

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 18th November 2019 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 M Grieves, Cllr A Webber the Clerk Jo Payne.

Not Present: Cllr J Batson

5 Members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr B Chapple Cllr J Gilpin

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

4. Public Forum

A member of the public raised the planning application at The Vicarage, 5 St James Way, Bierton for a Garden Room, the member of the public asked the Parish Council if they would be prepared to speak if this application was discussed at committee, in light of the responses from local residents the Parish Council agreed that a member would speak if the application went in front of a committee and would support the local residents the Clerk was asked to communicate this to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

A member of the public raised the planning applications for 102 & 104 Aylesbury Road and commented that he feels that this would be overdevelopment. The member of public was advised these planning applications were on the agenda to be discussed by the parish council.

A member of the public, who is also a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group asked the Parish Council for a letter of appointment and Terms of Reference for the steering group so that this documentation can be submitted along with other documents for consultation and inspection which forms part of the plan. The member of public explained these documents are required by law, after a lengthy discussion Cllr Robson and Cllr Cotton agreed to liaise with the steering group and other members of the parish council in order to produce these documents as soon as possible, so as not to cause any delays to the steering groups work.

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

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

19/03773/APP - 104 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL

Conversion of outbuildings to living accommodation. Two storey side extension to main dwelling and carport extension with first floor living accommodation - **Objects**

19/03891/APP -102 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL Demolition of existing property and construction of Two dwellings - **Objects**

After a lengthy discussion regarding the above applications the Parish Council will Object to both applications, it is felt that this is overdevelopment on the edge of the conservation area and causes traffic concern accessing the site from the A418. Cllr Robson has drafted a response which the

Clerk will submit along with a comment regarding overdevelopment. The Parish Council have no concerns of the public footpath being redirected.

A letter has been received from Bierton C of E School in relation to a consultation period for the proposed new nursery. After discussion the Parish Council feel that the school's statement regarding extra traffic is an unsubstantiated claim, and are concerned about parking issues which is already a problem and feels this would just extend the length of congestion at drop of and collection times. The Parish Council also feel that the turning circle is not at all suitable to be used as a drop off/pick up point for the nurse based on the young age of the children. It was noted that these concerns were raised at the time of the planning application, and this consultation is being carried out by the school as best practise. The Clerk will submit these comments to the school.

Cllr Robson asked if there had been any further information regarding the planning application at The Paddocks, Marshalls Lea. No further information has been received.

It was noted that the recent changes to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) are now out for consultation.

6. Kingsbrook

It was noted that the community centre is now open.

It was noted that the Parish Council are in the process of registering the community centre as a community asset, for the good of the community if the present owner was to sell, this would give the Parish Council option to purchase.

7. Community Governance Review

Cllr Cotton & Cllr Robson along with the Clerk and a representative from Kingsbrook attended a recent meeting with Aylesbury Vale District Council Officers to discuss the progress of the Community Governance Review (CGR) The proposed boundary change request submitted by the Parish Council during the second consultation period was discussed and AVDC District Officers advised those at the meeting to continue based on the boundaries originally submitted with the petition, if changes were to be made at this stage there would be significant delays and the deadline would not be met, AVDC Officers advised that Bierton Parish Council could, in the future call for an additional review regarding boundaries if it so wished, representatives from the parish council agreed that as establishing the new Parish Council for Kingsbrook and Parish Meeting for Broughton Hamlet is the priority, they agreed to proceed as set out in the original petition. The Community Governance review is back on track and the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee is being held on 2nd December, with the final decision resting with the Shadow Executive of the new Buckinghamshire Council in early January 2020.

8. Administrative Matters

The renewal maintenance contract from Swarco (for the mobile traffic sensor) has been received and the Parish Council were in agreement to continue.

9. Budget & Precept

Councillor Allowances were discussed and it was resolved not to add these to the budget as a stand alone expense item, it was agreed that Councillors would continue to claim any expenses incurred as and when they arise.

The clerk and Cllr Sherley will work together to produce the proposed budget for review early next year.

The Parish Council are waiting for information from Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) in relation to the tax base for the setting of the Precept for 2020/2021 as the Community Governance Review

taking place will significantly affect this depending on the final outcome. The Clerk is in communication with AVDC about this matter.

10. Finance

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

11. Updates

- Bierton Events Group

The running event was a great success and was well supported, raising £1000.00 for Dylans Charity.

There will be an indoor cinema on 14th December, this is a free event for local residents and only a few tickets remain.

District Cllr Ward, along with Cllr Cotton & Cllr Dewis are organising the Christmas lunch for the senior citizens as the Red Lion remains closed for food. Funding will be provided for this by District Cllr Ward. The funding etc will be made through the Events Group's account.

- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The group require a letter of appointment and terms of reference from the Parish Council, once these have been received they will form part of a documentation pack which will be submitted to independent consultants to inspect and approve.

There is to be an open meeting offering information regarding the Neighbourhood Plan on 27th November for the residents of Kingsbrook and an evening on 16th December for the Parish Council to meet with the Steering Group.

- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre

The Parish Council have received a letter from the insurance company in relation to the subsidence claim to the Jubilee Hall stating that the insurance company are unable to assist with repairs. The clerk is in communication with the insurance company about this matter and the renewal of the policy due 1st December and it was agreed to update and liaise with Councillors via email if any decisions are required as there is no meeting until January 2020.

There have been some complaints in relation to noise relating to some recent functions at the Sports Centre, it was suggested and agreed to allow music no later than 11.30 and to vacate the premises by Midnight.

Cllr Cotton and the Clerk will look into general licensing updating for both premises sometime in the new year.

Cllr Sherley continues to look into possible HS2 funding and feels that an application can be made for improvements to facilities at the sports centre & recreation ground. Cllr Sherley will start to put together a draft proposal.

- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors

Cllr Cotton, Cllr Robson, Cllr Sherley & Cllr Dewis attended a recent meeting with Barratts regarding the ELR, and as yet there is still no final plan for the lay out.

12. Announcements

An invitation to the licensing of the new Vicar for St James the Great has been received. Cllrs Cotton and Webber will attend to represent the Parish Council. Cllr Robson to also attend as he is a bellringer.

15. Matters of Report

A thank you to Ruth Grant for arranging the beautiful display of Remembrance Poppies around the village.

24. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th January at 19.00 Hours at the Jubilee Hall. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.14 Hours.