

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF HELD ON Monday 17th June 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 N Roberts, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr A Brierley, Cllr H Smith, Cllr J Ward (BC), the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 3 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr S Knowles & Cllr M Grieves,
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Roberts declared an interest in Planning Application 24/01597/APP 182 Aylesbury Road, Bierton.
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Community Library – The grant has been applied for. Wendover Community Board have asked for quotes for the smaller items to proceed with the application. **Cllr Brierley will provide quotes to the Clerk.**
 - Street Trading Policy – The survey closed on 26th May 2024. **Cllr Brierley will check to see if he responded.**
 - Youth Council – Cllr Brierley reported that there is a national one in place already, primarily aimed at age under 18 years. Further research is required. **Cllr Brierley will contact them to find out more and how to go about setting a Youth Council up.**
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th May 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
 - Community Library - A parishioner had noticed the one at Fairford Leys and said it was very popular. The size is much smaller than the one we are planning. **Cllr Brierley will have a look at the one on Fairford Leys.**
 - Streetlight on Old Orchards – A parishioner reported that the cover is off. **Clerk will arrange for it to be looked at.**
 - Cllr Cotton brought item 11. Pop-Up Pub in Jubilee Hall forward for discussion. See item 11. for notes.
 - Cllr Ward reported that she had enquired about the repair of the footpath along from Great Lane to the traffic lights – There is no date set for this at the moment.
 - Cllr Ward reported that she is waiting for the report from the investigation into flooding in Old Forge Gardens.
 - New Sports Field – Cllr Ward reported that Barratts have signed it off and are hoping to hand it over to the end user very soon.
 - Cllr Ward reported that a suggestion had been made to her that the Traffic Calming through Bierton not be carried out until the Eastern Link Road has been completed. Cllr Ward provided several reasons for this not being appropriate.
 - Cllr Cotton reported that the footpath from the end of the dairy path to the school is still not open. There is no further information regarding this. **Cllr Cotton will attend the next Kingsbrook Parish Council meeting to inquire.**
 - Burcott Lane Parking – Cllr Cotton reported that this is getting worse. Cllr Ward confirmed that this is not a Council matter. It is a Policing matter. Cllr Ward suggested inviting the new Neighbourhood Policing Team to the next Parish Council Meeting. **Cllr Cotton will invite them to come to the next meeting.**
 - Cllr Smith suggested some sort of barriers along the path from Great Lane towards the traffic lights as the path is so narrow and dangerous. Cllr Ward responded that barriers are no longer used nationwide. It was agreed that the traffic calming should help with this.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS –**
 - 24/01597/APP- BIERTON Land Rear Of 182 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DT Erection of dwelling – **It was refused earlier in the year due to the impact of trees. There are still concerns around the impact of traffic and it is still in a conservation area. Cllr Ward suggested that the Parish Council might comment that the changes made go some way to addressing concerns. Cllr Cotton, Cllr Fisher and Clerk to word a response.**
 - 23/02569/ADP- WESTON TURVILLE Land Between Wendover Road And Aston Clinton Road Weston Turville Buckinghamshire Submission of Reserved Matters (access, landscaping , appearance, scale and layout) for Parcels WN1 WN2 & WN3 (378 Dwellings) pursuant to Outline Planning permission 16/00424/AOP and approval of condition 9 (details), condition 12 (design code compliance), conditions 16 and 17 (landscape scheme), condition 19 (trees and hedgerow protection), conditions 20 and 21 (ecology), condition 22 (badger mitigation), conditions 24 and 25 (drainage and Suds), condition 31 (sustainability), condition 38 (slab levels), conditions 40 and 43 (highways transport and parking) and condition 45 (noise). – **No comments to be made.**
 - 24/01545/ADP- WESTON TURVILLE Land Between Wendover Road And Aston Clinton Road Weston Turville Buckinghamshire Submission of Reserved Matters (access, landscaping, appearance, scale and layout) for the Southern Link Road (Central Section and New Road Diversion) comprising accesses, infrastructure works, associated drainage and landscape features pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 16/00424/AOP and approval of Conditions 16 and 17 (Landscape Scheme), Condition 19 (Tree and Hedgerow Protection), Conditions 20 and 21 (Ecology), Conditions 24 and 25 (Drainage and SUDS) and Condition 40 (Highways). Outline Planning Application was an environment impact assessment application and was submitted as part of the application at that time. – **No comments to be made.**

