

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 19.00 at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr M Glynn, Cllr C King, the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson and 4 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr A Webber, Cllr M Grieves
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were amended relating to Planning Application 20/00779/APP – Hulcott – Hale Farm Hulcott Buckinghamshire HP22 5AX - Ground mounted solar farm without of h DNO substation, point of connection, ancillary infrastructure and associated works, landscape planting and access tracks – **Other concerns had been raised at the meeting relating to the view and also Cllr Knowles had raised that he could not see where the cables went from the solar farm to the National Grid.** The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the chair.
4. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – A parishioner raised that the road turning right to Leighton Buzzard from Kingsbrook has two lanes that then filter into one and felt it was dangerous. It was highlighted that many junctions are designed this way now but it will be raised at the next Kingsbrook Stakeholder Steering Group meeting.

A parishioner raised that it is coming up to the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Neighbourhood Plan and that the last entry on website was in 2020. He wanted to know why there had been no updates. Cllr Cotton explained that there had been 200 comments from December 2020 consultation and amendments had been made. We had been waiting for maps to arrive from Buckinghamshire Council which have now been received. Regulation 14 has now been granted and we are now waiting to go to regulation 16. It was agreed that the website needs to be updated with the new timeline

A parishioner raised a concern that the Eastern Link Road (South) has not yet started. Cllr Cotton explained that it was raised at the last Kingsbrook Stakeholder Steering Group meeting and the earliest will be 2024.

A parishioner raised a concern that there are many cars parking for the school in Burcott lane. Cllr Cotton advised that the Parish Council is aware of this and it has been raised with our Local Area Technician.

### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Site Address: Land Rear Of 2 Grove Court Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5EA Proposal: Erection of dwelling Appeal by: Mr and Mrs Webb Application Ref: 20/03996/APP Appeal Ref: 21/00101/REF Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/21/3282934

**The Parish Council did not object to this originally but made several comments relating to the support of nearby residents, consideration to neighbours, and the removal of trees. It was agreed that there are no further comments.**

22/00337/APP - BIERTON 120 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DL Householder application for garage conversion and garden office – **Cllr Knowles commented that the plot of land is bigger on the application than that of the land registry. It was agreed that the planners will deal with it. NO OBJECTIONS.**

6. **CLERKS REPORT** – The clerk reported that the Nest heating system is now operational again in both Jubilee Hall and the Sports Centre.
7. **FREIGHT STRATEGY** – Cllr Cotton reported that it is hoped that this will come into force in July. A request was made that Councillors complete the consultation which closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.
8. **POLITICAL MAP FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL** – Cllr Cotton suggested that Councillors comment on the consultation which has been circulated. The proposal is to reduce Bucks Councillors from 147 to 98. We currently have 3. Our ward is Aston Clinton & Bierton. It was noted that it would be useful to have a County Councillor who oversees both Kingsbrook and Bierton.
9. **PLATINUM JUBILEE** – Cllr Knowles reported that it will be too late to plant trees. Councillor Fisher suggested flower bed in the verge on main road. Councillor Cotton had raised this with Michelle from Wendover Community Board. The whole surface would have to be stripped. It was agreed that bulbs would be planted instead in September. Cllr Cotton will write to County.

Cllr Cotton suggested souvenir mugs for the children of the parish. It was agreed that parents should put their children's names forward with their age and address. This will be advertised on the website, notice boards, Facebook and the next newsletter. Cllr Dewis suggested something for the parish councillors. No other events are

planned in the village as it was felt it would be quite difficult to organise a whole village event. Cllr Hyre reported that there will be an event on the Sunday afternoon at the church with coffee and cake.

10. **BUDGET 2022/23** – No comments were made. Clerk reported that she and Cllr Grieves will be looking at the accounting system for the next financial year to align the codes with the budget.
11. **EXPANSION OF LUTON AIRPORT** – Cllr Glynn reported that the footfall of passengers in a normal year is £11m. The proposal is to expand that to £32m by building a second terminal and make more efficient use of the runway. There are long term proposals but no specifics on their website. Cllr Glynn raised his concerns over the expansion. It was agreed that as this is not specifically local to Berton, no further action is required.
12. **OUTSIDE AGENCY HELP** – Cllr Dewis raised the point that it would be useful to have Buckinghamshire Councillors attend the Parish meetings to support issues that the Parish Council find difficult to resolve e.g. yellow lines at the top of Burcott Lane and Parsons Lane.

