

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 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 M. Grieves, and the Clerk Mrs. M. Smith in attendance.  
Parishioners present – 3  
**Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor Bill Chapple, Cllr J Batson, Cllr J. Gilpin, 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 19<sup>th</sup> February were discussed and the following amendments made: -  
Item 4 was amended to read: - 'If Kingsbrook became a separate parish then the parish of Bierton with Broughton would be split in two leaving the future of Broughton undecided.'  
Item 13 was amended to read: - 'The Parish Council's view is that it would be sensible to create a separate Ward of the Parish for Kingsbrook for the 2019 elections and increase the number of councillors overall by two, allocating these councillors to the newly created ward.'  
The minutes were then accepted as a true record and duly signed.
4. **Open Public Forum**  
The following issues were raised: -
  - Kingsbrook – A resident of Kingsbrook wished to know how to find out about events that were organised locally. The Parish Council stated that it produces a newsletter that goes on the parish council website. Kingsbrook has a Facebook page and Cllr Grieves will investigate whether some information could be co-ordinated between this and the Bierton Facebook page.
  - The resident stated that he had not received an information pack when he moved into his property that should have been provided by the builders and the Parish Council will raise this issue at the next stakeholder's meeting.
  - A resident mentioned that the signalised crossing on Douglas Road was not working. This would be checked and if necessary reported to Transport for Bucks.
  - The state of the roads was commented on and the fact that a rad sweeper had not been seen operating in the parish recently.
  - A letter from a resident of Burcott Lane was read out by District |Councillor Ward querying the decision of the Parish Council to tarmac over the verge outside the Recreation Ground without consulting the residents. The Parish Council stated that a proposal to put a layby outside the Recreation Ground was being considered by the Parish Council but that a decision had not yet been made. If the Parish Council did decide to go ahead with the proposal, then the Parish Council would consult with residents as part of the procedure on how to improve the verge on Burcott lane between the Recreation Ground Gates. It was noted that parking on the verge at the moment is carried out by residents as well as Sports Centre Users.
5. **Clerks Report** – The Clerk's report was noted.
6. **Planning Applications**  
The following applications were considered: -  
**17/04446/APP** 56 Aylesbury Road, Bierton HP22 5BU – Two storey extension to rear property – The Parish Council considered that the information provided with this planning application was insufficient to be able to assess the validity of the comments from the neighbour regarding the measurements and that these technical issues should be assessed by the case officer.  
However, the Parish Council did have concerns over parking which is already an issue for houses along Aylesbury Road and the council had concerns about whether there would be enough parking to go with an increase in the number of bedrooms.  
  
**18/00146/APP** 27 Rowsham Road, Bierton HP22 5DZ – new driveway access but also maintain existing access - No Comments

**18/00533/APP** Badrick's Farm, 94 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DL – Erection of new detached dwelling with integral garage – The Parish Council agreed to OPPOSE this application for the reasons given below:-

- a) The Parish Council believes that this development would still represent an unacceptable intrusion into the countryside as stated by the case officer in the refusal for the previous application for this site (17/02566/APP)
- b) The Parish Council recognises that the size of the proposed dwelling has been reduced but would still suggest that this dwelling and the removal of existing trees and vegetation on this site would constitute an unacceptable form of development that would fail to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the Berton Conservation area.
- c) The Parish Council believes that the proposed access onto Barnett Way would be problematic for the current residents of Barnett Way particularly Nos 3 and 4.
- d) The Parish Council believes that the proposal by reason of the proposed layout relationship with surrounding built development would result in an unsatisfactory living environment for the occupants of the plot and feels that the changes in the design of the proposed development has not changed this relationship.
- e) The Parish Council has taken note of the number of objections from parishioners to the proposed development and would wish to support them in their objections.

If the application is considered by Committee the Parish Council would wish to speak at the Committee.

**18/00625/ALB** 194 Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DT – Replacement external windows and doors, repointing of eternal brickwork, reconstruction of defective chimney stack – Retrospective – No Comments

**18/00754/APP** Jubilee Cottage, 74c Aylesbury Road, Berton HP22 5DL – One and half storey side extension – The Parish Council were unable to make a decision about this application and it was decided that Cllr Fisher would make a site visit and report back to the other Parish Councillors.

**18/00879/APP** 18 Broughton Close, Berton HP22 5DJ – Single storey rear extension (Retrospective) – No Objections

## 7. Planning Determinations

The Parish Council noted the following determination by AVDC: -

**16/04572/APP** Land Adjacent to 194 Aylesbury Road - Erection of one detached dwelling and garage - **Refused**

**17/02588/APP** No 2 Burcott Lane and land and buildings to rear of 4 Burcott Lane and No 185A Aylesbury Road – Conversion of barn into three dwellings with retention of existing office and storage space, demolition of the existing double garage and storage sheds on 2 Burcott Lane, demolition of the existing storage sheds and amendment/extension to the existing garage on 4 Burcott Lane, bin storage building and erection of a single storey rear extension to No 2 Burcott Lane.

