

Bierton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th April via Zoom

Attendees: Cllr Cotton, Cllr Dewis, Cllr Webber, Cllr Grieves, Cllr Glynn, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Gilpin

5 Members of Public

APOLOGIES – from Parish Clerk as unwell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Non declared

3. MINUTES – Amend item 8 regarding Kingsbrook/black poplars from ‘have been cut down’ to ‘may be cut down’. Bill Chapple updated that he has requested that no black poplars are to be cut down unless absolutely necessary. It was then agreed for the minutes to signed.

4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

a) Application for garden room in Vicarage Garden. An update was provided from the applicants to address concerns raised, including parking spaces. Room will be vacated by 10pm, no meetings after 7pm on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, no social events, room will not be let out to the public. Would expect the above terms to be included in the terms of the planning application. All agreed we would have no objections to this.

b) A member of the parish would like to put in a planning application which relates to a field in Cane End Lane. Previous issues with theft/arson etc. Wants to set up a rare breeds centre and animal rescue centre, horses & shire horse, donkeys, ducks, chickens and dogs, including dog day care. Long term looking to make it available to schools/parents for visits to support disadvantaged children. Small scale, building a few stables, farm buildings, barns, farm shop and cafe around the site, wants someone to be able to stay overnight for security. Parking will be on site with room for horse lorries to turn on site. Planning to plant 425 saplings on the site and solar panels on one of the barns. Footpath will remain as is. Lighting will be minimal, probably PIR near gate. We will discuss parish councils response once the formal application is received.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

- 21/01229/APP 12 Hoods Farm Close Bierton – comments by 10th May. No objections.
- 21/01246/ADP Kingsbrook Village (pursuant to outline planning permission 10/02649/AOP relating to access, appearance, landscaping, scale and layout – Comments by 10th May. No comment
- 21/01247/APP Erection of eleven commercial units (Use Class B2/B8) and a drive-thru restaurant Former Askeys Factory Stocklake Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP20 1DS
Comments by 7th May - Comment to be added about re-instating the right hand turn into Stocklake and general layout of site to ensure traffic for drive in does not spill out onto Stocklake. Cllr Knowles will write up comments on behalf of Parish Council and send them to clerk to submit.

- 19/03630/APP The Vicarage 5 St James Way Berton Buckinghamshire HP22 5ED Change of use of C3 land to C3/D1 mixed use land and the erection of a meeting room with associated parking (See item 4 above) No objections (when the application arises).

Update: Kingsbrook Secondary school approved, with consideration to pedestrian access, drainage and trees.

6. CLERKS REPORT – To receive any updates/information from the Clerk.
None – Clerk not present.

7. LOCAL ELECTIONS 6TH MAY 2021 – To discuss and receive update
Last Parish Council meeting before elections. 7 councillors have been elected unopposed. We can co-opt two further parishioners at the May meeting which will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in June as advised by BMKALC. It is hoped to hold these meetings in person at the Jubilee Hall, depending on local government advice.

8. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS – To discuss village footpaths & new village walk
a) Cllr Knowles & Cllr Fisher met with a member of the parish to discuss a new footpath just off Great Lane Allotments. Gathering witness statements and then Parish Council will need to write a request to Buckinghamshire Council to put in a new footpath.
b) A change to the proposed round Berton walk which goes through back gardens was suggested. Parish Council agreed to make a change to the route to encourage people to use an alternative path. Cllr Knowles shared printing quote for 100 leaflets £460 from LMS, waymarkers will cost £400.
c) Dairy footpath. Bill Chapple will convene a meeting after 6th May with Buckinghamshire Council and Kingsbrook to have a site visit and discuss.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS; To update, discuss and agree and any other administrative matters. £1,800 left in Solar Farm Fund – will request to use this for round Berton walk leaflets and waymarking. Will also look to get goal mouths re-done at the end of the season. Could look at war memorial. Clerk to contact Grantscape for their agreement.

10. FINANCE & ORDERS- To agree and authorise orders and retrospective orders for payment and to receive, note and agree/accept the councils' financial statements.
No queries raised, all agreed.

11. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following;

- Berton Events Group – successful Easter Trail with just under 100 chocolate rabbits given away. Easter run raised over £200 for the School. Village calendar, gate to front door, November run and December Santa's sleigh planned.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground – some regular bookings back using the centre/hall. Taking provisional bookings for children's parties. Playground inspection due by ROSPA etc next month. Waiting for insurance company to organise tree work re subsidence claim at Jubilee Hall.
- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – meeting with Barratts last week. Eastern Link Road will open in mid-end of May.
- Highways – nothing to report.

- Neighbourhood Plan – meeting weekly to review comments.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS - To note any announcements/correspondence received and to consider any responses.

None

13. MATTERS OF REPORT -For Councillors to report any outstanding issues. Items not included on the agenda which require decisions will need to be included on the next agenda.

a) War memorial update from Cllr Mike Glynn. Met with Cliveden conservation, said it was in very reasonable condition for its age, they will give it a clean then put a paste on it to build up the worn surface and make lettering sharper and then repaint the lettering, will take 2 days. Cost to be confirmed. May half-term would be a good time to do it. They also recommended we remove the paint which is causing some damage, recommended limewash.

b) Village diary/Bierton News – Cllr Fisher shared draft, feedback provided. Cllr Fisher will share a final copy shortly.

c) Website & emails – emails will be set up for new Parish Council from 11th May. Cllr Grieves & Cllr Gilpin will get together to discuss website. Cllr Fisher to share article on the Gables & Pubs with Cllr Gilpin

d) Residents of Broughton Crossing have resolved their issues with local power lines in the adjacent playing field.

e) Cllr Bob Dewis would like the seat near the swings to have some attention. Cllr Cotton will ask handyman to do this.

f) Cllr Bob Dewis fed back that residents are unhappy about parking in the area. National guidelines coming out about parking on verges. Clerk to write to Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust about parking on grass/verge in Old Orchard.

g) E-scooters – Cllr Knowles & Cllr Fisher met with a representative from Zipp Mobility, likely spot for e-scooters will be at the top of the well. May require a small piece of decking to provide a flat area near the footpath sign. Free training sessions were offered, waiting to hear back from Zipp Mobility.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : The next Parish Council meeting date is Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.pm. May need to review how we manage numbers of members of the public if we can hold in person in Jubilee Hall. Clerk will advise when info received from relative bodies.