

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF HELD ON Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Bierton

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Present: Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr A Brierley, Cllr H Smith, Cllr J Ward (BC), PCSO Tom Moslin, PC Olivia Larsen, the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 11 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr S Knowles
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Cricket net has been delivered
 - No further forward with the Repair Shop. **Cllr Feeney to liaise with parishioner.**
 - We still do not have a date for the baby swings and gate buffer to be installed. Clerk chased last week.
 - We are still waiting for a date from Community Payback for the pathway between Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane to be cut back.
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th January 2025 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
 - PCSO Tom Moslin provided an update on recent crime statistics as follows:
Searched between 24/12/2025 – 24/02/2025 whereby the criteria was: theft, robbery, criminal damage, burglary residential, burglary business, Anti-social Behaviour personal, anti-social behaviour environmental, anti-social behaviour community, domestic incidents, assault without injury, assault with injury, shoplifting, theft from vehicle, theft of vehicle, dangerous driving.
Bierton experienced 1 theft, and 1 assault without injury.
 - Cllr Ward thanked PCSO Moslin & PC Larsen for the Police presence during the Thames Water works on Aylesbury Road.
 - Cllr Ward asked if there could be further patrols on Burcott Lane due to the parking at school times. The afternoons are worse than the mornings. It was agreed that Cllr Ward and Cllr Cotton would like to meet with the Police regarding the parking issue with school. **Date to be arranged.**
 - Cllr Ward mentioned speed monitoring on Aylesbury Road as drivers are speeding up to reach the chicanes. PC Larsen agreed they will look into and reported that several officers have recently received speed gun training.
 - Cllr Fisher passed on thanks from a resident for the quick response to a call to the Police about potential illegal hunting.
 - **REGULAR UPDATE FROM CLLR J WARD – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL –**
 - Eastern Link Road South. Cllr Ward reported the time frame which was presented at a Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee meeting in January 2025. The presentation can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website: [Aylesbury Garden Town Key sites & Infrastructure](#) The ELR will be delivered by the developer for the Woodlands development. The programme is as follows:
 - Spring 2024 – market site
 - Early 2025 – proposals to Homes England
 - Early - Mid 2025 – sign contract with developer
 - Autumn 2026 – detailed design consented
 - Jan 2027 – Start on site
 - Mid 2028 – Construction fully complete (road may open earlier)
 - Traffic Calming – There is no specific update on the safety audit. The findings are sent to the design team where amendments are considered and then it is sent to Buckinghamshire Council. The design team may also be looking at slightly amending the design but not so much so that it will require a further consultation. The findings of the safety audit do not have to be shared with the Parish Council. The next traffic calming meeting is 20th March which Cllr Ward and Cllr Cotton will attend. Any redesign will be published after all amendments have been made.
 - There will be a full two week road closure over Easter (7th April to 18th April 2025) of Aylesbury Road to finish the traffic calming. Cllr Ward reported that Buckinghamshire Highways are hoping to also carry out main big patch works for resurfacing at the same time.
 - A parishioner asked if something could be put on Aylesbury Road so that cars can not drive on the pavement. Cllr Ward reported that this has been suggested.
 - Marshalls Lea – Cllr Ward reported that Barratts are happy for the footpath relating to the second primary school to not be implemented but they state it has to be agreed by Buckinghamshire Highways. Flooding is still an issue in the area.
 - Community Climate Action – Cllr Ward reported that Wendover Community Board are not going forward with the funding for this initiative.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS –

- 24/03787/AOP - Land South Of Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire Outline planning application for the erection of up to 47 dwellings, including means of access into the site (not internal roads) and associated highway works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved. – **Cllr Fisher and Cllr Cotton composed objections and circulated before the meeting. All in agreement to submit. Cllr Cotton reminded Councillors to submit their personal objections. Bierton Action Group have also submitted an objection. Cllr Hyre raised awareness of how the pumping station will work and who is going to manage it as it could cause problems.**
- 24/01545/ADP - 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 further comments.**
- 24/03011/ADP - Land Between Wendover Road And Aston Clinton Road Weston Turville Buckinghamshire Submission of Reserved Matters (access, landscaping, appearance, scale and layout) for Parcels EN4 and ES3 (370 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 (Tree 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 further comments.**

7. CLERKS REPORT – Nothing to report.

8. FINANCE & ORDERS – The clerk reported 5 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. COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION – This has been postponed until later in the year. Weston Turville Parish Council are looking into alternative funding.

