

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 21st September 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, Cllr Jack Batson and the Clerk Jo Payne.

1 Member of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor C Paternoster & District Councillor B Chapple

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 20th July 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 issue of fallen tree debris near the footway close to Barnett Way, he was advised that arrangements had been made to clear it. It was remnants of branches from an emergency call out to deal with a fallen tree. The traffic lights at the new ELR junction were then mentioned, he was surprised that they had been switched on but was advised that the junction is now in place and working, although for access to village 4 only at present.

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

5. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

19/03891/APP 102 Aylesbury Rd Bierton Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two dwellings –Planning Committee – It was advised that this application had been approved by committee.

20/02373/APP Bluebell Barn, 88 Aylesbury Road, Two Storey rear extension – comments submitted, Parish Council reviewed via email.

20/02776/APP 5 Firs Court, Aylesbury Road Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of two storey side/rear extension, Reviewed via email.

20/02872/APP 180 Aylesbury Road, Bierton – Two Storey rear extension – comments by 24th September – No Objections/No comments

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)

20/0394/APP The Spinney 2 Brick Kiln Lane – Replacement stable/Store (retrospective) No objections, however would like to request a condition applied for agricultural use only.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood plan is now complete and now ready for its consultation period. In line with neighbourhood plan regulation 14 a 6 week consultation will soon start. NO meetings are required but the plan will be widely made available online. A paper copy will be available for viewing at the at St James the Great Church, The Dog House and The Barn (Hulcott) The Plan is to be formally agreed by 2nd November.

7. Community Library

It was resolved due to current Covid 19 guidelines the library would remain closed and the subject put on hold. It is still not possible to monitor/quarantine the books between lenders currently.

8. Cane End Lane/Rowsham Road Naming

A member of the public had approached the Chair of the Council to discuss renaming the Hulcott side of Rowsham Road/Cane End Lane. After some discussion it was resolved to leave the road names as they are. The Parish Council could not see any benefit in changing the name at this time and also felt financially it was simply not viable.

9. Highways

It was noted that the drainage area near the Aylebury Road allotments had been cleared a larger trench has now been dug to aid drainage.

The pavement outside Bierton School is damaged, Transport for Bucks are not currently responding to the requests to repair, Cllr Cotton will raise this issue with District Cllr Chapple.

There appears to be a lot of surface water near the Bell Pub after any rainfall, this issue has been noticed since the resurfacing works have taken place, Cllr Cotton will report this as there is concern a drain has been covered in error.

The excess surface water in Rowsham road has been reported.

The parking along Burcott Lane was discussed as this is still causing concerns, Cllr Cotton has been advised to approach the Wendover Community Board to seek funding to have double yellow lines instated if there is enough support from the community.

10. Grantscape Grant Application

After some discussion it was resolved to apply to Grantscape for funding to replace the roundabout and some repairs to the toddler climbing frame at the playground. The Clerk is to submit the application.

11. Councillor Vacancies

After no applications were received to fill the two vacancies the Parish Council have now been advised to start the Co-Option process. If the Parish Council receive any applications they will be reviewed by the parish councillors and then decided upon at the next parish council meeting.

12. Administrative Matters

After discussion it was resolved to increase the daily online banking limit to £20,000, this is to avoid any part payments for goods or services upto that amount in the future. The clerk is to complete the required forms.

After discussion the parish council resolved unanimously to move the Clerk to a different salary scale. Cllr Cotton informed the council that the clerk did not have a scale change in the previous year as was expected, It was noted that the Parish Council were aware that NALC had restructured the pay scales in 2019/20, after discussion it was resolved to award the Clerk the new PayScale of SCP23 for 19/20 and the new SCP24 for 20/21

It was resolved to award the clerk back pay for the year 2019/20 on the new SCP23 scale, back pay from April 2020 is also to be paid, (It was noted that the 20/21 scales had only been received in August from NALC as there had been a delay due to the Covid pandemic).

13. 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.

14. UpdatesBierton Events Group

The events team are arranging a Virtual Fun Run in November

- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre

Both halls are now open inline with government guidelines.

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

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

The Bible Group are now using the Sports Centre instead of the Jubilee Hall.

The football league will commence next month.

The sports centre floor has now been replaced and this was very kindly totally funded by the Griffin Trust.

Installing new LED sensor operating lighting in the changing rooms at the sports centre was discussed, a quote of approximately £1,000 had been received, it was resolved to proceed with this work.

- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors

Cllr Cotton attended the annual Transport for Bucks update and Planning Meeting where 102 was discussed and the Wendover Community Board meeting.

18. Announcements

None.

19. Matters of Report

It was reported that badger faeces has been mistaken as dog faeces in areas where there seemed to be a reoccurring problem.

It was reported that parking on the pavements is continuing to be a problem, it is believed that District Cllr Ward is looking into what can be done to keep the pavements clear for pedestrians.

17. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 19th October at 19.00 Hours, via Zoom, details of how to access the meeting will be published on the agenda. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.57 Hours.