

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 2nd March 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 J Batson, Cllr M Grieves & District Councillor Julie Ward

7 Members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Webber & Cllr Gilpin

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 10th February January were accepted as a true record and duly signed after a couple of amendments had been made.

4. Public Forum

A resident raised their concerns about the Eastern Link Road and the bus services 100 & 150 that currently run through Bierton. Concerns were that these buses are to be re routed through the Kingsbrook Development, a lengthy discussion ensued, the parish council advised that it has raised these concerns at the original planning stage and at subsequent stages, only to be advised by Barratts that the Bus services that runs through Bierton is a commercial venture and it falls to the bus operating service to run the services where it chooses, the parish council offered its support going forward to in relation to liaising with developers and bus service companies but the resident was advised to start a petition with public support to demonstrate the need and commercial viability of the bus services through Bierton and to contact District and County Councillors for further support.

It was discussed that Village 4 of the Kingsbrook development will be accessed from the partially opened Eastern Link Road for residents in 2021, however no construction traffic is to use this route, construction traffic is to continue using Bellingham Way. The entire Eastern Link Road is planned to open by the end of 2021.

The proposed sports field on Burcott Lane was discussed, it was noted that Barratts had been liaising with Sport England and the sports facilities had been designed with their recommendations. It was also reported that the underground power cables that were causing concern to residents were deemed far safer than the existing overhead cables. Barratts will liaise with UK Power networks in relation to the cabling.

Barratts have liaised with the RSPB and have agreed to retain the Ash Tree that was earmarked for felling, whilst Barratts have made this agreement local residents will still look into a Tree Protection Order.

A resident reported that there is currently substantial archaeological investigations happening on the field next to the dairy which has discovered medieval remains of Burcott Village and a large Roman Farm Stead, further information will be provided as the investigations continue.

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

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

20/00654/APP 1 Ivy Lane, Bierton HP22 5AP – Removal of existing single storey extension/stable and erection of two storey extension. (comments by 23rd March) – **No Comments/No objections**

20/00270/APP 199 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5DS – Front Porch extension and bay window, Two storey rear extension. (comments by 21st March) **To be further reviewed and comments will be submitted by Cllr Robson in the Clerks absence.**

20/00530/ADP -Land North Of Aston Clinton Road (Former Aston Clinton MDA Site) Weston Turville Buckinghamshire

Approval of reserved matters (external appearance, layout and scale) for the erection of care home (C2 Use) and associated works pursuant to outline planning permission 15/03806/AOP (comment by 24th March) **No comments/No objections.**

6. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – An update was received from Cllr Cotton, the group have now reconvened after a break and the plan is progressing.

Steve Knowles Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group confirmed that the Terms of reference, code of conduct and declarations of interest had been accepted by the group.

Cllr Cotton reported that a letter had been received from a developer in relation to developing land at the rear of Rowsham Road, Cllr Cotton has drafted a response stating the Neighbourhood Plan steering group had decided not to support this development as it was outside of the proposed neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council resolved to support this response.

7. Kingsbrook

A Kingsbrook representative recapped the decision made last month to use funds and match funding (if granted) to purchase mobile speed devices. The parish Council were asked if I would use some reserve funds to help set up the new Kingsbrook Parish Council by way of set up costs such as laptops etc. It was advised this is what their own precept should really be for, the clerk will contact Balc to see if there are any restrictions on such a request, the representative was advised to put together a presentation of what they feel the reserves could be spent on and further present them to the council at the next meeting.

8. Village & Parish Council Website

The current website was discussed. It was resolved that the website need updating and a fresher look and be more user friendly. Cllr Grieves advised that he and Cllr Gilpin will look into what can be done.

9. Community Boards.

It was reported that the Community Boards will replace the current local area forums, Bierton will be in the Wendover/Stoke Mandeville/Aston Clinton/Weston Turville/Kingsbrook & Broughton Division

10. Digital Bus Stop

Cllr Dewis put forward the idea of a digital/real time bus timetable at the bus stop opposite the Red Lion to help inform the public of any delays as the bus travels from Milton Keynes/Leighton Buzzard to Aylesbury. This idea was supported by the council and it was felt that it may encourage the service to be used more if there was up to date information. The Clerk will contact County Councillor Bill Chapple to gain information.

11. Ivinghoe Area Freight Proposal

The diversion of HGVs away from Ivinghoe, Cheddington and Mentmore was discussed, the Parish Council has concerns that this will divert this traffic towards and through the village of Bierton, it is unknown what impact the new Eastern Link Road would have on this diversion if any. The Parish Council would like any final decisions to be made after the ELR is fully operational in order to better assess the situation. Cllr Cotton & Cllr Sherly hope to attend an exhibition later this week to gain further information.

12. Administrative Matters

None to report.

13. Updates

- Bierton Events Group
The quiz being held on 14th March is getting a good response with many bookings and only two available spaces left.
Plans are underway for the “Gate to front door” event in June
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre
TA drainage company was called in to look at the drainage issue, there appears to be roots causing problems, the drainage company will visit again and then provide further information as to what can be done.
- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors
Cllr Robson is planning to attend the North Bucks Planning group later this month to discuss the progress of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.

14. Announcements

The Clerk will soon be taking annual leave until week commencing 23rd March

15. Matters of Report

Cllr Cotton reported that she had been approached by a local resident about the Parish Council's thoughts on The Bell being converted to a dwelling, a general discussion followed and general feeling was that one dwelling was more favourable than a boarded up and derelict property.

It was noted that Cllr Gilpin and Steve Knowles had downloaded the data from the mobile speed devices, the clock needs resetting and Steve Knowles has offered to do this and then forward the data to the parish council.

There will be a Barratts meeting on 22nd April at 10am at the Jubilee Hall to further discuss traffic calming plans.

Cllr Batson reported that the residents of Broughton Hamlet were delighted with the news of becoming their own parish meeting and all had offered support. Cllr Batson asked if the Council would replace the current "Broughton" signs with "Broughton Hamlet" signs, Cllr Batson will contact Rob Anderson to get some costings, this can then be added to the next agenda for formal discussion/decision.

Cllr Fisher had reported the trees near Dunsham Farm to Aylesbury Town Council as they are now overhanging the path and making it difficult to pass. Aylesbury Town Council have been in recent contact with the land owners who have asked Aylesbury Town Council to provide a quotation to carry out the work on their behalf.

It was noted that construction vehicles had been spotted at the end of Muddy Lane, it is hoped this is to rectify the ongoing flooding/mud issue.

Cllr Cotton will make contact with AVDC and request Election packs are sent to her address.

17. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th April at 19.00 Hours at the Jubilee Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.44 Hours.