

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2016

**Present:** Cllr. B. Robson in the chair, Cllr G. Sherley, Cllr S. Cotton, Cllr B. Dewis, Cllr L. Eaves, Cllr H. Money, Cllr A. Webber and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.

District Councillor J Ward

Parishioners present - 6

**1. Apologies for Absence :** Cllr E Foster, Cllr J Gilpin

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

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

### **4. Public Forum**

The following issues were raised during the public forum :-

- a) Litter - A resident raised concern over the amount of litter particularly along Broughton Lane. District Cllr Ward has reported the problem to AVDC .
- b) The growth of the hedge along the main road especially near the Town allotments. The clerk was ask to contact Transport for Bucks and Aylesbury Town Council.
- c) Closure of Broughton Lane. The Temporary Traffic Order had been changed from 18 months to 7 months. Jack Batson, a resident of Broughton stated that he and other Broughton residents were in favour of all of the road being closed for as long as possible. However concern has been raised by other residents about problems with commuting as the closure of the road will mean that there is no direct route to the areas and roads to the south and west resulting in Bierton residents having to go into Aylesbury. There is also concern on the effect this closure will have on traffic throughout Aylesbury if there is a problem elsewhere.
- d) Showers in the Sports Centre - Jack Batson stated that the showers need new shower controls. He suggested using standard mixing valves rather than putting commercial shower valves back in. He proposed getting one valve , installing it and testing if it to see if it works first, if not it can be put back into stock. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

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

### **6. Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:-

**16/00556/APP** 21 Parsons Lane, Bierton HP22 5DF Single Storey rear extension with lantern roof light  
- The Parish Council had **No Objections**

**16/00714/ACC** Aylesbury Golf Centre Ltd, Hulcott Lane, Bierton HP22 5GA Restoration of part of the old golf course to agriculture using imported soil, including recycling of hardcore, for a period of 5 years.

There was some confusion as to whether this application is to be dealt with by AVDC or Bucks County Council. The Parish Council had opposed application CM/50/15 through Bucks County Council. It was recognised that some of the details had been changed and that part of the problem had been dealt with as there will be no "crushing" activity associated with the revised application. However it is not clear what material is to be used for the restoration and a grinding machine could be brought in at a

later date. The Parish Council decided still to OPPOSE this application and Cllr Robson will produce a draft response to be submitted to AVDC based on the objections previously submitted to Bucks County Council.

## **7. Planning Determinations**

No determinations had been received from AVDC.

## **8. Other Planning Matters**

There had been no developments with regards to the planning applications for land near William Hill Drive and Barnett Way.

The judicial review of plans to build a crematorium at Watermead found in favour of the developers, Westerleigh. There is no further room for protest in the British Courts.

Westerleigh continue to challenge the decision of AVDC to grant planning permission to Bierton Crematorium and this is still to be decided.

The decision on the appeal to the refusal of planning permission on land east of Watermead was due on the 15th or 16th March but nothing seems to have appeared.

The application for the Woodlands development was lodged with AVDC on the 18th March and the MDA site opposite the Holiday Inn is now a formal application. The Parish Council again voiced it's concern on the effect of all these proposed developments on traffic particularly on the road that is being built through Kingsbrook, Stocklake rural.

## **9. Neighbourhood Planning**

It was agreed that Cllr Dewis would connect Cllr Foster and set up a meeting with all the people that had expressed an interest in a Neighbourhood Plan . The purpose of the meeting being to form a Steering Group with an elected chairman.

## **10. Transport Problems**

A number of residents had complained that heavy lorries associated with the construction of the Kingsbrook development are using Burcott Lane . One incident had been reported of a construction lorry having used Broughton lane and crossed the canal bridge.

Cllr Robson has had discussions with the District Council and the County Council. Barratt made a plan for the development traffic within the planning application but the routing of construction traffic to the site was not one of the elements covered in the conditions. However Cllr Robson did state that Barratt is endeavouring to make sure that construction traffic does use the agreed routes and any departure from this should be brought to the attention of Barratt with details if possible of time, date, registration number, and any signage.

Cllr Robson has spoken to Rachel Carson to arrange another meeting.

The Parish Council also discussed the proposal to put three way traffic lights at the junction of the ELR and the A418 . There is concern that the effect will be that queuing traffic will make it practically impossible to get out of Rowsham Road, It also will be very noisy all day long. It was agreed that Cllr Sherley will draft a letter stating outlining the concerns of the Parish Council and the residents.

The Parish Council also wondered if it was possible for Transport for Bucks to inform the Parish Council of any work they were carrying out in the parish. Last week a survey was being carried out in Parsons Lane that the Parish Council and residents were unaware of.

## **11. Parking on Grass Verges**

A resident had raised the matter of vehicles parking on the grass verges in front of the Town Allotments. Apparently the gates to the allotments are closed for access until Easter to protect the paths in the allotments. The clerk was asked to write to Aylesbury Town Council to ask if an e-mail could be sent to remind allotment holders to take care when parking on the grass verges.

## **12. Dog Fouling**

Cllr Cotton had been in contact with Aylesbury Vale District Council . She had also spoken to local dog clubs about the matter. It was proposed that another bin could be installed or possibly the existing bin could be resited.

There was a suggestion that the dog mess could be sprayed with washable paint, a procedure that had proved to be effective in other parishes. District Cllr Ward stated that she would check on the lawfulness of this action.