Clerk reported Parsons Lane is becoming dangerous at school drop off in the morning as traffic is queued from the top of the lane and cars are turning off of the main road and overtaking the queuing traffic. Cllr Fisher suggested clerk to contact Georgina Longley at Buckinghamshire Council to arrange for somebody to assess the situation both in Parsons Lane and on Burcott Lane.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS** - Nothing to report. This is to be removed from the agenda going forward.
14. **FINANCE & ORDERS**- Payments and receipts which had previously been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon with the financial statements and proposed payment schedule. Bank statements no longer need to be circulated before the meeting as the new payments and receipts reports provide more information.
15. **UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any);**
  - **Berton Events Group –**
    - Cllr Fisher reported that there will be an Easter trail on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April from St Osyth's Well to the Sports Centre. A Quiz night will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Gate to Front Door in June.
  - **Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –**
    - Cllr Cotton reported that Griffin Trust will require 2 further quotes to support application to fund the playground. May also be able to get some funding from Wendover Community Board.
    - Cllr Cotton reported that the Parish Council had received a grant for the Jubilee Hall for Omicron for £2,667.
    - All Councillors agreed that new hand dryers are to be installed at Jubilee Hall and Sports Centre at a cost of £150 each. There is no dryer in disabled toilet in Jubilee Hall but the electrician will see if he can feed electricity through from the ladies' toilets
    - Cllr Cotton and Cllr Fisher have carried out Risk Assessments of both halls which will be put onto the website. Cllr Knowles raised the possible issues with standing hot water. The caretaker checks the water at both halls each month and records are kept.
    - Wreaths at the Sports Centre are to stay. Cllr Glynn checks them on a regular basis.
    - Gas canisters are to be removed from the pavilion by end on month. Scouts plan to have a tidy up of the pavilion.
    - Cllr Cotton has written to Buckinghamshire Council regarding paying business rates on Jubilee Hall.
  - **Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors –**
    - Cllr Cotton reported on the main points of the last Kingsbrook Stakeholder Steering Group meeting.
    - The next Wendover and Villages Community Board meeting is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.
  - **Highways/Footpaths –**
    - Cllr Cotton advised a quote for £2,250 has been received for the access to the Community Allotments. Cllr Cotton has written to Buckinghamshire Council requesting permission to go ahead. It was suggested that the remainder of the funding be used to recover Muddy Lane.
    - A quote of £23k for the hardstanding on the verge by the recreation ground has been received. Cllr Cotton will ask Wendover Community Board about the possibility of funding.
    - A new dog bin at the other end of recreation has been delivered. There will also be another one at the end of Muddy Lane when a new supplier has been found.
    - 'No Through Road' signs for Rowsham Road have been agreed.
    - A tree has fallen into the pond due to the strong winds. Andrew Donaldson will remove it next week and the Parish Council will share the cost.
    - The area behind the Sports Centre and the guttering has been cleared.
  - **Neighbourhood Plan –**
    - The update for this is covered in point 4. Open Public Forum

**16. SPEED CAMERA** – Cllr Knowles has spoken to the company and has been provided with a link to the manual and YouTube videos. Cllr Knowles recommended the Parish Council upgrade to the Gold Service as it includes an engineer on site. All agreed. Clerk to arrange Gold Service package and organise for Cllr Knowles and Caretaker to meet with engineer.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**18. MATTERS OF REPORT –**

- An email has been received requesting the Parish Council to support a petition relating to a Scout Hall being built in Aston Clinton in tribute of a teenage boy who lost his life to a brain tumour. Buckinghamshire Council control the access to the land through a restrictive covenant and they refuse to lift it. It was agreed that this should be resolved between the Scout Group and Buckinghamshire Council.
- An email has been received from the daughter of a previous parishioner requesting a tree be planted in her father's memory. It was suggested that a fruit tree be planted on the Community Allotment. Parish Council will fund the tree and a commemorative plaque could be provided by the family. Clerk to liaise with Louise Gattward and reply to the email.
- Cllr Glynn has requested that the Pavilion be added to the Local Heritage Listing initiative.
- Zip Scooters – Berton is not on the map of where they can be used. It was agreed to wait to see if they contact us.
- A parishioner has given a map of Berton dated 1925 to the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be framed and displayed in the Jubilee Hall when work is completed in there.
- Cllr Dewis reported that the flooding at Aston Reach is almost impassable. Water has nowhere to go.
- Cllr King raised the issue of the bus services being hourly. Cllr Cotton advised is likely due to the usage and that it is between Buckinghamshire Council and the Company. Clerk to find out who to write to at Buckinghamshire Council.
- Cllr King reported that the signage from the recent roadworks is still at the roundabout by the Coppice. Clerk to email Local Area Technician.
- A subsidence monitoring company have been in touch regarding the Jubilee Hall claim. Clerk is waiting for them to contact to make an appointment.
- Clerk is liaising with PPL/PRS regarding a music licence query for the Jubilee Hall.
- Transport for Bucks have still got the flooding issues to resolve in Burcott Lane. All Councillors agreed that the main road is much better.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Meeting Closed at 21.00. Date of next meeting is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 which will commence at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall.