

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 p.m. AT THE JUBILEE HALL

1. **Present:** Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr L. Fisher, Cllr A. Webber and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.
District Councillor Julie Ward
Parishioners present – 2
Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Batson, Cllr J. Gilpin, Cllr M. Grieves.
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 16th October were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Open Public Forum**
The following issues were raised during the public forum: -
 - The drain at the top of Burcott Lane near the chapel has been repaired.
 - **Street Lights** - Three adjacent street lights are out, and have not been working for several weeks, on the main A418 Aylesbury Road near the Jubilee Hall (Column Nos 28,30, & 31). This had been reported to Bucks County Council on at least two occasions although according to the online website 'No faults have been recorded'.
The light at the end of Grove Court is still out. The clerk was asked to send an e-mail to Cllr Sherley outlining the sequence of events relating to this light.
 - **Proposed Traffic Lights on Canal Bridge** - District Cllr Ward had arranged a meeting with Barratts and County Cllr Chapple but Barratts forgot and did not turn up. District Cllr Ward stated that she hopes that the works will be brought forward to the date originally scheduled.
Cllr Robson has been trying to arrange a meeting with Christine Urry, the Head of Highways Development at Bucks County Council and Barratts to discuss the A418/ELR Junction but has not had a positive response. District Cllr Ward stated that she will contact Bill Chapple in her role as District Councillor and the fact that the issue has been raised at a Parish Council meeting
 - **Bierton Crematorium** - Concerns were voiced about the crematorium to be built in the parish being called 'Bierton Crematorium' rather than 'Aylesbury Crematorium, due to the latter name now being applied to the crematorium at Watermead. Rowsham Road residents are concerned that traffic will come through Bierton rather than along the link road which in any case is not due to be completed by 2021.
 - **Great Lane Allotments** – Community Asset status has been granted again to the Great Lane Allotments. However, there was some query over the exact position of this status as it is thought that the land had already been sold in the interim period.
5. **Clerks Report** – The Clerk's report was noted.
6. **Planning Applications**
The following applications were considered: -
17/04226/APP 11 Firs Court, Aylesbury Road HP22 5AY- Single Storey Side Extension – The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS
7. **Planning Determinations**
17/02587/APP Os 5270 Cane End Lane Bierton - Change of use of land into dog care business and horse livery and stud – REFUSED. It was noted that this application was refused due to insufficient information being submitted and it is believed that the applicant will probably submit this application again.

17/03316/APP Land to West of Gib Lane, Bierton - Erection of 95 dwellings including access, landscaping and associated infrastructure - REFUSED

8. Other Planning Matters

a) Kingsbrook - Land East of Aylesbury, Broughton Crossing.

The Parish Council stated that a stakeholder meeting needs to be arranged.

The Parish Council also wanted to find a way to keep track of the number of houses that were occupied for the following reasons: -

- Distribution of the Village Diary
- The number of occupied houses is important as it is the trigger for the provision of certain community amenities such as the shuttle bus and schools. The Community Centre is due to open next month. It is felt that the Parish Council should have some way of supporting residents when nearing trigger points.
- Matters relating to Council Tax

b) Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The Parish Council agreed that the council wished to see the plan proceed and meet the deadline of 31st March to be submitted to the government. There was some disquiet about how the settlements had been categorised, as Bierton had been classified as 'medium' although the facilities had not changed since it had previously been classified as 'small', and how the allocation of houses had been calculated but the council supported the policy of not allocating any further development in the parish for the period covered by the plan.

Cllr Robson agreed to produce a draft response by the 14th December and to circulate the response to the other councillors before submission to AVDC.

c) Hampden Fields and Woodlands

Both outline applications have been approved by the District Council.

The new road network is to be completed by 2021.

Traffic calming in Bierton is mentioned as part of the Kingsbrook development although there is some query as to exactly what will be. The County Council may restrict it to some white lining and perhaps some traffic islands although the Kingsbrook plans had shown some pinch points. The aim of the traffic calming is to try to get traffic to use the new road, especially HGV's and therefore return Bierton 'to being a village'.

d) Bierton Crematorium, Aylesbury

Work should start on Bierton Crematorium soon as it had been due to start in the second week of November.