### 13. Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

a) The new doors have been installed at the Sports Centre .The new doors have three locks with one key and new keys have been issued to all the Sports Centre users. Cllr Sherley will complete the form to claim the grant from Grantscape.

b) Sports Factor/Short Mat Bowls Booking - Cllr Robson declared an interest discussed as a member of Short Mat Bowls and relinquished the chair to Cllr Sherley as vice chairman for the duration of the discussion.

Cllr Cotton stated that on the Wednesday of half term last February the weather was very bad and the children attending Sports Factor were unable to go outside and spent the afternoon in one of the changing rooms. James Smith of Sports Factor had a number of complaints from parents and has now stated that this is not a suitable arrangement. A proposal has been put forward that in order for Sports Factor to be able to go on using the Sports Centre then Short Mat Bowls would be asked to forgo the Wednesday Sessions during the holiday period in October, December and February. At other times, that is during the holiday times in April, May, July and August, it is suggested that it may be possible to use a bit of weather forecasting and if the weather forecast is for wet weather then 24 hours notice could be given by the Parish Council to cancel the Short Mat Bowls session for the following afternoon. The Parish Council discussed this proposal and recognised that the Bowling Group had used the Sports Centre from the start, however Sports Factor was providing a facility to the community and also brought in a noticeable revenue stream to the Parish Council.

Cllr Robson said that he would talk to the Bowling Group and report back to the Parish Council. All agreed that a decision would have to be made at next month's Parish Council meeting.

### 14. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

#### Credit

Kim Fuller	Private Hire- 20th March	75.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - January	165.00
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - January	160.05
James Smith	Sports Factor - Half Term	308.00
Russell JIXS	Regular Booking - Kendo	363.00
JT & MA Rogers	Private Hire - 28th Feb	59.00
Mrs L A Eaves	Private Hire	59.00
Mrs S J Davies	Private Hire - 5th June	75.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls - February	148.50
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis - February	176.55

#### Debit

Thames Water	SC- Water Supply	110.59
EON	Electricity to Street Lights	239.70
AVDC	SC - Collection of Refuse Bins	170.10
Mrs M Smith	Clerk Salary & Expenses	1116.63
B Small	Handyman - March	339.24
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	Mowing	184.80

Done & Dusted	SC - Commercial Cleaning	272.00
Arnold Dunn	SC - PAT Testing	25.00
Eurooffice	Projector Screen and Stationery	88.31
Matters Property Services Group	Intruder Alarm Annual Service	108.00
Boyd Sport & Play Limited	Line Marking Paint	252.00
Swarco Traffic Limited	Clips for MVAS Sign	156.72
Brian Robson	Councillor Expenses	38.60
Aylesbury Town Council	Extra Mowing	45.60
Bucks Playing Fields Assoc.	Annual Subscription	20.00
Information Commissioner	Annual Data Registration	35.00
Pegasus Conservatories Ltd	SC- New Front Doors	4586.00
SLCC	Annual membership	83.50
St James' Church Bierton	Service to St James' Clock	180.00
Southern Electric	Pavillion - Electricity Supply	47.88
Southern Electric	SC - Gas Supply	706.72
Southern Electric	SC - Electricity Supply	329.56

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

	£
Natwest	<u>35,073</u>
	35,073
Reserved monies:	
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	6,178
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	0
Traffic Calming Measures	1,000
Traffic Lights	1,000
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>
	9,178
Leaving unallocated	<u><u>25,895</u></u>

b) The Parish Council agreed to keep the Hire rates for the Sports Centre for 2016/17 the same as 2015/16.

c) The Parish Council agreed to replace the Street Lights along Great Lane and the closes off Great Lane at a cost of £ 5,947.94 plus VAT

d) The Parish Council considered the quotes from T Kehoe and T Clubb & Son to relay the path at the front of the Sports Centre and resolved to accept the quote from T Keogh of £ 5,250.

**15. Outside Organisations**

Cllr Robson had attended the GALAF meeting and placed the papers from the meeting in the correspondence envelope to be circulated.

Cllr Robson will be attending a North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium meeting on the 6th April to discuss the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.

**16. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations**

- a) Invitation from Cllr Jenny Bloom to Civic Service Sunday 15 May 2016 - Noted
- b) Request for Information on WWII searchlight site in Bierton - Cllr Webber to reply.
- c) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order - Broughton Lane from 17th April 2016 - Noted
- d) Local Area Forum Review - Comments on the survey requested by 21st March - Noted

- e) AVDC - Community Asset Status for Red Lion, The Bell, The Dog House - Circulated
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct March 2016 - Circulated
- g) The Clerk - March 2016 - Circulated

### **17. Confidential Matters**

*The Parish Council discussed the designation of a community asset and Auto Enrolment under Confidential Matters allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings ) Act 1960*

### **18. Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllr Robson asked the other Parish Councillors to provide input to his report for the Annual Parish Meeting next month about the achievements of the Parish Council during the last year and what is to be achieved in the next year.

### **19. Matters of report**

The following items were raised :-

- a) The provision of a rubbish bin/dog bin by the cemetery gate
- b) The manhole cover on the main road that was recently repaired appeared to be breaking up again.
- c) Lay-by outside the Sports Centre - it was suggested that a proposal should be put together to create a proper lay-by and this should be put forward for the New Homes Bonus funding.
- d) Aylesbury Town Council have started the grass cutting for the year.
- e) Cllr Cotton is chasing a non-payment of Sport Centre fees by Aylesbury United Football Club.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Bierton Sports Centre