

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BIERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 8.40pm at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr A Brierley, & the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 1 member of the public

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR** – Cllr Brierley proposed Cllr Cotton as Chair, seconded by Cllr Grieves. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Knowles proposed Cllr Fisher as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Cotton. Unanimously agreed.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr L Fisher, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr H Smith & Cllr B Chapple (BC)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
4. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - Lighting on pathway from Mike Griffin Way. Cllr Ward and Cllr Cotton have emailed Buckinghamshire Council and we await further response.
5. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
  - RECONSULTATION ON AMENDED PLANS: Submission of Reserved Matters (access, landscaping, appearance, scale, and layout) for the Southern Link Road (West) comprising access from Wendover Road/SEALR roundabout to include access into Phase 1, infrastructure works and associated drainage and landscape features pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 16/00424/AOP. – **Comments made 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 as due before Parish Council meeting - Bierton Parish Council wish to reiterate comments made on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Whilst Bierton Parish Council do not object to this application, without the Eastern Link Road South being completed before this road, it will cause further traffic along the Aston Clinton and Tring Roads. The Parish Council feel that the Eastern Link Road South should take priority over this road.**
  - 24/01264/VRC - BIERTON Cavan Farm Cane End Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BH Removal of condition 6 (limitation to agricultural occupation) relating to application 04/00058/APP (Erection of agricultural dwelling - amendment to planning permission 03/01809/APP) – **No objections and no comments.**
  - 24/01472/APP- BIERTON 80 Burcott Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5AS Householder application for two storey side and single storey front and rear extensions – **No objections and no comments.**
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – The accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 are now with the Internal Auditor.
8. **FINANCE & ORDERS** – 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** – Cllr Brierley confirmed he has not received the link to apply for the small grant. **Clerk to email Wendover Community Board Manager for the link.**
10. **BIODIVERSITY POLICY** – Cllrs Feeney & Hyre have drafted a policy. Cllr Feeney is attending a training course on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cllr Hyre has read information regarding complying with Biodiversity duty on the government website and reported that there should be a biodiversity net gain whenever we do something. This will be revisited after Cllr Feeney's training.
11. **BUS SHELTER** – Cllr Cotton reported that she has requested quotes from two local contractors.
12. **STREET TRADING POLICY** – Cllr Brierley attended a workshop and reported that this is still a very early draft. The purpose of the workshops is to gather wider views. Buckinghamshire Council are also talking with vendors. The policy was suggested by a Buckinghamshire Councillor and the purpose is to consolidate the licencing process. It is hoped that anything organised from a community perspective will bypass the licencing process. Bierton Events Group will need to come under Parish Council and documentation will need to be in place. Cllr Brierley also reported that Buckinghamshire Council were very receptive to comments made. There is no information as yet around processing costs. Further work will take place. **Cllr Brierley will respond to online survey by 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

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

- Bierton Events Group – Nothing further to report this month.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
  - Playground Opening – It was agreed that the opening was highly successful and well attended.
  - Cllr Brierley reported that he has received requests for more benches in the playground. It is unlikely that this will be possible as there needs to be safety zone around each piece of equipment and this had been factored into the original plan.
  - Cllr Cotton reported that the Sports Centre usage looks busy over the Summer with a six-a-side football tournament, Sports Factor and several private bookings.
  - Cllr Cotton also suggested that a project for 2025 may be to look at refurbishing areas of the Sports Centre.
  - Jubilee Hall Renovations – The planned work is due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> July. We are in the process of organising a meeting with the contractors which will hopefully be next week. Cllr Cotton reported that some of the regular users from the Jubilee Hall will be using the Sports Centre during the renovations.
- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – None
- Highways/Footpaths – Nothing to report.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing further to report.

**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.

- Cllr Brierley suggested collaboration with Kingsbrook Parish Council such as attending their meetings.
- Cllr Brierley enquired about the possibility of a Bierton Parish Council Youth Council. He would like to explore if we can get young people more involved in what the Parish Council does. **Cllr Brierley will look into.**

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.