

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 16th November 2020 at 19.00 Hours via ZOOM Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr B Chapple, Cllr C Paternoster, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr Grieves, Cllr J Batson, Cllr M Glynn, Cllr S Knowles and the Clerk Jo Payne.

1 Member of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Webber

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Glynn declared a personal interest in agenda item number 8. Due to the proximity of the proposed cable to his home. Cllr M Glynn has been involved with the Broughton Residents Association for some time, this was prior to him becoming a Parish Councillor.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 19th October 2020 were accepted as a true record, a typing error of 330,00 volts is to be corrected to read 33,000 kV, agreement was then made for the chairman to sign.

4. Public Forum

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding on the Aylesbury Road near the allotments after heavy rain fall. It was noted that it had been an exceptionally heavy rain fall. The Clerk will email Cllr Chapple to request further ditch clearing.

No further points raised the public forum was closed.

5. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

- 20/02888/APP - Aylesbury Golf Centre Ltd Hulcott Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5GA Change of use of part of golf driving range 4 driving range bays converted into a licensed bar (retrospective) – No Comments
- 20/03629/AOP - Land North Of Aston Clinton Road (Former Aston Clinton MDA Site) Weston Turville Buckinghamshire Removal of condition 3 (approved plans) on application 15/03806/AOP -No comments
- 20/03799/APP - 110 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL Garage conversion into habitable accommodation, first floor extension over existing attached garage and flat roof – No Objections, but the Parish Council would like to comment on the lack of provision for parking if the garage is to be removed and an additional bedroom is to be created, meaning potential for an additional vehicle in the future.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently in a 6 week consultation period under regulation 14.

Formal comments have been received, some informal comments have also been received via social media, it has been encouraged that these are to be made formal responses.

Kingsbrook Parish Council raised some objections to the Neighbourhood Plan leaflet drop in Kingsbrook, however as Kingsbrook forms part of the Neighbourhood Plan the leaflets were distributed, no responses received to date. Kingsbrook Parish Council have been advised to contact Buckinghamshire Council.

Reminders of the consultation period will be issued.

7. Burcott Lane/Dairy Crossing

The safety of this crossing and area was discussed. During a lengthy discussion the following points were raised:

- Signage – to warn both pedestrians and vehicles of the crossing
- A possible Pedestrian Crossing of some type
- Installation of a gate at the end of the footpath
- Hazardous parking of vehicles on the footway.

Cllr Fisher & Cllr Knowles will put together a proposal of what could be done to improve the safety of this area and forward to the Clerk and Cllr Chapple.

8. Broughton Crossing High Voltage Electrical Cable.

Cllr Glynn updated the parish council on the background of the proposed cable and the work the residents have done in trying to relocate the proposed cable further away from their properties. Following a recent Zoom meeting with the Broughton Residents, Barratts, UK Power Networks and MP Greg Smith to discuss further the potential dangers associated with Electromagnetic Fields and the proximity to dwellings and people, it was stated that MP Greg Smith would escalate the matter to the higher authorities.

After a lengthy discussion the Parish Council resolved to support the Broughton residents in their attempt to relocate the high voltage cable (33,00kV). The Clerk is to write to MP Greg Smith stating the Parish Councils support.

9. Ash Tree at Recreation Ground

An ash tree overhanging the playground has recently had to be felled for safety reasons, the clerk has requested a quote for the removal of the stump but is waiting to receive this, once received this will be put to the council at the next meeting for discussion.

A discussion ensued on whether it is best to leave the stump for the hedge to grow over and slowly decay or to actually remove the stump completely. This will be discussed further in January.

The replacement of the Tree was also discussed, it was agreed to look at planting a new tree at some point in the future, but this would require further discussions to agree a suitable location and species of tree.

10. Administrative Matters

Meeting dates for 2021 were agreed and the clerk will circulate.

The insurance renewal was discussed and agreed upon. The Clerk is to remind the insurance company that there has been a claim within the last 5 years which was reflected in the renewal document.

The Chair updated with Parish Council on plans from a local resident to run a Community Allotment at the Great Lane Allotments, the resident has approached Aylesbury Garden Town and the Wendover Community Board who support the project. The Parish Council resolved to support the project and hope it will be a great benefit to the community.

11. 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. A couple of expenses for Cllr Greives and Cllr Knowles in relation to the running event will be added to the payment schedule.

12. Budget

Cllr Grieves presented a proposed budget for the financial year of 2021/22. After a short discussion the Budget was tentatively agreed upon. Formal agreement will be made in January when the Precept is discussed and agreed.

13. Updates

Bierton Events Group

- The Virtual running event was well supported. £567.91 was raised and Cllr Grieves employers have kindly matched this figure, meaning a total of £1135.82 was raised for the local branch of the Royal British Legion.
- The Santa float is under construction/being decorated, this will be visiting the roads and closes of Bierton on the 12th/13th December and will be taking donations for the Trussel trust.
- Christmas Window displays will also be taking place throughout December, their will be maps available detailing a village walk where the decorated windows can be seen.

Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre

- Both halls are currently closed due to the second Covid 19 lockdown. These may now remain closed until the new year depending on upcoming announcements.
- The previous insurance company has agreed to act on the claim of subsidence at the Jubilee Hall, the insurance company is currently looking into the ownership of the trees that are believed to have caused the problem. Further updates will be provided when they are received.
- The commemorative plaque on the Pavilion is in need of some maintenance to restore it and preserve it, Cllr Glynn has contacted Creative Memorials and is awaiting a quote to clean and recut the plaque. Once the quote is received it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Highways

- It was noted that the footway out side the school on Parsons Lane has now been repaired.
- The drainage on Burcott Lane near Marshalls Lea has now been improved.
- It was noted that works near the Red Lion carried it by Thames Water had caused some disruption.

Outside organisations attended by any Councillors

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- Cllr Cotton attended the School Travel Plan meeting, it was noted that the school now has permission to use the car park at the Red Lion Pub which is currently closed.
- The staggered drop off and collection times are easing the congestion problem on Parsons Lane.
- Parking on the corners of the closes off Parsons Lane continues to be a problem.

14. Announcements

None.

15. Matters of Report

Cllr Webber has requested (Via Cllr Cotton) that a letter of thanks is sent to Ruth Grant, thanking her for her work and those involved in the poppy decorations that were put up around the village in aid of Remembrance Sunday and to remember fallen soldiers. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr Glynn raised the point of the village Carpark, Cllr Cotton advised this project is currently on hold.

Cllr Dewis requested an up to date contact list of councillor details – the clerk is to issue this.

Cllr Knowles raised the question about how the data collected from the speed device is/can be used. Cllr Cotton will get in contact with the community policing team.

Cllr Fisher reported that the area at the top of Great Lane that had been planted to remember those who had passed away with Covid 19 has been tidied and is looking neater.

It was noted that a tree has been planted in the field beyond St Osyths Well, a bench is also going to be placed there in remembrance of a local resident. The land owner is also going to erect a fence to separate the footpath from the livestock in the field.

16. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 18th January at 19.00 Hours, via Zoom, details of how to access the meeting will be held will be published on the agenda. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.31 Hours.