10. INDUCTION FOR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS – All agreed to put into place and review as used.

11. POLICIES:

- **ADOPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS POLICY –** Adopted. Cllr Feeney asked about our agreed email signature. Cllr Grieves reported that this was implemented when new email accounts were set up. **Cllr Grieves will circulate email signature for Councillors to set up.**
- **ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT -** Adopted

12. PAVILION ROOF – Cllr Cotton reported the quotes obtained for repairing and/or re-roofing. We can apply to the Rothschild Foundation for funding. It was also suggested that we may be able to apply to the War Memorial Trust for a grant. Cllr Fisher queried if there are any other repairs required to the building. Cllr Hyre suggested obtaining a condition report. It is felt that further information is needed before a decision is made.

13. RECOMMENCE LISTING APPLICATION TO NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST HISTORIC ENGLAND OF OLD CRICKET PAVILION – An email regarding this was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Cotton reported that to continue with the listing will take up to 18 months and there should be no cost to the Parish Council. Cllr Brierley enquired if it became listed, would it be more of a liability for the Parish Council? Based on item 12. above, no further decision was made on this.

14. BUS SHELTER – All agreed to go ahead. **Clerk to instruct builder.**

15. ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION – Quotes were reported. All agreed to proceed with Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA). **Clerk to instruct company.**

16. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS & FIRE ALARM ANNUAL INSPECTION – Cllr Cotton reported quotes. It was felt that the emergency lighting could be tested by ourselves. **Clerk to contact Zone 10 Protection Ltd to enquire if can amend to one attendance annually and remove the emergency lighting maintenance.**

17. NEW MATS FOR BIERTON BOWLERS – Cllr Hyre reported that these are not needed until later in the year and he will apply to the Mike and Claire Griffin Trust nearer the time. Cllr Brierley suggested that he thought there was funding available through the Bowling Association.

18. ST OSYTH'S WELL – Cllr Feeney reported 1000 bulbs have been planted in association with the Chiltern Society. Two birds boxes have been put up and they are hoping to add a bat box. Pond plants will be added around April time. This is all funded by the Chiltern Society. They are also looking into getting the apple trees pruned by volunteers from Aston Clinton.

- 19. ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HULCOTT** – The Parish Council have received an official proposal for closure of the church, for information purposes. Cllr Cotton will attend the next Hulcott Parish Council meeting. It was queried what will happen to the building. Cllr Hyre said that it will remain to be owned by the Diocese of Oxford. He also reported that the churchyard is maintained by Hulcott Parish Council as the church is closed.
- 20. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that the quiz is taking place on 26th April. There are cinema events planned over the Summer, the Annual Run and Santa Float will also take place. Cllr Fisher said that the Events Group are looking for a new charity to support later this year.
 - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground -
 - Cllr Cotton advised that we have not yet received the quote for the loft ladder for the Jubilee Hall.
 - Quotes for the guttering to be cleared and repaired at the Sports Centre have been obtained and were shared. All agreed to instruct Andrew Donaldson.
 - Quote to cut the remaining hedges at the recreation ground was shared and all agreed to instruct Andrew Donaldson.
 - Cllr Cotton reported that we have decided to delay the redecoration of the Sports Centre for the time being.
 - Moving of the recreation quotes were given. The Clerk is awaiting one more. **Clerk to circulate when final quoted received and decision to be made by email.**
 - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton attended the following:
 - Barretts Stakeholder meeting – Feedback was shared from Cllr Ward in item 5. Cllr Cotton added that a letter drop about the traffic calming is expected to be distributed on 10th March.
 - Parish Liaison meeting – Councillor Cotton shared that mobile CCTV will be made available for people to borrow. Calculating the tax rate was discussed. Purdah rules are to be followed from 18th March to 2nd May 2025.
 - Highways/Footpaths – Nothing to report
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing further to report at present.
- 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 Hyre reported that St James Church are buying a flag and a torch for VE Day. There will be an event held at St James Church on Thursday 8th May to celebrate VE Day.
 - Cllr Brierley enquired about Elections information. Clerk will forward information to all Councillors as it is received. A poster will be put up on all noticeboards. **Clerk to add poster to website and Facebook pages.**
- 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 17th March 2025, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.