

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 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, Cllr A Webber, District Cllr C Paternoster, District Cllr Chapple and the Clerk Jo Payne.

2 Members of the public present.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were accepted as a true record and agreement was made for the chairman to sign.

### 4. Public Forum

A member of the public raised the planning application for 102 Aylesbury Road for two dwellings, and shared concerns of the residents of Barnett Way. The Parish Council stated that they had objected to the planning application (and that of 104 Aylesbury Road) and still stood by its objections, however this was now in the hands of the planning department. Cllr Bill Chapple stated that the highways department must now feel satisfied with the application if it had withdrawn its own objections, so no further points to be raised. It is unsure if this application will go before a planning committee, however the parish council understand there is some legal/ownership issues to be dealt with first if that is the case.

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

### 5. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

**20/02169/PIP** Beechfield, Cane End Lane Permission in principle – erection of a single dwelling (comments by 21st July) – **No objections but would like to suggest an agricultural restriction or rural restriction (or something similar) to tie the property to the applicants current land, so that the new dwelling can not be sold on separately but to be used for occupants with an agricultural/equine interest.**

**20/02213/APP** 229 Aylesbury Road – single storey extension (comments by 6th August) **No Objections/No Comments**

**20/02253/APP** The Paddocks, 14 Marshalls Lea – Two storey side extension, front porch canopy and associated internal alterations. (comments by 10th August) **No Objections/No Comments**

**19/03891/APP** 102 Aylesbury Rd Bierton Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two dwellings – Comments previously submitted – As discussed in the public forum.

### 6. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is still progressing, and is due to be edited in August. The group are holding regular virtual meetings, further updates in September.

### 7. Community Library

After discussion it was resolved due to current Covid 19 guidelines the library would remain closed. It is just not possible to monitor/quarantine the books between lenders currently. The future permanent location of the library is to be discussed at a future meeting. The Parish Council agreed that it had proved very popular within the community.

Allotments are available to rent by contacting John Chantler, details are found on the green sheet.

### **9. Hedges**

Recent months some areas of hedging had become rather overgrown, the contractors are slowly working their way round in an effort to catch up.

It was reported that there is some overhanging hedge/trees near the Red Lion which is making the footpath narrower than usual, the Clerk was asked to contact the homeowner to request this issue is resolved.

### **10.Playground & Outdoor Gym**

It was resolved that the parish council are happy for the playground to remain open, the Parish Council are satisfied with the risk assessment and the guidelines for use. The playground is sprayed weekly with an antibacterial solution but the Parish Council does not have the resources for this to be carried out any more frequently. Feedback from Cllrs that had witnessed the playground in use stated that it appeared the guidelines (which are displayed at the entry point of playground) were being followed. Buckinghamshire Council have now provided a guideline poster which will also be displayed at the playground.

It was resolved that the best location for the new outdoor gym would be next to the playground along the hedgerow, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Dewis & Cllr Webber are meeting with the contractor to discuss the suitability of this area.

### **11. Administrative Matters**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had now been advised by Buckinghamshire to advertise the two Councillor Vacancies, this has been done via the main notice board, the website and parish Council Facebook page.

### **12. 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.

### **13. Highways**

The new footpath along Burcott Lane has now been completed and is open for use. Cllr Cotton is attending a press release on 22<sup>nd</sup> July held by Barratts who part funded the project.

The footpath outside the school along parsons lane is being repaired this week.

Parsons Lane is due to be resurfaced over the coming weeks, whilst the school is closed over the summer holidays.

Parking close to the junction on Burcott Lane continues to be a problem.

Parked cars are also causing an issue opposite the Red Lion, cars are parking on the pavement causing an obstruction. Cllr Chapple advised to contact the police over this matter.

Blocked gullies along the Aylesbury Road are becoming an issue, Cllr Chapple has contacted the local area technician to look into this.

### **14. Updates**

#### Bierton Events Group

The events team are hoping to meet in August to discuss future events.

- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre

Both halls remain closed until September due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Cllr Cotton is contacting the hall users ahead of the halls reopening to provide them with a Risk assessment and to obtain copies of theirs, any changes to hire agreements will also be put in place, such as additional cleaning responsibilities.

Both Halls will have Covid Isolation rooms, in the event of someone being taken ill with Covid symptoms, Covid First Aid boxes containing PPE will also be available in each hall.

Both halls now have freestanding Hand sanitising stations located at the front door.

Cllr Cotton, Cllr Dewis & Cllr Webber will meet at the playground to discuss the Rospa playground report.

The football teams are keen to get back on the pitch, Cllr Webber is contacting the ADL to further discuss options.

- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors  
Cllr Cotton and Cllr Chapple attended the Aylesbury Garden Town meeting.

**18. Announcements**

None.

**19. Matters of Report**

It was noted that where there had been bonfires at the top of Great Lane people have now planted some plants in memory of those who have lost their lives due to Covid 19.

It has been suggested that the grass verge along the Aylesbury road could become a Wildlife verge encouraging wild flora & fauna. The parish Council agreed in principle, but will be added to the agenda in September for a more formal discussion, Cllr Chapple will provide some more information.

**17. Date of next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st September at 19.00 Hours, details of where/how the meeting will be held will be published on the agenda. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.52 Hours.