

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF HELD ON Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr A Brierley, Cllr H Smith, Cllr J Ward (BC), the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 7 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
  - **POP-UP-PUB** – Due to take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.
  - **COMMUNITY LIBRARY** - No further forward at present.
  - **BUS SHELTER** – Cllr Cotton reported that no prices have been received as yet. **Clerk to convert specification document to a PDF and re-circulate.**
  - **YOUTH COUNCIL** - Cllr Brierley reported that he had been waiting for schools to be back before progressing the project further.
  - **MEMORIAL BENCH** – The family donating and paying for the installation have requested that the bench be placed facing the football pitch.
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
  - Cllr Ward gave an overview of the draft National Planning Policy Framework consultation and explained that Buckinghamshire Council have a duty to co-operate with adjoining counties. Have to have a 5 year housing land supply. Calls for sites have been undertaken and identified. Virtually every field around Bierton has been offered up in the calls for sites, however this does not mean that every site will be suitable for development. **Clerk to distribute slides from the presentation.**
  - Community Boards – Cllr Ward reported that none of the parishes are happy with our suggested Community Board. A meeting with a Cabinet member has been offered which Cllr Ward is able to attend.
  - Traffic Calming – Cllr Ward reported that some residents have expressed concerns regarding the scheme and some changes are hoping to be made to address these. Also, some changes have been made to the access to the church. It may be possible to apply for some weekend road closures which will enable the imprint paving to be carried out but if not, it will need to be done next Summer. The school needs to be closed for the imprint paving to be carried out. Cllr Knowles suggested having A3 prints of the scheme on display at the Jubilee Hall. Cllr Ward explained that things are changing all the time. Concerns were raised that residents do not know what is going on and the website is not up to date. Cllr Ward will try to obtain the latest plans digitally and on paper to enable these to be displayed at the Jubilee Hall and will feed back regarding the website.
  - A parishioner reported that he has bought the chapel (Serious Readers) and gave an outline of his intentions to put a physiotherapy business in there and a small coffee house. Also hoping to use other land he owns in Cane End Lane for people with autism and special needs to spend time with animals and horticulture.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS –**
  - Land On The A41 (East Of Aylesbury) And West Of Woodlands Roundabout Aylesbury HP22 5GN RECONSULTATION ON AMENDED PLANS: Additional merging space on the westbound exit from the A41 Woodlands Roundabout improvement scheme. – **Agreed to support as previously but to comment that the Eastern Link Road South should take priority.**
  - 24/02285/APP - KINGSBROOK Kingsbrook Primary School Armstrongs Fields Broughton Buckinghamshire HP22 7BR Erection of 3FE (630 place) primary school, 90 place nursery and a 12 place Special Educational Needs (SEN) Unit with vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access points onto the approved road to the east, staff car parking including electric charging points, drop off bays, minibus parking, motorcycle parking, cycle storage, grass sports pitch, all weather pitch, multi-use-games-area (MUGA), trim trails, external bin store, sports equipment storage, substation, sprinkler tank and associated landscaping and external works. – **Agreed no objection to the school but object to the footpath/cycleway with regards to further parking/safety issues on Burcott Lane and also that the access area is prone to flooding.**