The Planning Application for the Aylesbury Crematorium at Watermead had still to be decided.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cotton gave the following update on the Neighbourhood Plan in the absence of Cllr Gilpin: -

- Consultation Events had been very successful with quite a number of residents attending.
- Government Funding of £6,700 pounds had been received.
- The next major milestone is the production of a survey. The Steering Group is meeting every fortnight and is hoping to get a survey out in January.
- The Steering Group is also working on Pollution and Traffic Assessments
- A consultation event with the school had taken place. It is hoped that consultations with a number of parish groups, landowners & businesses will take place in the near future.

10. Jubilee Hall

An update on the Jubilee Hall was given by Cllrs Sherley, Cotton & Webber which included the following information: -

- The signatories on the bank account have now been changed.
- The accounts need to be brought up to date.
- Cllr Webber is to contact Tim Sherwood-King regarding starting proceedings to formally transfer the Jubilee Hall to the Parish Council.
- The trustees are looking at putting together a bid for a specific project to refurbish the hall.

11. Gib Lane Community Fund

Cllr Robson and the clerk attended a meeting with Grantscape. Some money had been carried forward from previous years so there was an amount of £5,673 in the pot for projects in Bierton with Broughton Parish. Bierton Pre-School had put in a bid for £1,500 for training aids. This left enough money to cover the submitted cost of the Bierton Village Pond Restoration Project of £3,530 in full.

Hulcott Parish Council is looking at the cost of improving the broadband connection to the parish and Cllr Robson suggested that Bierton with Broughton Parish Council might look at putting in a joint submission although this would mean that there would be no money available for other projects. Matt Young from Grantscape stated that there was some concern from the fund about the lack of applications from some parishes.

12. Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission for England has been investigating initial proposals regarding new Parliamentary Constituencies and a consultation on the revised proposals will run until 11th December. The new proposals would mean that Oakfield & Bierton would be in the Aylesbury Parliamentary Constituency rather than the Buckingham Constituency. The Parish Council agreed to 'support' the proposed changes.

13. Finance:

a) The following receipts and payments were approved: -

Receipts

DATE		NET	VAT	TOTAL
25/10/2017	Sports Factor	330.00		330.00
25/10/2017	Sreedhar Sanga Private Hire New Year	90.00		90.00
02/11/2017	Sharath Thotapally Private Hire 09/12	82.00		82.00
03/11/2017	Carers Bucks	30.00		30.00
10/11/2017	Groundwork UK - Neighbourhood Plan	6700.00		6700.00
		7232.00	0.00	7232.00

Payments

VCHR	DATE		NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS					
509	19/10/2017	NEST Pension Contributions	30.16	0.00	30.16
510	26/10/2017	Castle Water - Monthly Payment	70.48	0.00	70.48
511	03/11/2017	AVDC General - Refuse Collection	222.30	0.00	222.30
512	12/11/2017	EON - Street Lights	268.97	53.79	322.76
			591.91	53.79	645.70
ONLINE PAYMENTS - ALREADY MADE					
502	18/10/2017	SJ & MG Knowles - NP Expenses	288.52	57.71	346.23
503	18/10/2017	S Cotton - NP Expenses	4.37	0.87	5.24
504	18/10/2017	TW Services - SC Maintenance	60.44	0.00	60.44
505	27/10/2017	Signum Sign Studio Ltd	110.00	22.00	132.00
506	10/11/2017	Buckland Landscape - Additional Cut	80.00	16.00	96.00
507	10/11/2017	Eurooffice - First Aid Kit etc	91.99	18.40	110.39
508	10/11/2017	PPL - Sports Centre	126.53	25.31	151.84
			761.85	140.29	902.14
CHEQUE PAYMENTS - TO BE MADE					
513	20/11/2017	Pegasus Conservatories Ltd - Windows	1141.67	228.33	1370.00
522	20/11/2017	British Legion	100.00	0.00	100.00
523	20/11/2017	B&MKALC - Training Course	63.83	0.00	63.83
			1305.50	228.33	1533.83
ONLINE PAYMENTS - TO BE MADE					
514	20/11/2017	Buckland Landscapes - Mowing	144.20	28.84	173.04
515	20/11/2017	Done & Dusted	272.00	0.00	272.00
516	20/11/2017	B Small - Handyman	570.41	1.08	571.49

