

Bierton with Broughton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 15th June 2020 at 19.00 Hours via ZOOM Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr M Grieves and the Clerk Jo Payne.

1 Members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Webber, Cllr J Batson

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 2nd March were accepted as a true record and agreement was made for the chairman to sign.

4. Public Forum

There were no points raised, and the public forum was subsequently closed.

5. Councillor Resignations

The chairman confirmed that both Cllrs Robson & Cllr Sherley had resigned from the Parish Council, both had been very valued members of the Parish Council for many years. This now leaves 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, at the time of the resignations Buckinghamshire Council advised the Parish Council to hold these vacancies in light of the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic. The Chairman has asked the Clerk to see if these vacancies can be held until May 2021 in light of the current situation. The Clerk will seek advice.

6. Appointment of Vice Chair

It was resolved that Cllr Webber would hold the Position of Vice Chair until the next Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council. (Cllr Webber was not present at the meeting but had put himself forward for the role ahead of the meeting)

7. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council & Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to postpone these meetings until May 2021. The Chairman will however produce a Chairman's report for 2019/2020 and this will be published on the Parish Councils notice board and website.

8. Bierton Parish Council & Kingsbrook Parish Council & Broughton Hamlet

It was confirmed that in May following the recent Community Governance Review that Bierton with Broughton Parish Council had now been split into 3 Parishes; Bierton Parish Council, Kingsbrook Parish Council and Broughton Hamlet Parish Meeting. The first meeting of Kingsbrook Parish Council is 18th June.

The four District Councillors, Cllr Chapple, Cllr Ward, Cllr Paternoster & Cllr Collins will sit on the new Parish Council as new members will be subsequently co-opted.

Cllr Batson will represent for Broughton Hamlet .

9. Clerks Report

The Clerks report was noted.

10. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

Planning application comments/objections that had previously been agreed upon via emails during the initial lockdown period during were noted.

20/01833/APP Kingsfield 29 Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DS Single storey rear extension, front and rear dormer windows and open porch – Received after publication of agenda but ahead of meeting. – NO OBJECTIONS/NO COMMENTS

Barnett Way – the request that had been received to relocate the lamppost in the corner of Barnett Way to allow for vehicular access by the landowner was discussed, it was resolved that the Parish Council had no objections providing the relocation and associated costs are covered by the applicant.

Cllr Fisher will report the unevenness of this footpath in this location to Buckinghamshire Council.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is still progressing, it has been examined by Buckinghamshire Council & an independent Advisor. Due to the current situation the referendum can not be held before May 2021. The group are holding regular virtual meetings.

12. Parish Council Meetings.

The frequency of the Parish Council meetings was discussed, it was resolved to continue to hold them monthly, with the exception of August & December when no meetings will be held.

13. Administrative Matters

With the resignation of 2 Cllrs the signatories to the Parish Council bank account require updating, it was resolved that the Cllr Cotton & Cllr Dewis would remain as signatories with the addition of Cllr Fisher & Cllr Grieves. The Clerk would no longer be a signatory at her request.

The online banking login user details have been updated to be in line with NALC/BMKALC recommendations. Cllr Cotton (Chairman) will now log in to authorise the online payments once they have been set up by the Clerk on the banking system. Payments will still be authorised and approved by the parish council in the usual way.

14. Financial Year End & Annual Return & Accountability Return (AGAR)

The accounts for the financial year end were agreed along with the Annual Return & Accountability Return (AGAR). It was agreed the Chairman and Clerk could now sign the AGAR Forms on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk could now proceed with the process of the External Audit.

15. Finance & Orders

Payments and receipts which had previously been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon along with the councils financial statements.

16. Highways

Speed data has been collected from the mobile speed device and it was resolved to approach Thames Valley Police for further advice on how to further proceed with the use of the data.

Work on the new footpath along Burcott Lane is due to start very shortly. This footpath will connect two existing paths along Burcott Lane, from the new footpath outside the dairy to the existing footpath ahead of the bend. This work is being jointly funded by Buckinghamshire Council, The Greater Local Area Forum, Bierton Parish Council and the Griffin Trust.

Buckinghamshire Council have stated that they currently do not have the funding available to repair the footpath down Parsons Lane near the school.

There have been further complaints of parked cars at the top of Burcott Lane near the junction to the A418, these complaints have been passed to District Councillor Bill Chapple. There have also been complaints of parked cars opposite the Red Lion pub.

Cllr Cotton contacted Barrats following complaints of a No right turn lane into Gibb Lane following the work on the new junction at the Eastern Link Road. Barrats have advised that this junction has been assessed by Highways and is satisfactory, this can be further assessed once all traffic calming measures are in place once the Eastern Link Road is fully open.

It was noted that the ditches and overgrown hedges have been cleared along the Aylesbury road near to the allotments, the current drainage is poor and Buckinghamshire Council are liaising with the landowners.

There is currently no date for the road resurfacing of Parsons Lane, Cllr Cotton will continue to chase.

17. Updates

- Bierton Events Group
The Gate to Front door event has been cancelled.
It is currently uncertain if the running event will take place.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre
Both halls remain closed until September due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. However the Preschool is operating in the Sports Centre as its only user. Soap, hand sanitiser and tissues have been put in place.

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Sports Factor have shown interest in using the sports centre during the summer, no decision will be made until further guidance is in place.

Replacement fire extinguishers have been installed at the sports centre and the alarm has had its annual service. The gas boiler has had its annual service/check.

Replacement fridges have been installed at both halls.

The drains at the Jubilee Hall have been cleared/cleaned.

If the halls are allowed to reopen in September it is expected that the loss of income due to the Coronavirus Pandemic will be in the region of £18,000.

It was agreed to apply to the Griffin Trust for funding to install a Nest heating system/thermostat and replacement flooring at the sports centre.

The insurance company has rejected the subsidence claim for the Jubilee Hall, it has been advised the Parish Council contact the previous insurance company to make a claim.

It was agreed to allow the Scouts to hold their annual Firework display at the sports centre on 6th November if government Covid -19 guidelines allow it.

There has been several issues regarding fly tipping on the recreation ground, Cllr Cotton has approached District Cllr Chapple to borrow CCTV.

A personal trainer has asked if they could hold training sessions on the rec, providing they follow social distancing guidelines it was resolved this could go ahead.

It was noted that Stone United (a team that regularly hire the sports centre) had also been training on the rec in a socially distanced manner.

- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors
None.

18. Announcements

None.

19. Matters of Report

It was noted that there had been bonfires at the top of Great Lane, burning what looked like fly tipping.

It was advised that Buckinghamshire Council are offering grants to Parish Councils/Community Groups to help provide support for Covid-19.

It was requested that the Parish Council look to replace its notice board across the parish, the clerk will obtain some quotes and will add this item to the next agenda.

It was noted that the community library had been very popular, more permanent options need to be discussed once libraries are allowed to reopen.

Cllr Fisher has asked the Clerk to apply to the Griffin Trust for match funding to replace 2 old stiles with accessible gates.

17. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th July at 19.00 Hours via Zoom (Meeting ID & password will be on the agenda) There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.54 Hours.