

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 p.m. AT BIERTON SPORTS CENTRE

Present: Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr L. Fisher, Cllr M Grieves and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.

Parishioners present - One

1. Apologies for Absence : Cllr J. Batson, Cllr J. Gilpin, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr A. Webber

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

No interests were declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 18th September were accepted as a true record. A hard copy of the minutes unfortunately was not available for signing and therefore will be signed at the next meeting.

4. Open Public Forum

No issues were raised by the one member of the public present.

5. Clerks Report

The following issues arising from the last meeting were raised

- Cllr Robson had been unable to attend the VALP Scrutiny Meeting at the end of September.
- Cllr Robson and the clerk will attend a meeting with Grantscape on the 13th November to discuss the applications received for the Gib Lane Community Fund including a proposal from the Parish Council to carry out work at St Osyth's Well
- The gate to the playground at Bierton Recreation Ground is still not closing properly
- A first aid box had been ordered for the Jubilee Hall, and two accident books to be placed with the first aid boxes in the Sports Centre and the Jubilee Hall.
- The clerk stated that she had received a phone call from the owner of Grove Farm off Rowsham Road stating that they had a problem with dog walkers attacking a fence that had been put up along a public right of way to protect the farm animals. The Parish Council said that the best course of action was for the owner to contact the police.
- **17/02588/APP - 2 Burcott Lane** - Cllr Cotton and Cllr Robson had both visited the site and circulated their comments to the other councillors.

In summary, it was concluded that the "benefits" (i.e. safeguarding the future of the barn) outweighed the "harm" (i.e. overdevelopment and traffic).

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council would SUPPORT the application provided that:

- It satisfies the requirements of a proper traffic assessment, based on the standard assumptions for the traffic to be generated by a "3 x 1-bedroom dwellings" development
- Conditions are imposed to ensure that it is developed sympathetically in terms of its location, with as much as possible of the original building being retained;
- If the Application is Approved, action is taken to restrict parking on Burcott Lane (e.g. imposing "double yellow lines" between A418 and the entrance to the car park of the Old Chapel).
- **17/03316/APP - Land to West of Gib Lane** - Cllr Robson drafted a seven page response OPPOSING this application which was circulated to the other councillors who agreed that Cllr Robson should submit this response to AVDC on behalf of the Parish Council. This response was submitted on the 2nd October.
Cllr Robson then did some research on the predicted number of car journeys during peak hours that would be generated by this proposed development. He used a transport assessment for a similar location, the proposed development off Rowsham Road, to provide some suitable data. He used this data to show that the transport assessment put forward with this application underestimated departures in the morning peak time by approximately 50% and arrivals in the afternoon by approximately 10%.
Cllr Robson submitted a supplementary response to the Parish Council's opposition to this application on the 13th October.

The clerk will submit a S106 proposal for the off-site sport/leisure contribution after consultation with Cllr Sherley.

6. Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

17/03705/APP 57 Great Lane HP22 5DE - Erection of Replacement garage and erection of first floor side extension - The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

17/03061/APP Land East of Aylesbury - Variation of Conditions 1m,1q and 2d relating to Outline Permission 10/02649/AOP - The Parish Council had NO COMMENTS to make regarding this application.

17/03949/ADP Land East of Aylesbury- Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 3 and 8 on planning permission 10/02649/AOP in respect of primary electricity substation - The Parish Council had NO COMMENTS to make regarding this application.

7. Planning Determinations

The following determination received from AVDC was noted :-

17/03002/APP 93a Aylesbury Road HP22 5BT - Part two storey and part first floor front extension - **Householder Refusal**

8. Other Planning Matters

a) **Kingsbrook, Land East of Aylesbury, Broughton Crossing** - It is believed that the design for the traffic lights on the Eastern Link Road/A418 junction will not be agreed until January.

b) **Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)** -

Cllr Robson had attended the seminar on the VALP on the 4th October and gave a report to the Parish Council.

The first part of the seminar explained the current situation of the VALP. On the 1st April 2018 new rules will come into force for calculating housing needs and will apply to any local plan that has not yet been submitted to the government. Therefore the district council is under pressure to get the VALP submitted to the Secretary of State which the council hopes to do in January. The plan is due to go before the Council on the 18th October and if agreed the proposed submission plan will be published for public comment in early November for a period of six weeks and any comments received will be forwarded to the Secretary of State together with the VALP.

The seminar then went on to a presentation on how to make comments on the VALP online. The criteria for comment include Soundness, Compliance and Legality and it is important to provide evidence to back up any submission comments.

Cllr Robson then went on to state that in his view the plan needs to be clearer on how the hierarchy of villages regarding housing allocations had been decided and also the way the 5 year housing supply had been calculated as, because this is only just meeting the government's housing number requirements, it is still open to be challenged.

The VALP seminar was discussed at the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium on the 11th October. It was felt that the best way forward was for individual parishes to submit their own comments during the consultation process. In addition the NBPPC would also submit comments to ensure that a place is secured at the table during the Examination process.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cotton stated that two launch events had already taken place on the 7th at the Jubilee Hall and 14th October at Berton Church and another three had been arranged for the 17th at the Doghouse, the 25th at The Barn, Hulcott and the final one on the 5th November at the Sports Centre. She said that a lot of comments had come in from the first two events.

10. Jubilee Hall

The new trustees have formally taken over the running of the Jubilee Hall. Cllr Cotton is now responsible for the bookings. The trustees are looking at undertaking some minor maintenance of the hall including arranging for a commercial bin collection from AVDC and the removal of the electric meter. However it is hoped that the transfer of the ownership of the Jubilee Hall from the Trust to the Parish Council can be started as soon as possible.

11. Berton Sports Centre & Recreation Ground

The Parish Council discussed the quote from Pegasus Conservatories to replace eight windows at the Sports Centre at a cost of £ 1,141.67 plus VAT and agreed for this work to be carried out.

Cllr Cotton stated that the alarm system was in need of replacement and that Lester Wellington had offered to put in a new box. It was agreed that Cllr Cotton should ask Lester to get a quote for a replacement alarm.

12. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Receipts

28/09/2017	AVDC - Precept	16750.00		16750.00
02/10/2017	1st Bierton Scouts	508.43		508.43
05/10/2017	P Koya - Private Hire 14th October	82.00		82.00
06/10/2017	Chris Haes SMB - August	59.40		59.40
06/10/2017	Bob Sargeant TT - August	285.45		285.45
11/10/2017	Donna Spencer - Village Diary Contribution	10.00		10.00
12/10/2017	Aylesbury Canine - Village Diary Contribution	15.00		15.00
16/10/2017	School Leavers Party	30.00		30.00
16/10/2017	Donna Caple - Private Hire 28th October	60.00		60.00
16/10/2017	Jubilee Players - Village Diary Contribution	15.00		15.00
16/10/2017	Chris Haes SMB - September	102.30		102.30
16/10/2017	Bob Sargeant TT - September	262.35		262.35

Payments

21/09/2017	NEST Pension Contributions	15.08	0.00	15.08
26/09/2017	Castle Water - Monthly Payment	70.48	0.00	70.48
12/10/2017	EON - Street Lights	260.30	52.06	312.36
20/09/2017	Pelican Print - Map for NP	40.00	8.00	48.00
25/09/2017	Panel Warehouse	260.00	52.00	312.00
26/09/2017	Panel Warehouse	139.60	27.92	167.52
05/10/2017	Pelican Print - Map for NP	70.00	14.00	84.00
16/10/2017	Refund of Sports Centre Booking	82.00	0.00	82.00
16/10/2017	AVDC - NP Consultation Material	72.96	14.59	87.55
16/10/2017	Trinity Estates - Land Registry Charges NP	24.00	0.00	24.00
16/10/2017	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	62.30	12.46	74.76
16/10/2017	Boyd Sport & Play Ltd - White Line Paint	80.00	16.00	96.00
16/10/2017	Buckland Landscapes - Mowing	144.20	28.84	173.04
16/10/2017	Done & Dusted	340.00	0.00	340.00
16/10/2017	Lock & Key - 2 new key sets	27.00	5.40	32.40
16/10/2017	Mazars - External Audit	300.00	60.00	360.00
16/10/2017	PRS - Licence for Sports Centre	131.14	26.23	157.37
16/10/2017	B Small - Handyman	576.50	1.00	577.50
16/10/2017	Mrs M Smith - Salary & Expenses in home	851.08	0.00	851.08
16/10/2017	Mrs M Smith - Expenses	18.26	1.27	19.53
16/10/2017	HMRC - PAYE Mth 7	55.56	0.00	55.56

