

# Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 19.00 Hours at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr G Sherley, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr B Robson Cllr A Webber, Cllr J Batson,

13 Members of the public present.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Grieves

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

### 4. Public Forum

A resident from Broughton Crossing spoke openly about the concerns regarding the proposed football pitch & sports facilities on Burcott Lane submitted by Barratts as part of the Kingsbrook development.

He shared concerns such as high voltage underground cables in close proximity to homes, the actual use of such facility, is it needed? How often it would get used, associated traffic concerns and misuse of the facilities and car park and the wildlife that currently inhabit the area. As part of this discussion Cllr Robson explained that this area of land had always been intended as a sports field on the original development plans. The residents were encouraged to submit their concerns to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

A member of the public enquired as to where they could obtain copies of minutes from past meetings, the Clerk apologised and explained that the Parish Council are currently having problems with the website but she would be very happy to supply any copies he required. It was noted that the Website was listed on the agenda as an individual item.

There being no further points raised the public forum was closed.

### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

**19/04204/ADP** Kingsbrook, Aylesbury Broughton Lane Broughton Crossing Aylesbury Buckinghamshire, Reserved matter details for playing field provision and pavilion with car parking. Details pursuant to outline planning permission 10/02649/AOP (as modified by variation of condition permission 17/03061/APP) (comments by 13th February) then 19/04204/ADP Minor Amendment, "no further consultation required" notification received.

**The Parish Council note the use of this site was agreed in principle, however have the following comments; The location of the high voltage electric cables within 10 metres of the dwellings of Broughton Crossing cause concern and would like confirmation that this proposal is compliant with current legislation, If the AVDC are minded to approve this application then an alternative route for this cabling should be explored. Local knowledge tells us this site is well known for flooding often and question whether this should not too be taken into consideration. The Parish Council share residents concerns regarding he actual need for a Football Pitch, perhaps other sporting facilities should be explored? Cricket Pitch, Running Track etc. Traffic and parking are also of concern, such a large area of the carpark is to be allocated to coaches but it is hard to see if this is truly needed. Security and mis use of the carpark is also a concern as is the location of the entrance/exit which seems in close proximity to a dangerous bend in the road. Also both the Parish Council and Broughton Crossing residents are concerned about the lack of pedestrian facilities as current ones are via public footpaths across fields. The Parish Council would ask AVDC to take these considerations onboard.**

**20/00185/APP & 20/00186/ALB** Badricks Farm 94 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL Conversion and extension to a listed asset to create a new dwelling unit (comments due by 17th February) –

**NO OBJECTIONS/NO COMMENTS**

**19/03773/APP and 19/03891/APP 104 & 102 Aylesbury Road – No further update received from AVDC. Cllr Cotton has provided AVDC with photos of parked cars and bins in relation to the access.**

It was noted that Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 16/04142/AOP for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the erection of up to five detached dwellings with access, parking and amenity space - Land West Of Rowsham Rowsham Road Bierton had been approved.

It was noted that the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is still someway from being agreed upon.

**6. The Red Lion Public House** - It was noted that since the agenda had been published the temporary Landlord had since decided to stay and the pub will remain open.

**7. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – An update was received from Cllr Cotton, 2 members of the steering group have resigned, no further progress to report, there will be further updates next month.

#### **8. Kingsbrook**

It was noted that there will be temporary 24 hour traffic lights at the new ELR junction for 3 weeks, including 2 overnight road closures.

A representative of Kingsbrook advised that the management company are installing speed signs on the development. The Parish Council were asked if they would purchase Neighbourhood Watch signs for the village 2, 3 & 4 instead, at a cost of £2.465 Inc VAT. It was resolved that the Parish Council would purchase these signs using funds from the earmarked reserves for Kingsbrook. Installation of these signs however would be down to either the management company or the new Kingsbrook Parish Council.

The Clerk advised that an application had been made to the Local Area Forum for match funding of £2,500 to purchase 2 new mobile speed devices but a decision would unfortunately not be made until the summer. The Parish Council were asked if they would purchase a mobile speed device for use on Kingsbrook out of the earmarked reserve, after a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council (if successful in grant application) would use the benefit of the match funding to enable the purchase of 2 mobile speed devices, and both would be given to Kingsbrook. If the grant application is not approved later in the year then the Parish Council will use £2,500 from the earmarked reserve to purchase one mobile speed device for Kingsbrook.

It was noted that Barratts are unable to commit to any speed calming until the ELR is open as it is unsure what impact this will then have on other roads in the village such as Burcott Lane and Aylesbury Road. It was suggested that a working group meet on 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall to look at proposed traffic calming, before meeting with Barratts towards the end of April, before May elections if possible.

#### **9. Village & Parish Council Website**

The current website was discussed, the Clerk was asked to make contact with Cllr Grieves and Cllr Gilpin to obtain quotes and proposals to see what can be done to improve the security and usability of it.

#### **10. Highways/Muddy Lane**

There is currently no further update on the footway along Burcott Road, (joining the two existing footways) Cllr Cotton will contact District Cllr Bill Chapple about the matter.

Rainwater collects at the end of muddy lane leaving it very muddy. The Chairman has written to TfB asking if something can be done to rectify this.

It was noted that there has been several dumped cars at the end of Muddy Lane in recent months, this issue has been reported to Thames Valley Police.

#### **11. Administrative Matters**

The Clerk informed the Council that a change of electric tariff to an LED tariff for use with the street lights had been successful, making considerable savings on the energy consumption and bill.

Information was given about the upcoming Parish Council elections in May. This information is available on the village website ([www.biertonvillage.org.uk](http://www.biertonvillage.org.uk))

#### **12. Budget**

Cllr Sherley presented the proposed Budget, which was agreed upon by the Council.

The Clerk advised going forward the budget will be presented and agreed upon ahead of the precept setting in order to allow the council to set the precept accordingly based on the councils financial position, something that historically has not been done, after discussion this was agreed upon.

**13. Finance & Orders**

The council's financial statements which had previously been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon.

**14. Updates**

- Bierton Events Group  
The quiz being held on 14<sup>th</sup> March is getting a good response with many bookings.  
Plans have started for a "Gate to front door" event in June  
There are also plans for another running event, possibly 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre  
The Clerk was asked to contact a local drainage firm to look at the ladies toilets in the Jubilee Hall as they are slow draining. Nothing else to report.
- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors  
Cllr Cotton recently attended the Parish Liaison meeting held by BMLALC.

**15. Announcements**

None.

**16. Matters of Report**

None,

**17. Date of next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 19.00 Hours at the Jubilee Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.21 Hours.

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