

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr A Brierley, Cllr H Smith, Cllr J Ward (BC), the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N Roberts, Cllr M Collins (BC), Cllr B Chappell
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - Budget – Clerk emailed Buckinghamshire Council regarding % increase on Council Tax Bills. No response was received. No further action required.
  - 23/01995/AOP – KINGSBROOK – A further objection on behalf of the Parish Council has been logged. Clerk has responded to Buckinghamshire Council regarding the Sport & Leisure Contribution.
  - Signs for the Playground - have been ordered and are being installed on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
  - Portrait of His Majesty the King & 80 D-Day Flag – Both have been ordered. The 80 D-Day flag has been received and given to the church.
  - Algae in the Pond – Cllr Feeney is waiting to hear from the caretaker.
  - Lighting on pathway from Mike Griffin Way to Hulcott Lane - **Cllr Ward will email Barratts regarding this.**
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** –
  - Cllr Ward reported discussions have been taking place regarding Muddy Lane and putting bollards at the end of Muddy Lane. Cllr Knowles stated that Muddy Lane does need resurfacing. It was suggested that it was resurfaced properly. Kingsbrook Parish Council are not in a position to contribute to it. **Cllr Ward will discuss further with Barratts.**
  - Flooding on Broughton Lane – Cllr Ward reported that it is hoped to have it fixed by the end of the year. Taylor Wimpey will be responsible for works before Buckinghamshire Council can resurface it.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
  - 23/02493/APP - Land Between Wendover Road And Aston Clinton Road Weston Turville Buckinghamshire Erection of haul road to provide temporary construction access to Phase 1 from Wendover Road including silt fence, two temporary storage bunds (height not exceeding 2.5m) and permanent culvert (Bear Brook Tributary). (Amended Description) EIA development – **Cllr Cotton reported that this is an amendment. Agreed to reiterate comments from previously stating that the Parish Council feel that the Eastern Link Road South should take priority over this road.**
  - 21/00033/APP - Grove Farm 22 Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DZ - External and internal alterations to the existing house, demolition of existing outbuilding and with a new glazed link between farmhouse and dairy. Minor landscaping work to suit and 21/00034/ALB - Grove Farm 22 Rowsham Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DZ - External and internal alterations to the existing house, demolition of existing outbuilding and with a new glazed link between farmhouse and dairy. Minor landscaping work to suit. - **Cllr Cotton reported that new plans have been submitted. All agreed to support but to comment that adequate parking provision should be accommodated for a property of this size.**
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – Year End Closedown with Rialtas (Accounting software) has taken place and is now preparing for the internal audit. The first instalment of the precept has been received.
8. **FINANCE & ORDERS** – The Clerk reported two additional payments to be added to the Payment Schedule. Payments and receipts which had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon with the financial receipts, payments, and proposed payment schedule.
9. **COMMUNITY LIBRARY** – Clerk has emailed Wendover Community Board and we are waiting to hear if they are happy to support. If/when confirmed, **Clerk will apply for small grant and keep Cllr Brierley updated.**
10. **PLAYGROUND UPDATE AND OFFICIAL OPENING** – Cllr Roberts sent an email with updates:
  - Confirmation that the Punch and Judy show and balloon modelling will go ahead.
  - Kompan will be attending with goodie bags etc for the children.
  - A Bouncy castle is approximately £90-120 – **Cllr Roberts to send link to Clerk in order to book.**
  - **Cllr Roberts will confirm with AD regarding ice lollies.**
  - The coffee van is unable to come due to no power point access for him to plug into. Cllr Grieves had mentioned maybe events group could help with Teas/coffees? Cllr Knowles suggested a generator could be hired which will cost £88 + VAT. **Cllr Knowles will speak the owner of the coffee van and arrange a generator.**
  - **Cllr Fisher and Clerk to work together on getting the name of the Playground agreed.**

- 11. BUS SHELTER** – Cllr Cotton has requested quotes from Tom Ellis and Nigel Ward.
- 12. BIODIVERSITY POLICY** – Cllr Feeney reported that the Parish Council do need to put a policy in place and she has looked at the template. There are lots of different areas to look at including education, looking at green spaces, wildlife, trying to conserve and enhance what we already have and more. Cllr Hyre suggested that it would work in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the first step is to create a policy. **Cllr Feeney and Cllr Hyre will work together to create a draft a policy.**
- 13. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that the quiz evening was very successful and raised approximately £1,000.00 for Emmett's Genies. The Events Group are working on a Family Sports Day in August and the Pumpkin Trail and Santa Float will also take place later in the year. There are plans to organise moving the Events Group's resources from the Jubilee Hall to the Sports Centre cupboard.
  - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
    - Jubilee Hall Renovations – Cllr Cotton reported that the Jubilee Hall Trustees selected three contractors from the eight tenders received and further meetings have taken place. The Trustees have asked for some further alterations to be made. Another meeting is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> April and then the evaluation process will take place. Companies have confirmed they can start works early July. Once the contractor has been selected, the refurbishment details will be distributed to all Councillors.
    - Three quotes for painting the fence at the Playground have been received. All agreed to ask Tom Ellis.
    - Aylesbury Hornets want to hold a 6-a-side tournament in the Summer at the Recreation Ground. All agreed.
    - Cllr Grieves has been approached by a group asking to hire the Recreation Ground for cricket. All agreed this is not feasible.
  - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – None attended.
  - Highways/Footpaths – Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles had a successful meeting with Zipp, Buckinghamshire Council and Barratts. A new bay base has been completed by Tom Ellis at the end of the village and the bay is live on the App. A bay was discussed on the corner of Old Forge Gardens but Zipp are reluctant to put one there as cars park on the corner and there is concern that the scooters may get damaged. Cllr Knowles suggested leaving the bay at Old Forge Gardens.
  - Neighbourhood Plan – The public consultation is now closed. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have received several comments and are currently working through them. A few have been received from Buckinghamshire Council, developers and residents. Cllr Feeney suggested putting a biodiversity statement in the plan. **Cllr Feeney will send a statement to Cllr Cotton for inclusion.**
- 14. 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.
- Street Trading Policy – Cllr Brierley has reviewed the policy and provided an overview which has been circulated to Councillors. **Cllr Brierley will submit a response to the Clerk for the survey and will pass on information on to Friends of Bierton School.**
  - Grendon Hill Farm Talk – Cllr Feeney reported that the farmer is unable to give a talk now due to circumstances beyond their control.
  - Mayor Making Ceremony on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Cotton will be attending and offered if another Councillor would also like to attend.
- 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which will immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.