

# Bierton Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr A Webber, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr M Glynn, Cllr C King, Cllr B Chapple (BC), Cllr M Collins (BC) and the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson

1. **APOLOGIES** - None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MINUTES** - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
4. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – None present
5. **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Chapple & Cllr Collins gave an overview of their roles – explaining that they can raise issues but do not have authority to make the decisions. Both are members of central planning committee.

Cllr Cotton raised that the main issues are with Transport for Bucks - the process takes too long. Meetings have been postponed on several occasions. Parish Councils are being directed to the Community Board for funding. Outstanding issues are as follows:

- Buckinghamshire Council will not agree to repair the layby at the bottom of Muddy Lane or recover Muddy Lane because they did not originally put the footpath in or the covering on Muddy Lane.
- Hedges and ditches on Burcott Lane (near to Marshalls Lea) – we still do not know who is responsible for maintaining them.
- Gate at the end of the footpath coming from Kingsbrook.
- Parsons Lane issue with school traffic. It is becoming more dangerous as more children attend the school.
- Unable to plant Platinum Jubilee Trees and it was agreed plant bulbs instead. However, our Local Area Technician advised the Parish Council need to pay £110 to see what is underneath where they are to be planted.
- Cllr Dewis brought up the no right turn at Stocklake. Cllr Cotton believes it is going to be reopened when the Askey's development opens.

Cllr Collins suggested Cllr Cotton email the above issues to both himself and Cllr Chapple and they will take them to their regular meeting with the Local Area Technician and his superior.

Cllr Collins advised that the Community Board funding priority should be to focus on the health and wellbeing of the Community.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS**
  - Appeal Ref: APP/J0405/X/21/3283022 The Old Brickworks, Brick Kiln Lane, Bierton, Aylesbury HP22 5DA The appeal is made under section 195 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – The appeal is allowed and available to view on Buckinghamshire Council website.
  - Licencing Policy – Circulated to all Councillors and is welcomed.
  - New Premises Licence application - The Bell, 191 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, HP22 5DS  
Cllr Knowles commented that time for selling alcohol didn't coincide with the opening times and was unsure why. Councillors agreed to support the application.
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – Clerk reported back on outstanding issues from the previous meeting that are now resolved. Clerk posed the question about the Assets Register being depreciated each year. Clerk to investigate further.
8. **PLATINUM JUBILEE**
  - Jubilee Mugs – There are 133 names on list so far. It was agreed that there is a need to reach out to people who do not have access to the internet.
  - Trees – missed the planting time and too many challenges to overcome.
9. **TREE MEMORIAL HC** – Cllr Webber provided some history. HC lived at Broughton Crossing for 3 or 4 years. The Community allotment site for a tree is not appropriate and there is no room by St Osyth's well. Cllr Glynn suggested where there was a previous memorial bench. It was suggested that a bench may be a better alternative to a tree, funded by the family. Need to investigate where a bench could go.
10. **FINANCE & ORDERS** - Payments and receipts which had previously been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon with the financial receipts, payments, and proposed payment schedule.
  - Cllr Cotton reported that the pay scales for the clerk's pay for 2021/2022 have now been released and back pay has been calculated for both the current and previous Clerks.
  - Cllr Cotton reported that the Clerk is to go up a point on salary scale with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

- It was agreed that the Bank Mandate needs to be updated with new signatories as follows: Cllr Cotton, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Dewis, Cllr Grieves & the Clerk Wendy Tomlinson. The signing instructions will remain any two to sign. Clerk to arrange new mandate.

#### 11. UPDATES

- **Bierton Events Group –**
  - Cllr Fisher provided details for the events planned for the remainder of the year.
- **Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –**
  - Hand dryers have been replaced in both halls.
  - All agreed to remove sanitiser stations from both halls. Hall hirers to provide their own hand sanitiser. Clerk to ask company to collect.
  - The subsidence monitoring company came out to Jubilee Hall and will monitor the change in two months.
  - AD has carried out various works around the village.
  - Scouts have moved the gas canisters.
  - Painting of the old pavilion is due to be carried out at the end of the month.
- **Outside organisations – (virtual) meetings attended by any Councillors –**
  - Cllr Cotton attended the Wendover Community Board meeting- nothing to report
  - Cllr Cotton attended the Electoral Review meeting – it is proposed to have 49 wards with 98 councillors, and to come into effect in 2025.
  - Cllr Cotton attended the Community Boards Review at the Gateway.
  - Cllr Cotton to attend Transport for Bucks Stakeholder meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- **Highways/Footpaths –**
  - It has been agreed to resurface the footpath to the community allotment, but to carry out the work it will need to be closed for a couple of days which will require a temporary closure by obtaining a traffic regulation order.
- **Neighbourhood Plan –**
  - Cllr Knowles reported that this is now complete with much moderation. It has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council who have acknowledged receipt. Hoping to hear this week that the Regulation 16 process will commence on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The public consultation will be managed by Buckinghamshire Council. The document should be ready in November 2022.

12. **SPEED CAMERA –** Gold Maintenance Contract is now in place. Contact will be made when engineer is due to visit, currently scheduled for April/May. Cllr Knowles reported that he has received some useful emails.

#### 13. MATTERS OF REPORT

- SSE – Address has now been changed to the Clerk's address and an online account set up.
- Playground – Cllr Collins advised that the Parish Council need to provide quotations direct to Wendover Community Board and usually the maximum amount awarded would be £25k. Applications will open again in April but the budget is considerably reduced next year.
- Broughton Crossing – Cllr Grieves reported that cars parked both sides of the road are too dangerous. Cllr Glynn reported that there is designated hard standing opposite the Dog House Pub. If Transport for Bucks would extend the hard standing around the bend opposite numbers 1-5, this would help. This item is to be added to the email for Cllrs Chapple & Collins.
- For Information – Scam emails went to a few people from Cllr Cotton. Everyone to be aware.
- Ukraine – Cllr Knowles asked if there is anything we can do? Cllr Collins pointed out that it is better to provide cash, so people are receiving the items they need but to send it to the main central fundraising fund. Cllr Knowles pointed out that some people are reluctant to give money as they do not know that it gets to the right places. Cllr Cotton knows some people who have offered to put up refugees in the village – perhaps we can help them.
- Waste bin at St Osyth's Well – Cllr Dewis reported that it was overflowing with dog waste. A dog waste bin cannot be put there because of the access to empty it. Cllr Hyre reported that the new dog waste bin has been installed at the bottom of Muddy Lane but the bin in Parsons Lane is rusty. Clerk to organise a replacement dog waste bin.
- Notices for Defibrillators – Cllr Dewis reported that these need to be replaced. Cllr Cotton will arrange.
- GDPR – Two Councillors have received phone calls from a person purporting to be somebody they are not. All to be aware that if asked to provide information about a Councillor, do not give any information in accordance with GDPR regulations.
- Parish Map – Cllr Glynn has obtained a quote of £184 (£206 if dry mounted) for framing it. Putting old photos around it will be costly and will make it very big. It is suggested that there are two frames – one for the map and one for photos.
- Cllr Collins advised that the Parish Council should be aware that there could be issues with ongoing costs if there is development in the village.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Meeting Closed at 8.45pm. Date of next meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 which will commence at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall.