

Bierton Parish Council

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 15th February 2021 at 19.00 Hours via ZOOM Join Zoom Meeting

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

1 Member of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Webber

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gilpin declared an interest in item 11 on the agenda, Website/Email addresses.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 18th January 2021 were accepted as a true record, however it was noted that the correct procedure had not been followed regarding item 11 on the January agenda, on noticing the error the Clerk halted all work on that project. As a result the item now appears on this agenda at the Chairman's request so that discussion can continue and a resolution can be reached.

4. Public Forum

A member of the public enquired if the parish council had thought about filming meetings in light of the recent heavily publicised Handforth Parish Council meeting. Bierton Parish Council has no wish to do so.

A member of the public raised the planning application for the Secondary School on Kingsbrook, it was asked when this project is to start, it is the Parish Council believe that work is imminent. There being no further points raised the public forum was closed.

5. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

21/00310/APP 102 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL Variation and discharge relating to application 19/03891/APP Variation – move the 2 houses that were approved in the plot to be further away from Barnett way - Discharge conditions 2 (construction method statement) 3 (tree protection plan) 4 (foul and surface water) 5 (slab levels) 13 (landscape) 6 and 19 (build in accordance with approved site plan) – **It was resolved that there were NO COMMENTS/NO OBJECTIONS**

20/04007/APP - Kingsbrook Secondary School Land East Of Aylesbury Broughton Crossing Bierton Buckinghamshire -Development of a new two and three storey 6FE (1080 place) secondary school including a 32 place Special Educational Needs (SEN) Unit, two vehicle access points and pedestrian/cycle access point onto the approved road to the east, maintenance access from Burcott Lane, staff car parking including electric charging points, cycle storage, sports hall, canopies, pavilion, playing pitches, all-weather pitch, multi-use-games-area (MUGA), external bin and sports equipment storage and associated landscaping and external works. **It was resolved that the parish council have no objections, however would like to highlight its concerns over the continued flooding issues on Burcott Lane and how this development would add to this issue. It also has great concerns that mature Black Poplar Trees would be felled, especially as these trees go some way in helping with the water balance within the land.**

21/00183/APP 6 Grendon Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DD Ground floor front extension, and front and rear dormer roof extension. **It was resolved that the Parish Council objects to this planning application.**

It is felt that this proposed development is out of keeping with the other neighbouring properties on the road. It is also felt this the size of this project is too great, and the parish council have concerns over the proposed oversize of this development.

Cllr Cotton informed the parish council that there are further documents available on Buckinghamshire Councils planning portal in relation to the proposed development at Aylesbury Golf Centre should anyone wish to view them.

6. Clerks Report

The clerks report was noted.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Knowles gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, it was noted that the steering group continue to actively work through the many detailed comments received.

8. Parish Charter

The recently received Parish Charter was discussed, and all seemed hopeful of its promising content. Cllr Cotton has completed the accompanying questionnaire.

9. Tree at Recreation Ground

After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that Cllr Knowles has the budget of £100 to spend on sourcing a new tree to be planted with the help of volunteers. Also discussed was the possibility of planting the tree in remembrance of those that have lost their lives to Covid-19. Hornbeam, silver Birch and Cherry were species of tree that were suggested. Cllr Knowles will source the tree and seek volunteers.

10. War Memorial

Cllr Glynn provided an update regarding the potential restoration of the War Memorial. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that it is important to preserve the plaque and prevent further decay, Cllr Glynn will obtain a quotation for cleaning the plaque and adding a protective coating.

11. Website/Email Addresses

The website for the Parish Council and Bierton Village was discussed along with parish council email addresses for all councillors. Cllr Gilpin had provided a price for his professional services in the matter at the request of the Chair and these had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Cotton put forward a motion to accept this offer which was seconded by Cllr Glynn, following a vote it was resolved that Cllr Gilpin and Cllr Grieves would take on the project of updating the website and implementing parish council email addresses.

12. Administrative Matters

None.

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 and proposed payment schedule.

14. Updates

Bierton Events Group

- BEG are running a half term art competition for the children in the village.
- There is to be a virtual run at easter along with other easter activities.

- It is hopeful that the gate to front door event will be able to take place this year.
- The Santa float for this year will take place 11/12th December.
- Tinned fruit and shower gels have been purchased to donate to the Trussel Trust.

Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground

- Both halls are still currently closed due to the Covid 19 lockdown.
- PAT testing has been carried out.

Highways

- It was reported to Councillor Chapple the continued flooding issues around the parish, the clerk is to email Councillor Chapple with the problematic areas for his attention.

Outside organisations attended by any Councillors

- Cllr Cotton, Cllr Knowles & Cllr Glynn attended the recent Barratts Stakeholder meeting. Next meeting is 20th March.
- Cllr Cotton will attend the next Wendover Community Board meeting.
- Cllr Cotton will attend the Wendover Community Board meeting on 16th March to discuss the Wendover Arm Project to show the Parish Councils support in the project.
- Cllr Gilpin attended a recent Buckinghamshire Council Nature meeting.

15. Announcements

None.

18. Matters of Report

The following matters were noted:

- Election preparation has commenced
- Cllr Cotton is waiting to hear back from Aylesbury Town Council in relation to a requested change in the Devolved Services agreement.
- A resident has spoken with Aylesbury Garden Town regarding the proposed Wild flower verge and is waiting to hear back.
- The new roundabout at the playground had been installed. (Previous one was broken and unable to be repaired)
- The football goal area has been aerated and seeded.
- Rights of Way team will not take on Muddy Lane.
- We have been in contact with environmental health regarding the continued issues with dog waste.
- A new leaflet with the change of route for the Circular walk is being produced.
- There appears to be a stile that has been dismantled on the footpath between Barnett Way and Brilk Kiln Lane.
- Shingle has been put down by the land owner in Barnett Way near to the public footpath in the hope to keep mud levels down.
- Cllr Knowles asked if there was any feedback from the letter sent to Cllr Chapple regarding the safety of the Burcott lane footpath, Cllr Chapple had left the meeting by this time, the clerk will chase for a response.

16. Date of next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th March 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 20.20 Hours.