove	Painting of Sports Centre & Pavilion	1060.00
Natwest Bank	Bank Charges	18.37
Thames Water	Water to Sports Centre	290.10
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	351.60
AVDC	Parish Election Costs	193.00
Chubb Fire Ltd	Half Year Inspection	164.82
Done & Dusted	Sports Centre Commercial Cleaning	232.00
Fluent Ltd	Domain name renewal	72.00
Kempson Electrical	Electrical Works	294.00
Techniclean	Cleaning Supplies	122.81

M Smith	Clerks Salary & Expenses	687.86
Vonage	Clerks Telephone Aug	12.36
Keith Miller	Councillor Expenses	50.43
Staples	Photocopying & Stationery	21.94

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments **Natwest** **27,793 _**

Sports Centre & Recreation Ground Reserve	8,703
Building Contingencies	1,500
Proposed Kitchen Refurbishment	3,000
Promotion of Recreational Activities	500
Traffic Lights	1,000
Contingency Planning	500
Traffic Calming Measures	7,000
Community Plan	<u>261</u>
	22,464

Leaving unallocated **5,329**

8. Planning Committee

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 31st August 2011 were duly accepted and signed as a true record.

9. NAG Meeting

At the meeting on 7th September information was given on speeding in Burcott Lane. It was agreed to ask Bucks County Council if a vehicle activated speed sign could be put there either permanently or on rotation with another location to remind motorists of the speed limit. The new PCSO Roland Lobo attended the meeting and seemed to be keen on the idea.

A contribution to the cost of this sign may be asked of the Parish Council.

No other matters relating to Bierton were discussed.

In discussion following this report, Cllr Horne agreed to raise at the next NAG the anomaly between BCC's alleged lack of evidence to support SIDs anywhere in the village and the Police attitude that speeding was sufficiently prevalent that they could justify frequent speed checks on Aylesbury Road.

10. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium

Cllr Robson had attended the meeting on 13th September. He reported that not a great deal was discussed with reference to Bierton except by implication, specifically Arla Dairy, Wind Farms and the Broughton Crossing Development.

11. Planning Applications / Determinations

The following determination by AVDC was noted :-

11/01432/APP-7 Broughton Crossing Bierton HP22 5AR –Two Storey Side Conversion - Permitted

It was noted that there was a meeting of AVDC Strategic Development Control Committee on 23rd September to discuss amongst other items the Arla Development. It was agreed that that Councillor Robson would produce a statement for District Councillor Ward to put forward as the response of the Parish Council at the meeting.

12. Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation documents

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to AVDC firstly to state that the proposed toolkit for a multi games event was not something that the Parish Council would use and secondly with regard to the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places to say that no changes to the arrangements were proposed.

13. Matters of Report

•The council asked District Councillor Ward to explain the new arrangements for waste collection due to come in April 2012. She stated that there would be a weekly collection for food waste, and a large wheelie bin in

place of baskets to collect tetra-paks, paper, cardboard, cans and plastic. Glass collection would still be separate. There would also be a brown bin for garden waste. There was also a proposal to provide special sacks for smaller houses where space was limited. It was suggested that Councillor Ward could put forward to planning officers that new houses should have spaces for recycling bins.

*A concern was raised that at the end of Great Lane someone had dumped a load of rubbish. The clerk was asked to report this fly tipping to AVDC.

*The Scouts had asked if they would be permitted to organise their annual firework display on 4th November at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections in principle provided that all previous requirements were met especially with regards to there being no alcohol on site and that the turf would be reinstated after the event.

14. Confidential Matters

The Clerk left the room whilst the Parish Council discussed the ratification of the Clerk's position as permanent after the six month probation period. No objection was raised and therefore Margret Smith was duly confirmed as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Bierton & Broughton Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 19th October at 7.30 pm.