

Bierton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th March via Zoom

Present: Cllr Cotton, Cllr Paternoster, Cllr Dewis, Cllr Grieves, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Glynn, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Chapple & Cllr Gilpin

Public: 1 Member of Public

1. APOLOGIES -**Cllr Webber & The Clerk Jo Payne**
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – **none declared**
3. MINUTES of meeting held 15th February - **accepted.**
4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – **nothing raised**
5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS
 - a. 21/00741/APP - 77 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BT. **No comments/objections.**
 - b. 21/00794/APP - 9 Burcott Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DH
Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side/rear extensions (Amendment to planning permission ref 20/03204/APP) **No comments/objections**
 - c. 21/00682/APP - 199 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DS Front porch extension and front bay window. **No comments/objections.**
 - d. 21/00711/APP – Cavan Farm. Change of use. **Need more information/ Cllr Cotton to explore.**
6. CLERKS REPORT – **None – Clerk absent**
7. BUCKS LOCAL PLAN & BROWNFIELD SITES – **None were known. No need to respond.**
8. BURCOTT LANE/DAIRY FOOTPATH & KINGSBROOK SECONDARY SCHOOL ACCESS – **issue about pedestrian/cycle access and escape route. Concerns about safety of an entrance on the corner, with cars dropping people off/parking. Concerned that a number of black poplars have been cut down, Buckinghamshire Council Tree Officer aware. On-going concerns with footpath beside the dairy, assessment was done in Winter, with little greenery on the trees and during lockdown much less usage. Cllr Knowles drafting a response about dairy footpath/K'b school access.**
9. THE BELL & THE RED LION PUBS – **movement in the Bell pub, window shields and car park barriers have been removed, agent has said it's under offer. Cllr Cotton has been in touch with BC Heritage team regarding Red Lion who will inspect if from outside. Cllr Cotton will contact brewery to understand more/push for it to be occupied/maintained.**
10. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – **yellow notices need to continue, would like to hear outcome of applications. Would like information on what amendments have been made. Keep going as is. Cllr Cotton will do response online.**
11. AYLESBURY GARDEN TOWN/GARDENWAY – **Cllr Cotton attended briefing, funding has been given to the Bierton Community Allotments. Cllr Cotton met with a volunteer and a representative from AGT last week near Bierton Road allotments to look at wildflower meadow site, no action until after election. Cllr Knowles &**

Cllr Cotton attended briefing about round Aylesbury garden way, potential to divert it to get people into Bierton. Cllr Kowles and the Chair of the Neighbourhood steering group have created a new Around Bierton walk to replace the old Circular Walk which will be promoted shortly.

- 12. FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS/ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Face-to-face meetings likely from May 2021, if everyone is comfortable. April will be by zoom. Annual meeting will be held in June.**
- 13. LOCAL ELECTIONS 6TH MAY 2021 – reminder about submitting nominations, need to be dropped in by hand to the Gateway to be checked. Electoral reg. nos can be completed at the Gateway from the up-to-date register. Jo has applied for a copy of the register.**
- 14. WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESS NAME – aiming for email addresses to go live in May. Decided to go for one of the shorter addresses. Website additions to be made. Update for next meeting on progress. Cllr Gilpin will send a link to the new test version.**
- 15. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS; - none reported**
- 16. FINANCE & ORDERS – nothing raised. Add to agenda to discuss budget vs income/expenditure next month when full year’s figures will be available.**
- 17. UPDATES –**
 - a. Bierton Events Group – Virtual Run & Easter trail in April. Gate to Front door in June. November run. December santa float. Further donations made to the Aylesbury food bank.**
 - b. Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground. Sports Centre - some groups returning from 12/4 including Scouts, everyone else from 17/5. Children’s parties from 21/6. Jubilee Hall – in discussions with existing/potential new customers. Cllr Dewis has been doing monthly inspections of playground, no new issues, last issue was error on defibrillator, new roundabout installed. Handyman to paint new posts on climbing frame.**
 - c. Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors. Highways & Transport Group attended by Cllr Cotton, Wendover Community Board tomorrow. Cllr Cotton attended TfB conference last week – talk about flooding and trees/hedges – asked to be advised about work plan. Scooter project - they’re keen to put a location on corner of Church Farm, suggest a site meeting – Jo to organise.**
 - d. Highways – Cllrs Paternoster & Chapple met with Local Area Technician – lots of flooding locally, £3.7m spent on drains this year, will be increased to £7.7m for 21-22, should make a positive difference. Culvert on Burcott Lane to be done in summer. All culverts to be done at least once per year from 1/4/21. Pass any issues to Cllrs Paternoster & Chapple. 189 trees cut down across Buckinghamshire last year, Cllr Chapple will fund replacements. From 1/4/21 onwards a new tree will always replace one that has been cut down (in the vicinity, not necessarily in exactly the same place in liaison with Parish Council). Cllr Cotton has applied for HS2 funding for layby in Burcott Lane.**
 - e. Neighbourhood Plan - working through over 200 comments, making progress. Cllr Watson from Kingsbrook is to be asked to join the group.**

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

19. MATTERS OF REPORT –

- a. **Planning application for bungalows at Golf Centre has been refused.**
- b. **New tree at the Rec - Cllr Knowles suggests we review this in the Autumn as £100 will only buy us a couple of saplings. Jo to bring forward to September agenda. Cllr Knowles to seek advice about the remaining Ash tree at the Rec**
- c. **Plaque at the Rec – Cllr Glynn has heard back from Historic England encouraging us to get the building listed. Response back from the Great War memorial association for funding/cleaning – would offer about £200 but we would have to do a lot of work. Cllr Glynn recommends continuing with Historic England route. There is £1k in the budget for the pavilion which could be put towards/pay for this.**
- d. **Village diary – needs a refresh, issues with accuracy, less frequent. Cllr Glynn recommended looking at Wingrave Parish Booklet. Bob suggested Wendover. All to collect local good examples. Cllr Fisher offered to take this forward. Current format will continue for now.**

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Monday 26th April 2021 at 7.pm via Zoom