- 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). – **Agreed to respond with the same comment 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.**
  - Hulcott Estate – Cllr Cotton reported that an insurance company is selling 7/8 plots of land (approximately 346 acres) within Hulcott Parish. Cllr Cotton has contacted Hulcott Parish Council to advise we are happy to work with them as and when any planning applications are submitted.
- 7. CLERKS REPORT –**
- The Clerk reported that the External Audit is now complete and a Notice of Conclusion will be published.
  - The Clerk requested that should Councillors wish to add items to the agenda, please give at least 10 days notice.
- 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. PLAYGROUND FENCE –** A discussion took place around the quality of the paint work of the new fencing around the play area. All agreed that it needs to be rectified to the standard that is required for new galvanised fencing and that the contractor should be given the opportunity to complete this. **Cllr Roberts and Cllr Grieves will arrange to meet with contractor.**
- 10. MUDDY LANE –** Cllr Smith raised concerns regarding how this project was agreed to be carried out as a vote had not taken place. Cllr Cotton reported how the process took place via emails over the Summer as there was no meeting in August and the work needed to be completed before the school reopened. Some Councillors also raised concerns with the quality of the work undertaken. A discussion took place and all agreed there are some learning opportunities here. Going forward, quotations will need to be looked at in more detail and a detailed specification with guarantees provided by a contractor should be agreed prior to any work taking place.
- 11. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS –** The National Association of Local Councils issued a new template of the Financial Regulations earlier this year which needs to be implemented as soon as possible. **Cllr Brierley, Cllr Grieves and the Clerk will review and prepare for adoption at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- 12. JUBILEE HALL – NEW TRUSTEE –** Cllr Cotton reported that the Trustees of the Jubilee Hall have co-opted Tony Ellis as a new Trustee for the Jubilee Hall. Cllr Knowles provided reasons for selection of the new Trustee and a discussion took place regarding how the hall is managed. **Clerk to arrange a new Deed of Appointment with Kidd Rapinet Solicitors.**
- 13. LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP) –** Cllr Knowles and Cllr Roberts attended the briefing sessions and reported that it is primarily aimed at commuting rather than leisure. There is a drop in event in the Market Square, Aylesbury on 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 2pm. There is also an online Survey which closes on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This plan is in very early stages and currently no funding is available.
- 14. SCOUT'S FIREWORKS –** Cllr Cotton asked for agreement from all Councillors for it to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November. A discussion took place regarding where the fire should be and how the grass is affected afterwards. Cllr Grieves raised that where they drive in to set up, it becomes boggy and causes problems for the annual run. Cllr Cotton will discuss with Scouts and report back at next meeting. It was suggested that Scouts should hire portable toilets as so many people attend. All agreed that any event at the Sports Centre where there are over 80 people, the hirer will be expected to hire portable toilets. **Clerk to add into hire agreement.**
- 15. GIB LANE COMMUNITY FUND –** The deadline for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Cllr Cotton suggested three options to apply for - bus shelter refurbishment, maintenance work & decoration at the Sports Hall or the work to refurbish St Osyth's well. All agreed that should apply for funds towards the Sports Centre. **Cllr Cotton will contact Grantscape as quotes have not yet been received.**
- 16. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS –** Cllr Cotton reported that where there are stiles, they will be replaced with gates. The Parish Council will pay for them and claim the money from the Griffin Trust.
- 17. PARKING AT THE TOP OF PARSONS LANE –** Cllr Cotton asked Councillors if they felt it would be a good idea to apply for double yellow lines at the top of Parsons Lane to alleviate the congestion from the main road trying to turn into Parsons Lane at school drop off and pick up times. Cllr Roberts suggested that it might be better to address the bend on Burcott Lane. Cllr Grieves also mentioned that there are issues with Great Lane with school parking. Cllr Fisher suggested that this be an agenda item for January 2025 when the traffic calming is complete. **Clerk to diarise.**

- 18. ST OSYTH'S WELL** – A specification has been provided to the Parish Council to renovate the well. Cllr Grieves queried the cost and the purpose of it. **Cllr Feeney will liaise with BS & AD regarding this.**
- 19. BIODIVERSITY** – Cllr Feeney attended the Biodiversity Seminar day. She had previously drafted a Biodiversity policy with an action plan but feels that this involves a lot at the moment. Cllr Feeney suggested creating a plan by starting off with small action points. **Cllr Hyre will work with Cllr Feeney on this.**
- 20. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that they are planning a Halloween event for the end of October, the annual run will take place in November and the Santa Float will go ahead in December.
  - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground
    - Jubilee Hall Renovations – This is now complete. Cllr Cotton suggested having a new loft ladder. **Cllr Roberts will provide details of a local specialist.**
    - A parishioner will be providing teas/coffees etc at football matches. It is an agreement between the football club and the parishioner. Cllr Brierley wondered whether there is an opportunity for other traders to set up in the Sports Hall car park.
  - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Ward and Cllr Cotton attended the National Planning Policy Framework presentation. Cllr Cotton reported that there is a Parish Liaison meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. **Cllr Roberts will attend with Cllr Cotton.**
  - Planning surgeries – Cllr Roberts volunteered to attend these as and when required. **Clerk to forward email with dates.**
  - Highways/Footpaths – Nothing to report.
  - Neighbourhood Plan – The Neighbourhood Plan is currently with Buckinghamshire Council for them to undertake a public consultation (Regulation 16). The deadline for responses is 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.
- 21. 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 Grieves reported the area between Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane desperately needs cutting back. Cllr Cotton advised we are aware of the situation and are trying to resolve it.
  - Cllr Feeney suggested reminding parishioners regarding applying for pension credit. Cllr Fisher will add into the next newsletter and post something on the Facebook pages.
  - Cllr Roberts requested a review of the jobs that are carried out around the village and a review of the invoices. Cllr Brierley also suggested a review of all contractors we use. **To be discussed at next meeting.**
- 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.