- Application Withdrawn

## 8. Other Planning Matters

Kingsbrook – Councillors had attended a Stakeholder's meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March when the following issues were covered: -

- A shuttle bus will start running from the community centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Work will start on installing traffic lights on the Canal Bridge in June
- A418/ELR junction – No start date has been given. The S106 states March 2021 but hopefully it will be started in early 2021. Copies of the diagram of the proposed junction were passed to the councillors. It is uncertain where the bus-stops are going to be and whether they will be in a lay-by or whether the buses will have to stop in the road.
- The lighting on Bellingham Way is to remain as it is despite criticism from the residents. Apparently, this had been agreed as too many bright lights would scare bats and badgers and nocturnal birds.
- Damage to road verges by heavy vehicles has been noticed. Barratts has a duty of responsibility to reinstate the verges.
- Footpaths – Chippings will be put down Muddy Lane and through to the school. Apparently, the County Council owns the top two feet and the landowner owns the bit underneath.
- The Community Centre should be open soon. This will start as a creche but Barratts is looking for a management company to take it on. The subject of installing a defibrillator at the centre was raised but Barratts do not want the responsibility of taking it on.

- Barratts will put up two noticeboards, one by the Community Centre. Dog Bins and Litter Bins will be placed at the entrances to the centre and on the playgrounds but not on open areas and will be serviced by the Management Company.

## 9. Community Assets

- a) Bierton Sports Centre and Recreation Ground – A written proposal from the Pre-School for plans to extend the outside area had not been received from the Pre-School. Cllr Cotton asked for the proposal to put a layby in the verge by the Recreation Ground to be considered at next month's meeting.
- b) Jubilee Hall – A quote for renovations to be carried out on the Jubilee Hall including the removal of the ceiling had been received for approximately £35,000. The Parish Council may therefore need to contribute to the cost of the works. The trustees had had a meeting with Tim Sherwood- King to cover the following issues: -
  - Title – The beneficiary of the 1935 will is the Parish Council and therefore the Parish Council is the legal owner of the hall and therefore there is nothing to stop the transfer of funds to the Parish Council.
  - Trust – It would be more difficult to cancel the trust than to continue. The role of the trustees is to act in any major legal transaction including disposal if required. There is therefore a need to have a minimum of two trustees for them to act in this capacity. Trustees can resign at any time and be replaced at any time. There is no legal requirement for the trustees to meet on a regular basis.

Cllr Sherley will close the Jubilee Hall bank account and transfer the funds to the Parish Council to be put into the deposit account to be withdrawn as necessary to pay for the running costs.

It was then suggested that a Management Committee should be set up for the Jubilee Hall as at the Sports Centre. Cllr Cotton said that she and Cllr Webber had agreed to be on the committee and that she proposed to ask Brian Small to join the committee. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

- c) Great Lane Allotments – The Parish Council is awaiting a reply to the letter sent to all the interested parties.

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

The deadlines of 11<sup>th</sup> March for the return of surveys by post and the 18<sup>th</sup> March for the completion of online surveys have passed and are now being analysed.

Cllr Gilpin had received a Housing Needs Assessment produced by Aecom funded by Locality. This document had been circulated to the other Parish Councillors to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

## 11. Unitary Authority

A government announcement on the two unitary proposals had been made last week which began: -

**Text of the written statement from Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government):**

My Rt Hon. Friend, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Sajid Javid) has today made the following Written Ministerial Statement.

I am today announcing how I am minded to proceed in response to the locally-led proposals that I have received for improving local government in Buckinghamshire. Currently in the administrative county of Buckinghamshire, there is a two-tier structure of Buckinghamshire County Council and the district councils of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, High Wycombe, and South Bucks.

There is broad local consent for change in Buckinghamshire, though there have been two alternative approaches for how precisely it should be configured. In September 2016 and January 2017, I received locally-led proposals for replacing the current structure, in one case with a single new unitary council and in the other case with two new unitary councils – one for the area of Aylesbury Vale and the other for the remainder of the current county area.

Having carefully considered all the material and representations I have received, I am minded to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval and further discussions, the locally-led proposal to replace the existing five councils across Buckinghamshire with a single council for the area.....

There is now a period of further consultation. The statement includes the email address for Sajid Javid MP for the purpose of comment and observations which must be made by 25 May 2018.

It was agreed by the Parish Council that as there was not a mandate from the community for the Parish Council to take a position either way then the Parish Council could not make a response.

