

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19.00 at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

**Present:** Cllr L Fisher in the chair, Cllr A Webber, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr S Knowles Cllr N Hyre, Cllr M Glynn, Cllr C King & the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson,

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllr S Cotton

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**3. MINUTES** - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.

**4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – A parishioner raised that he is objecting to the Neighbourhood Plan boundary as it cuts through his back garden. He has previously been dealing with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group but has now brought it to the attention of the Parish Council as he does not accept the response he received. Cllr Fisher explained that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group represent the Parish Council and also advised there had been many public consultations throughout the process. Cllr Fisher to discuss further with Cllr Cotton and a response will be sent via the clerk within a week.

### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS –**

21/04751/APP – BIERTON - 8 Hoods Farm Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DU - Householder application for single storey front and side extension – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

22/00011/APP – BIERTON - The Paddocks Business Centre Cane End Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BH - Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use and construction of horse manage – **Cllr Cotton had previously noted that the land must be used for equestrian or agricultural purposes only. However, NO OBJECTIONS.**

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 – **It was noted that the size is too large. Other concerns were 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. However, NO OBJECTIONS.**

22/00052/APP – BIERTON - 2 The Firs Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DX - Retention of agricultural building – **It was noted that this should be a retrospective application. Cllr Cotton had previously noted that the new building is considerably larger than the old ones and also that it must be used for agricultural purposes only. However, NO OBJECTIONS.**

**6. CLERKS REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**7. PLATINUM JUBILEE TREES** – Cllr Knowles had applied for permission and met with the Local Area Technician. It was decided that there would be too much to go in that area. Cllr Glynn suggested possibly extending the memorial in the field by St Osyth's well. The land is owned by the Bell Trust. Cllr Dewis suggested putting a tree at the Community Allotment and putting a preservation order on it. This would need to be explored with Louise Gattward. Cllr Knowles to discuss best way forward with Cllr Cotton.

**8. BUDGET 2022/23** – Budget 2022/23 was discussed and agreed in principle. Cllr Grieves to meet with clerk to finalise. Precept was agreed at £37,183 at a 5% increase.

### **9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS;**

**10. FINANCE & ORDERS-** Payments and receipts which had previously been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon along with the councils financial statements and proposed payment schedule.

### **11. UPDATES –**

#### **• Bierton Events Group -**

- Cllr Grieves reported that the Santa Float successfully raised £550. The donation was made to the Homeless Shelter and food was given to the Vineyard.
- The running event also successfully raised £1,600. Clerk to make donation of £800 to PACE.
- Cllr Hyre will be joining Bierton Events Group. Cllr Knowles acknowledged that it will be useful to be able to liaise regarding church events.

#### **• Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground**

- Clerk to chase for update re insurance claim at JH.
- Andrew Donaldson cutting back trees etc from buildings.

- New quote for playground refurbishment £70,000. Cllr Cotton has asked Mike Collins how much Wendover Community Board can give us. There has been no response to date.
- Changed internet providers at both halls as half the price of the previous ones.
- Problems connect Nest heating systems at present. A Nest engineer has been arranged.
- Cllr Glynn advised that new door handles have been offered for the Pavilion and he has received samples. These will not be changed for a few months.
- Cllr Cotton had mentioned to Scouts about the gas cylinders. They have suggested a metal frame storage for them elsewhere on site. Cllr Hyre commented that there must be some legislation regarding this. Clerk to investigate.
- Cllr Cotton has suggested that the Parish Council should increase the private hire fees for the halls which should enable the Parish Council to keep the regular hirers' fees down. All agreed. Agreed fees as follows:

		Current	Proposed	
Jubilee Hall	Residents	£47	£50	
	Outside		£63	£68
Sports Centre	Residents	£66	£70	
	Outside		£84	£90

Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls as follows: Current Adults £3.80 New £4  
Juniors £1.80 New £2

- **Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors** – Nothing to report.
- **Highways/Footpaths** –
  - Cllr Cotton advised there is a meeting regarding WCB grants later this month to discuss yellow lines at top of Burcott Lane, and a gate at footpath by the Dairy. Still saying we cant have a gate as no animals in there but suggested maybe a pedestrian guard rail.
  - Cllr Cotton has asked about grasscrete alongside the Recreation area. Awaiting price from John Flanagan, also for improving pathway up to Allotments (funding agreed from Grantscape/Solar Farm for this).
  - Lewis Minney, Local Area Technician, has been working very hard to sort out the flooding issues on Aylesbury Road near the allotments both in the gardens and on the main road. Main road is certainly better already. Gulleys in Great Lane have also been cleared.
  - There is a problem at the entrance to Jubilee Hall car park flooding which Cllr Cotton has reported.
  - Cllr Glynn reported that the new temporary signage for the ELR has been put up. It is too small, even though it has been replaced. Cllr Glynn to liaise with clerk regarding sending an email to Bill Chapple.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Knowles advised that the next stage is to submit section 16 to Buckinghamshire Council but a map is awaited from Buckinghamshire Council. The document also needs to be reformatted.

**12. SPEED CAMERA** – Cllr Knowles reported that it records a lot of data and a discussion should be held with the company. The service agreement should include training and support/contact. All agreed to keep with the Silver package.

**13. DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT 2022-2023** - Agreement extended for another year but Cllr Cotton has asked about a review as we are still paying for the Kingsbrook and Broughton area, although no mowing is done on Kingsbrook by ATC. All agreed would also like to add Cane End Lane from bollards to A418 to the mowing schedule. It is currently done by BC once a year. Cllr Cotton and clerk to organise.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None.

**15. MATTERS OF REPORT** –

- Cllr Webber reported that the hedge in Great lane has been cut.
- Cllr Hyre reported that the verge on Aylesbury Road has been cut up by a lorry, likely TFB. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Cotton to see if TFB can rectify. Cllr Grieves suggested putting stakes in the verges.
- Cllr Glynn asked for an update on the bollards. Need an update from Local Area Technician.
- Cllr Webber reported that the defibrillator at the Golf Club is still ongoing.
- Zip Scooters – Councillors agreed that Jubilee Hall is not the best place for them. All agreed that the best place for them would be by the well or the bus shelter.
- Cllr Webber reported that Brian Robson wanted to congratulate the Parish Council on the drains being cleared in Great Lane.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** : Meeting Closed at 20.30 Date of next meeting is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 which will commence at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.