

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL 2016

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

Parishioners present - 11

1. Apologies for Absence : Cllr S. Cotton

2. Declarations of Interest : Cllr Robson declared an interest in the item regarding the Sports Factor/ Short Mat Bowls booking listed under Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st March 2016 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

A number of issues were discussed arising from the minutes :-

- a) Jack Batson had undertaken the repairs on the showers and everything appeared to be working fine. He did stress that the showers should be run every week or two weeks in summer and a check list kept that this had been done. The clerk was asked to contact the handyman.
- b) The Alarm system was now working again.
- c) Cllr Sherley is still going to write a letter with reference to the traffic lights to be installed at the junction of the ELR and the A418 but this will be updated to include the new planning application on land to West of Rowsham Road and the press release at the beginning of April on behalf of the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee.
- d) A letter had been sent by Aylesbury Town Council to the allotment holders at Bierton Road allotments asking them to cease parking on the verges in front of the gates.

4. Public Forum

Most of the residents present had attended the meeting to discuss the situation regarding the Sports Factor/ Short Mat Bowls booking at the Sports Centre and the Application to develop the land off William Hill Drive.

The residents put forward their views as Short Mat Bowls players on the problems that had occurred in the past when inclement weather had meant that it was not possible for the children attending Sports Factor to be outside during the time that Short Mat Bowls was using the hall. It was stated by one resident that it was a shame that a representative of the Sports Hall committee had not attended on a Wednesday afternoon to speak personally to the players about the situation. Another resident said that it was also disappointing that James Smith from Sports Factor had not attended the Parish Council meeting.

On the subject of the Planning Application for Land off William Hill Drive a resident wished the Parish Council to :-

- a) Clarify the position regarding the closing date for comments from the public
- b) Clarify the response of the Paris Council to the Planning Application
- c) Comment on the relationship between the Planning Consultant and the District Council.

Cllr Robson proposed to bring forward the two items. He also proposed to stand down from the chair in order for the issue regarding the Sports Centre booking to be discussed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed to this proposal, Cllr Robson stood down and Cllr Sherley took the chair.

5. Sports Centre

Cllr Sherley outlined the present situation regarding the clash of the current booking of Short Mat Bowls and Sports Factor on a Wednesday afternoon during school holidays. He also referred to the report that had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting from Cllr Cotton on behalf of the Sports Centre Management Committee. The Short Mat Bowls had been created many years ago when the Sports Centre had been built to provide an activity for the residents of Bierton and the Parish Council had provided the equipment which was heavy and not portable. Sports Factor is a commercial enterprise and the relationship that the Parish Council has with this enterprise is therefore different. Local children, not all Bierton or Broughton residents, attended Sports Factor during holiday periods as a very reasonably priced service which was evidenced by the growing numbers.

Cllr Webber had suggested that the Wednesday afternoons to be considered were during the Christmas and Easter Holidays only and that Sports Factor could go outdoors during the summer holidays. Cllr Cotton had stated that the Parish Council should consider the proposal that Short Mat Bowls played on Wednesday afternoons during term time and that Sports Factor had the use of the Sports Centre during weekdays for all the holiday periods including Wednesday afternoons.

Cllr Sherley concluded that as no compromise had been reached over a number of weeks it was probably because there was not a workable proposal and the Parish Council would have to reach a decision about the booking.

Cllr Sherley proposed that the councillors should consider a vote as to whether to allow Sports Factor or Short Mat Bowls to use the Sports Centre on a Wednesday afternoon during all the school holidays. However before a vote was taken, it was suggested that Short Mat Bowls should be offered the use of the Sports Centre on Wednesday evenings during the holidays free of charge. The Short Mat Bowls' players present stated that although they were not happy with the situation the proposal would be considered next Wednesday afternoon and the decision would be reported back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Robson returned and took back the chair.

It was agreed to discuss the planning application for Land off William Hill Drive before the Clerk's Report.

6. Planning Applications

The following application was considered:-

16/00925/AOP Land Off William Hill Drive, Bierton - Outline Planning Application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for residential development for 23 dwellings including vehicular access, car parking, landscaping, drainage and associated works.

It had been noted that the yellow notices for this planning application had still not been posted, and this therefore should mean that the deadline for public comments should be extended to 21 days after the notice went up.

It had also been noted that this planning application as a number of others had been outsourced for assessment to planning consultants rather than AVDC employees. This had raised a query as to a potential conflict of interest.

It would also appear that the case officer would not attach great weight to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment document (HEELA) that defined the land off William Hill Drive as being unsuitable for development.

It was also noted that the documentation in support of the new application is full of errors and the concerns raised by the Parish Council in the comments submitted to the previous application had not been addressed.

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council **OPPOSES** this application with comments along the lines that had been submitted in opposition to the previous application. Cllr Robson would draft a response and this would be circulated to the other councillors before submission. The Parish Council also agreed that if the application was considered by Committee then the Parish Council would wish to send a representative to speak at the meeting.

7. Clerks Report – The Clerk's report was noted.

8. Other Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:-

16/01040/AOP Aylesbury Woodland College Road, North Aston Clinton - Outline application with means of access to be considered for up to 102,800 sq m employment up to 1,100 dwellings and other development.

The main concern of the Parish Council regarding this application was that Stocklake Rural would not fulfil the aspirations of the planners and that the road should be widened to make sure that it will cater for the increased traffic generated by the various developments.

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council **OPPOSES** this application. Cllr Robson agreed to draft a response expressing the concerns of the Parish Council to be circulated to the other councillors before submission.

The Parish Council also agreed that if the application was considered by Committee then the Parish Council would wish to send a representative to speak at the meeting.

16/01053/AOP Land to West of Rowsham Road, Bierton - Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of thirty dwellings with access, landscaping, open space and ecological mitigation.

The main concern of the Parish Council on this application was the protection of the Conservation Area in However the Parish Council also raised other concerns common to all of the applications that were being discussed including Traffic, Schooling, 2450 homes at Kingsbrook, Character of linear village. It was also noted in relation to this application that the position set out in the HELAA was for only 15 homes in total. Also there would be serious issues with the proximity of the proposed junction with the ELR. It was agreed that the Parish Council **OPPOSES** this application.

Cllr Sherley had started to work on a Parish Council response and the Parish Council agreed that he should continue to work on this draft and then circulate this to the other councillors.

The Parish Council also agreed that if the application was considered by Committee then the Parish Council would wish to send a representative to speak at the meeting.

9. Planning Determinations

The following determination by AVDC was noted :-

16/00556/APP 21 Parsons Lane, Bierton HP22 5DF Single Storey rear extension with lantern roof light
- **Householder Approval**

10. Other Planning Matters.

The Parish Council discussed the press release on behalf of the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee which stated that it had been formally agreed that the stopping off of Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane would be carried out in conjunction with the building of the crematorium.

The Parish Councillors all agreed that the road needs to be closed off before the work on the ELR junction begins.

There had still been no decision on the planning application for land off Barnett Way.

11. Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Dewis had contacted the residents that had expressed interest in producing a Neighbourhood Plan and had received four replies. Cllr Gilpin stated that he would be interested in joining the steering group and Cllr Robson agreed to chair the first meeting. The clerk would print off a Neighbourhood Plan toolkit.

12. Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground

The Sports Centre Management Committee reported that there had been an incident on the recreation ground on the afternoon of Monday 4th April when a boy who was playing football with two friends had fallen on a piece of metal in the ground and badly cut his knee. He was given assistance by James Smith of Sports Factor but was not attending the course. The boy's mother then arrived and the boy was taken to hospital.

Brian Small, the handyman, was asked to remove the piece of metal and he also found three other pieces of metal relating to the sites of the former goal posts and these were removed as well.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Robson again asked the other councillors to send him any thoughts they had about the contents of the chairman's report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to raise awareness of the function and activities of the Parish Council in the parish and also improve communications with the local community. Cllr Foster agreed to form a communications committee.

14. RFO Report :

a)The following receipts and payments were approved :-

Credit

Wendy Tomlinson	Private Hire - 20/03	30.00
1st Bierton Scouts	Regular Hire	508.43
Sports Factor	Regular Booking	242.00
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B Dockery	Private Hire 9th April	75.00
Louise Williment	Private Hire 18th June	90.00
Ruth Grant	Private Hire 16th April	40.00
AP & RE Grant	Private Hire 7th May	40.00
Aylesbury Utd Juniors	Private Hire 22nd April	45.00
Mrs Christine Haes	Short Mat Bowls	270.20
Mr Bob Sargeant	Table Tennis	188.10

Debit

EON	Electricity to Street Lights	256.22
AVALC	Subs 2016-17	25.00
Buckland Landscapes	Mowing	184.80
Done & Dusted	SC - Cleaning	272.00
Lock & Key	SC Keys Cut for New Front Door	54.60
B Small	Handyman	335.98
Mrs M Smith	Clerk 's Salary & Expenses	969.21

Cash in Hand after these receipts and payments:

Natwest Bank Account	£	<u>34,833</u>
Reserved monies:		
Sports Centre and Recreation Ground	10,000	
Promotion of Recreational Facilities	500	
Traffic Calming Measures	5,000	
Traffic Lights	1,000	
Pavillion/War Memorial	<u>1,000</u>	
	17,500	
Leaving unallocated		<u><u>17,333</u></u>

15. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson had attended a meeting of the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium on the 6th April. The main topics discussed at the meeting were AVDC's position regarding Neighbourhood Plans and the VALP. A lot of the discussion centred on the interpretation of the laws surrounding planning. Milton Keynes Council are looking at expanding to the west which will mean more pressure on Buckingham and the surrounding parishes.

16. Correspondence, Consultations and Circulars

- a) Invitation to attend inauguration of Aylesbury Town mayor Friday 20th May 2016 - Noted
- b) Invitation from Barratt North Thames to Chairman to attend official brick laying ceremony at Kingsbrook, Aylesbury 4th May 2016 - Cllr Robson to attend
- c) AVDC -Planning Event for Parishes on 24th or 25th May - The councillors were asked to contact the clerk if they wished to attend.
- d) AVDC - Issues Raised from Consultee Access Workshops - noted
- e) AVDC - Aylesbury Vale Village Pub Competition 2016 - noted
- f) AVDC - VALP Consultation Responses - noted
- g) NBPPC - Update on VALP - circulated
- h) AVALC - Minutes of Meeting 1st March- circulated
- i) AVDC - News for the parishes April 2016- circulated
- j) Came & Company Council Matters Spring 2016- circulated
- k) CPRE - Countryside Voice & Field Work Spring 2016- circulated
- l) LCR - National Association of Local Councils magazine - Spring 2016- circulated
- m) NALC - Legal Topic Note - Copyright March 2016- circulated
- n) NALC - Financial Briefing Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England- 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. Matters of report

The following matters were reported :-

- a) The potholes in Great Lane had been filled using a machine which shot hot tarmac and stones into the hole with the result that there is debris all over the road.
- b) It had been reported that the replacement sensor for the intruder alarm at the Sports Centre had been fitted to the front door that remained closed rather to the one that opened.
- c) The Parish Council was asked by Cllr Foster whether the Parish Council would consider donating some money towards the provision of roller skates for young children for a possible activity session at the Jubilee Hall.
- d) The Parish Council Notice Board had been replaced on the wall near Badricks Farm. It was noted however that a new backboard had been put in but that it was difficult to pin anything on to this and a cork board insert was needed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16th May 2016 at Bierton Sports Centre