- Land At The Eastern Side Of Kingsbrook Aylesbury Buckinghamshire Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission 10/02649/AOP for Nature Reserve incorporating Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and ecological mitigation areas with associated visitors centre, and landscaping – **Comment to be made asking with the amount of car parking anticipated, how will the traffic be managed with the number of vehicles accessing it from a road that already has traffic issues.**
- Proposed Development of 50 Affordable Homes on Land South of Aylesbury Road – Cllr Cotton reported that there is no further information to date. Cllr Cotton suggested a group from the Parish Council start to gather information and raise points ready for when the planning application is received . Cllr Cotton, Cllr Fisher and Cllr Smith will form this group.

7. CLERKS REPORT – Nothing to report.

8. FINANCE & ORDERS – The Clerk gave details of two further 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. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW & ANNUAL RETURN

- Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
- Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair and RFO.
- Annual Accounting Statements were approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair and RFO.
- The Explanation of Variances were approved by the council.
- The Clerk will now submit the Annual Governance and Annual Return to the external auditor.

10. BIODIVERSITY POLICY – A draft Biodiversity Policy had been circulated to councillors previously. Cllr Feeney reported that the training has been postponed. Cllr Cotton remarked that 'No Mow May' causes the verges to become very messy and then a lot of grass is left when they are cut. Cllr Feeney explained that it is not just about the verges, but also about encouraging parishioners with their own gardens. Cllr Fisher suggested that perhaps the action plan also includes aspirations which could be separated with the actions having dates to be completed by. There will be a need to establish some working groups. All agreed to file as a draft policy until the training has been completed. **Clerk to put draft policy on the website.** Cllr Cotton reported that Buckinghamshire Council will be weed spraying the Aylesbury Road and we will be obtaining prices for the side roads to be sprayed also.

11. POP-UP PUB IN JUBILEE HALL

Cllr Cotton brought this forward to the Public Forum. A Parishioner explained that since The Red Lion closed, a group have been socialising on a Monday night at St Osyth's Well. The group would like to set up a one-off Pop-up-Pub in the Jubilee Hall. It will be set up as a non-profit event but if any profit is made, funds will be given to a local charity. Cllr Brierley noted that we should be mindful of Bay 19 and The Doghouse. It may be that Bay 19 and/or the Doghouse may wish to get involved. Cllr Cotton also mentioned that there is somebody else in the village who has a mobile bar that may be interested in helping. **Cllr Cotton will email contact details.** Beer, wine, soft drinks and some snacks will be served. Attendees would not be restrictive to the parish but the number of people that the hall can hold will need to be considered. **Cllr Roberts offered to look into licensing in more detail.** She also suggested selling tickets for £1 each and redeem the ticket against the first drink to keep control of the number of people attending. Cllr Fisher suggested ordering perhaps 5 drinks at a time to help with the cash situation and also advised that the Berton Events Group has a Sum-Up machine which may be able to be used for card payments. It was suggested that the Parish Council could use the Pop-Up Pub as part of the opening event after the renovations of Jubilee Hall.

12. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any)

- Berton Events Group – .A meeting is arranged to discuss the Sports Day in August and the Pumkin Trail. Cllr Fisher is working on the next issue of newsletter and requested any suggestions to be added. Cllr Feeney suggested that something regarding the Biodiversity policy be added.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - Berton Events Group resources have been moved to the Sports Centre cupboard.
 - Jubilee Hall Renovations – Building work starts on 1st July. Cupboards in the kitchen need to be emptied on 29th June – Cllr Cotton requested for volunteers to help.
- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton attended the Planning Forum – **Clerk to circulate slides when received.**
- Highways/Footpaths – Covered earlier.
- Neighbourhood Plan – No further information. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are still working on it.

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.

- Cllr Cotton has been approached about the possibility of a food van coming to the Jubilee Hall or the Sports Centre. This depends on when and if the halls are being used at the time. Other suggestions were William Hill Drive, outside the school or in the layby on the Aylesbury Road. Cllr Ward confirmed that a van cannot just pitch up on a highway due to licensing. All agreed that if it was in the right location, it would be a good idea. Further information is required.
- Cllr Fisher asked if the next meeting would be at the Sports Centre and Cllr Cotton confirmed that it would.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 15th July 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Sports Centre.