

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 19th October 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, and the Clerk Jo Payne.

3 Member of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor B Chapple, Cllr A Webber

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the Monday 21st September 2020 were accepted as a true record and agreement was made for the chairman to sign.

4. Public Forum

No points were raised, the public forum was closed.

5. Councillor Vacancies – Co-option of New Councillors

After receiving two applications to fill the 2 vacancies it was resolved to co-opt both applicants, Steve Knowles and Mike Glynn. In light of the current covid restrictions the acceptance forms were unable to be signed during the meeting so the Clerk will arrange signature of these documents with the two new councillors

6. Planning Applications & Planning Matters

- 20/02325/ACL - Brick Kiln Works, Bierton Application for Lawful Development for a proposed use to confirm that the siting of a caravan for human habitation throughout the year at The Old Brickworks/Bierton Lakes would not constitute a material change of use when compared to the existing Lawful Development Certificate 04/02070/ACL.
- 20/03204/APP - 9 Burcott Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DH Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey/two storey side/rear extensions – No comments/No objections
- Retirement Homes at The Barn, Hulcott – An applicant has submitted a pre planning application to build 14 retirement bungalows on the site of the golf centre, it was resolved that the parish council have no real objections at this time but would like to know further information, it is

anticipated that the pre planning consultation results will be received ahead of the November meeting.

- Kingsbrook Secondary School – There is currently a public consultation for the new Kingsbrook Secondary School which is due to open in September 2022. There is currently a proposed secondary access off Burcott Lane, whilst a secondary access could be beneficial the parish council agreed that it caused concerns over how it would be used, causing more traffic/parked vehicles on Burcott Lane. The public have been advised to make comments although Cllr Cotton has submitted comments on behalf of residents. The Parish Councillors will read further information on this application before making their own comments at this time.
- Electricity Supply Cable to Kingsbrook – The developers are proposing to lay a 33,000 volt power line 25m from the back of the houses at Broughton Crossing. Local residents who have the support of MP Greg Smith have also asked the parish council for their support in objecting to this proposal on safety grounds. Newly co-opted Parish Councillor Glynn had before the meeting compiled an email highlighting concerns with the proposal, the clerk will circulate this to the rest of the parish council.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Draft Neighbourhood plan is now complete and now ready for its consultation period under regulation 14. Flyers are being printed which will be distributed informing the public of the 6 week consultation period commencing on the 2nd November. No meetings are required but the plan will be widely made available online. A paper copy will be available for viewing at St James the Great Church, The Dog House and The Barn (Hulcott).

8. Community Board & Sub Groups

It was reported by Cllr Cotton that the previous application for the year 20/21 for match funding of £2,500 for two new speed detectors to had been agreed.

After overwhelming support by the public it was reported that an application for the year 21/22 has been made for the implementation of double yellow lines on Burcott Lane.

9. Administrative Matters

It was resolved to renew the SWARCO Traffic Management (SID) on a silver maintenance level for the next year.

Insurance – it was noted that the annual insurance is due for renewal in December, Cllr Fisher confirmed the proposed renewal for the Berton Events Group was satisfactory, the Clerk will renew. The clerk is awaiting renewal details for the Parish Council, it is hoped to have these ahead of the next meeting.

10. 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.

11. Updates

Berton Events Group

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- The events team are arranging a Virtual Fun Run/walk in November, 11km over 11 days
- Plans to build and run a Santa float are well underway.
- It is also hoped to run the Advent Windows again this December
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre

Sports centre -The Parish Council have requested a key to the storage cupboard that is currently used by Pre School the key would be used for maintenance and emergency access, this has raised an issue as this is used by Preschool to store confidential information, the parish council resolved to allow a key to be held by a preschool employee that lives in Bierton for access until preschool can put in place a more permanent solution to the storage of their documents. It was agreed a smoke alarm should be installed in the cupboard the it was felt that Preschool should cover this cost given the situation, the clerk will contact Matrix to obtain a quote to install one connected to existing alarm system.

The loft space has been cleared out and the old exterior clock was found. It was agreed to repair the clock and to reinstate it.

A nest heating system is currently being installed.

- Jubilee Hall – Nothing to report.
- Highways
- After a discussion on speeding traffic and the collecting data from the traffic management device it was resolved to further discuss this in the new year in the hope that covid guidelines may then allow the possibility of community speed awareness programmes with the support of TVP.
- Highways have repaired the drainage issue near to the Aylesbury Road allotments but it appears a section of the ditch further down is blocked and overflowing onto the footway– this has been reported to TFB.
- Cllr Cotton has submitted an expression of interest to the HS2 fund with the possibility of creating a layby/hardstanding area next to the recreation ground.
- The footpath outside the school remains damaged, Cllr Cotton has chased again.
- It is reported that the area opposite the Bell floods since the main road was resurfaced, TFB are aware and will arrange repairs.
- It has been requested the hedges on Cane End Lane be cut back.
- Ivinghoe Freight Route – This was discussed and whilst this will be very beneficial for the villages affected it is felt that it will push the freight vehicles through Bierton, the Parish Council would like to see the implementation of this put on hold until the ELR is open. Cllr Cotton will contact Wing Parish Council to see if they have the same concerns.
- It was noted that there seems to be an increased use of Burcott Lane by buses and coaches.

- Outside organisations attended by any Councillors

None

18. Announcements

None.

19. Matters of Report

None.

17. Date of next Meeting The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 16th November 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 20.01 Hours.