## 12. Finance

The following payments and receipts were approved: -

VCHR	DATE	MONTH 12	NET	VAT	TOTAL	
<b>DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS</b>						
570	20/02/2018	AVDC - Dog Waste Service	517.50	103.50	621.00	
571	20/02/2018	AVDC - SC General Waste Collection	210.20	0.00	210.20	
572	22/02/2018	Nest Pension Contributions - Feb	15.08	0.00	15.08	
573	27/02/2018	Castle Water - Monthly Payment	70.48	0.00	70.48	
574	12/03/2018	E-on - Street Lights electricity	242.94	48.59	291.53	
			<b>1056.20</b>	<b>152.09</b>	<b>1208.29</b>	
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS - ALREADY PAID</b>						
575	02/03/2018	Signum Sign Studio - NP	110.00	22.00	132.00	
576	07/03/2018	People & Places - NP	800.00	160.00	960.00	
577	08/03/2018	Jennifer Lambert Associates - NP	1200.00	240.00	1440.00	
578	18/03/2018	T W Services - Jubilee Hall	35.00	0.00	35.00	
			<b>2145.00</b>	<b>422.00</b>	<b>2567.00</b>	
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID</b>						
579	19/03/2018	Buckland Landscapes Ltd	144.20	28.84	173.04	
580	19/03/2018	Done & Dusted	272.00	0.00	272.00	
581	19/03/2018	Eurooffice - Toner, Stamps etc	179.22	24.65	203.87	
582	19/03/2018	Lock & Key - JH	62.00	12.40	74.40	
583	19/03/2018	GritBins.net - SC & JH	136.98	27.40	164.38	
584	19/03/2018	Lester Wellington - New Alarm	367.26	0.00	367.26	
585	19/03/2018	B Small - Handyman February	544.57	4.92	549.49	
586	19/03/2018	Mrs M Smith - Clerk's Salary	851.28	0.00	851.28	
587	19/03/2018	Mrs M Smith - Expenses	40.38	1.31	41.69	
588	19/03/2018	HMRC - PAYE to 05 Mar	55.36	0.00	55.36	
			<b>2653.25</b>	<b>99.52</b>	<b>2752.77</b>	
<b>CHEQUE PAYMENTS - TO BE MADE</b>						
589	19/03/2018	Data Protection Registration	35.00	0.00	35.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>5889.45</b>	<b>673.61</b>	<b>6563.06</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
OL169	28/02/2018	Keri Donnellan	JH	96.00	0.00	96.00
OL170	28/02/2018	Sanila Hussain	JH	60.00	0.00	60.00
OL171	28/02/2018	JR Poole BBA	JH	60.00	0.00	60.00
OL172	02/03/2018	H Walsh 08/04	JH	60.00	0.00	60.00
OL173	02/03/2018	Aylesbury Canine	JH	135.00	0.00	135.00
OL174	03/03/2018	C Matthews Circuits	JH	40.00	0.00	40.00
OL175	03/03/2018	Lester Wellington	SC	2589.00	0.00	2589.00
OL176	06/03/2018	Monika Kettercise	JH	80.00	0.00	80.00
OL177	06/03/2018	Aylesbury Utd Girl	SC	50.00	0.00	50.00
INT	06/03/2018	Bank Interest Paid		2.26	0.00	2.26
OL178	10/03/2018	D C Spencer	SC	132.00	0.00	132.00
OL179	12/03/2018	V Dodds 25/03	SC	80.00	0.00	80.00
18 05a	12/03/2018	Bob Sargeant - Table Tennis Feb	SC	273.90	0.00	273.90
18 05b		Mrs S N Kirk 21/04	JH	45.00	0.00	45.00

18 05c		Mr & Mrs Conroy 03/06	JH	63.00	0.00	63.00
				<b>3766.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3766.16</b>
		<b>BALANCES</b>				
	18/03/2018	HSBC - Current				8368.10
	18/03/2018	HSBC - Deposit				42010.96
						50379.06
		Less Unpresented Cheques				<b>0.00</b>
		Less Payments to be made				<b>2787.77</b>
						47591.29

### 13. Outside Organisations

Cllr Robson and Cllr Cotton had attended the Parish Conference at AVDC. The conference was basically about planning and the status of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan was submitted to government on 28 February 2018 and will now be subject to an independent examination by Planning Inspector Paul Clark. The Inspector will hold a pre-inquiry briefing session in the near future to which the Parish Council will send a representative.

### 14. Correspondence, Circulars & Consultations

A list of correspondence had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting (Appendix 1)  
The following responses were noted: -

- Contract for Temporary Agency Staff – It was agreed that the name of the Parish Council could be included on the Contract to be drawn up by Bucks County Council
- No response was made to the consultation on the Bucks Draft Freight Strategy 2018-2039
- The position regarding the coach is that the Weight limit applies to vehicles going over the canal bridge and it is not certain that the coach that is going down Burcott Lane is going over the bridge or whether it is continuing along Bellingham Way to the traffic lights with Douglas Road.

### 15. Matters of Report

- Cllr Fisher is co-ordinating a litter picking event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- Cllr Fisher has reported four footpath stile issues to Bucks County Council with photographs
- A school governor had sent out a leaflet about the school extension
- Cllr Dewis stated that he felt that there was a need for a refresher course on the use of the defibrillators. Cllr Cotton will ask the paramedic.

### 16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.