517	20/11/2017	B Small - Handyman- Neighbourhood Plan	58.00	0.00	58.00
518	20/11/2017	Mrs M Smith - Salary & Expenses in home	851.08	0.00	851.08
519	20/11/2017	Mrs M Smith - Expenses	13.01	1.25	14.26
520	20/11/2017	HMRC - PAYE Mth 8	55.56	0.00	55.56
521	20/11/2017	Came & Company Local Council Insurance	2707.91	0.00	2707.91
			4672.17	31.17	4703.34
TOTAL PAYMENTS			6125.93	225.25	6351.18

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments

	£
HSBC Current Account	15,949
HSBC Deposit Account	<u>42,002</u>
	57,951
Less Unpresented Cheques	0
Less this month's payments	<u>(6,237)</u>
	<u>51,714</u>
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Rec Ground	14,000
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500
Traffic Calming Measures	2,000
War Memorial / Pavillion	1,000
Neighbourhood Plan	<u>5,410</u>
	22,910
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>28,804</u></u>

b) 2018/19 Budget & Precept

The Parish Tax Base figure for 2018/19 is 1158.81 which means that the Parish Council could precept for £ 36,200 without an increase in the amount paid by a Band D council tax payer.

The Parish Council considered raising the precept by 3% which would mean a precept amount of £37,250, an increase of 93p per year for a Band D council tax payer.

It was agreed to defer discussion on the proposed budget to the January meeting when Cllr Robson asked councillors to consider putting forward proposals for projects and possibly sources of funding.

14. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson had attended the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (B&MKALC) Annual General Meeting and stated that it had been decided not to change the subscription rate for next year. This is due to the fact that there had been a significant surplus in their accounts for last year as the association had receive grants from Bucks County Council and also Milton Keynes Council. However, it is thought that the grants will no longer be paid in subsequent years and it is proposed that the basis of calculating the subscriptions might be changed from the per elector basis that is used at present to something along the basis of the parish council tax calculation. It was also suggested that Parish Councils might like to write a letter to their Member of Parliament to advise of the problems in the Parish.

Cllr Robson laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Day.

Cllr Cotton attended the Community Forum held by the Neighbourhood Team of Thames Valley Police and advised the Parish Council that PCSO Peter Hall is moving to Wendover.

The local policing priorities for Aylesbury East are Domestic burglaries, Theft from Motor Vehicles and Drugs Misuse. Apparently 50% of thefts are from unlocked vehicles. Residents from William Hill Drive reported that they think that there is drug taking in the visitor's car park. It has been suggested that another light in the car park might be a deterrent and the housing association has been asked if they would fund this.

15. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

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

It was noted that Bucks County Council are consulting on proposals to change the Mobile Library Service with a deadline of 31st December. It was suggested that the councillors should ask possible users in the village about their views on the proposals and also to put the Jubilee Hall forward as the possible location for a library.

16. Matters of Report

- Cllr Cotton will purchase a small gift for Alan Sherwell and the deliverers of the Village Diary to wish them Happy Christmas and thank them for their efforts.
- Cllr Dewis has removed the plaque donated by the W.I. at St Osyth's Well in order to replace the backing board.
- Pre-School are thinking about extending their enclosed outside area.
- The Tennis Club have suffered a second incident of vandalism at the Recreation Ground.
- Replies had been received from Transport for Bucks on the following matters:
 1. Cars parking within 10m of cornering Burcott Lane / A418 Aylesbury Road - It was stated that TfB has no powers of enforcement to prevent this. The Police can enforce if the parking presents a danger to the highway user or obstructs a specific property access. Double yellow lines can only be implemented through a legal process which is governed by strict legislation
 2. Chevron Signs on Broughton Lane - The guidance currently is only to use chevron signs with a yellow backing when all other avenues have been investigated. The signs were replaced two years ago and have not been damaged subsequently. If the signs need replacement at a future date they might consider replacing them with yellow backed signs.
 3. Dropped kerb/ vehicle access in Burcott Lane – Planning Permission is required.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.