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments

	£
HSBC Current Account	13,110
HSBC Deposit Account	42,001
	<u>55,111</u>
Less Unpresented Cheques	108
Less this month's payments	2,761
	<u><u>52,241</u></u>

Reserved monies:

Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	14,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
War Memorial/Pavilion	1,000
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	17,500
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>34,741</u></u>

b) 2018/19 Budget & Precept

Parish Councillors put forward a number of proposals to be considered for inclusion in the budget for next year :

- Next Phase of LED Replacement Lights - It was suggested to look at the replacement of the street lights in Burcott lane, William Hill Drive and Marshalls Lea (14 Lights) at a cost of approximately £4,500
- Jubilee Hall Costs - It is hoped that the revenues can be increased to meet the running costs and that grants can be found to cover any major refurbishment projects. However the Parish Council needs to put in an amount to cover the legal costs of the transfer of ownership.
- Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Gilpin has obtained funding from the government to cover the main costs but the Parish Council needs to consider some contingency money to cover any shortfall
- Footpath to the School (Although it might be something that Barratts could fund)
- Provision of a seat in the Bus Shelter opposite the Red Lion
- Cycleways
- Provision of a playground at the Aylesbury End of the Village. Cllr Dewis said he would try to contact the new owner of the allotments off Great Lane to see if he might be amenable to selling out a small section of land)

Cllr Robson asked the councillors to consider these and any other proposals to be discussed at next month's Parish Council meeting.

13. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson attended the seminar on the VALP on the 4th October (a report of which can be found under Item 8b).

He also went to a meeting of the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium on 11th October. The issues discussed at the meeting included:

- VALP - This was the main discussion topic. It was agreed that parishes should consider their own responses to the consultation but also that a meeting would probably be arranged to consider a response from the NBPPC to incorporate the views of individual parishes.
- Unitary Authority - There has been no information at all about the progress on a decision from the Department of Communities and Local Government on the creation of a unitary authority.
- AVDC Planning Department are short of staff and therefore at the moment approximately 50% of planning applications are being contracted out

Cllr Robson also gave a report on the HS2/Groundwork meeting he had attended on the 12th October. The presentation showed how local groups including Parish Councils could access funds from the Community and Environment Fund (CEF).

The fund fell into two categories:

- Local Projects Up To £75K with no requirement for match contributions for projects led by community or voluntary sector organisations
- Strategic Projects from £75K to £1 million.

Although Bierton with Broughton is not located along the proposed route it would be possible to apply to the fund on the basis of disruption caused by construction traffic coming through the parish.

There was also a presentation from Fusion who are an organisation engaged to create wildlife environments in communities affected by HS2.

14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

A list of correspondence had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting .

The Parish Council agreed to the following responses

- Information about Funded PCSO's . Cllr Cotton said that she would look into the possibility of the Parish Council funding a PCSO.
- It was commented that the Local Newsletter from Bucks CC was entitled Aston Clinton & Wendover and did not include any direct references to Bierton with Broughton.

- Cllr Robson is to attend the B&MKALC AGM on the 10th November
- Cllr Fisher might attend the AVALC AGM on the 4th November. Clerk will e-mail details to her.
- Clerk to respond to an e-mail from a resident regarding the request from the Parish Council in consultee comments to Planning Application 17/02588/APP 2 Burcott Lane to restrict parking on Burcott Lane (e.g. imposing “double yellow lines” between A418 and the entrance to the car park of the Old Chapel). The Parish Council wished to point out that parked cars in this area are a potential road safety hazard as vehicles leaving the proposed site will have an impeded view. Parked cars are also a problem for vehicles coming up Burcott Lane to the junction with the A418. The Parish Council can only point out this problem as in the end it will be up to the Highway Authority to make the decision.

15. Matters of Report

- Bierton Preschool has applied for a grant from the Gib Lane Community Fund.
- A number of residents have complained that bushes and trees have become overgrown along Aylesbury Road

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20th November at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.