

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 25th April 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 S Knowles, Cllr N Hyre and the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr M Glynn, Cllr C King & Cllr M Grieves
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
4. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**
To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions and for issues to be raised with the council. Items not on the agenda and requiring decisions will need to be included in the agenda for the next meeting.
5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS**
 - 22/00982/APP - BIERTON - 97 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BT Householder application for erection of a fence
The Parish Council SUPPORT this application
 - 20/01270/APP - BIERTON - Land West Of Cane End Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BH Change of use from agricultural to employment use. Erection of 36 (now reduced to 33) business units (falling within use classes B1, B2 and B8) with associated parking, servicing, landscaping and off-site highways works.
The Parish Council OBJECT to this application. Cllr Cotton had previously circulated further comments to the Councillors and all agreed that these should be used as the response.
 - 22/01006/APP - BIERTON - The Gables 96 Burcott Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5AS Householder application for fenestration changes to existing dwelling including new side facing dormers and erection of detached garage
NO OBJECTIONS
 - 21/04464/APP - BIERTON - The Paddocks Business Centre Cane End Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BH Erection of an agricultural building.
NO OBJECTIONS – Councillors agreed that the same wording should be used as the response given on 9th December 2021.
 - 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 manege.
Cllr Cotton had previously noted that the land must be used for equestrian or agricultural purposes only. However, NO OBJECTIONS.
 - **48 Burcott Lane** – Owner has put a dormer window in the loft at the front of the property which was not on the original plans. The owner will be submitting a retrospective application. It was agreed that the Clerk should approve this when it arrives as it matches the two properties next door.
6. **CLERKS REPORT** – Clerk reported the following:
 - Assets Register – Town & Parish Council asset registers do not get depreciated.
 - Platinum Jubilee Mugs have been ordered (180). There are currently 157 on the list. Closing date is today.
 - Hand Sanitiser Stations have now been removed from both halls.
 - End of Year Closedown was completed with Rialtas today.
7. **TREE MEMORIAL – HC** – It was agreed that there is not a suitable site within the village for either a tree or a memorial bench. Clerk to respond to email.
8. **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.
9. **UNPAID INVOICE** – A Hall Hirer has an outstanding balance of nearly £300. They have said they would pay it on three separate occasions but to date, no payment has been received. It was agreed that a letter will be delivered by hand by Cllr Knowles and the Clerk requesting payment within 7 days and if not received, the Parish Council will commence formal proceedings. Clerk will email the hall hirer to advise that a letter will be hand delivered.

10. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (If any):

- Bierton Events Group
The Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with approximately 80 eggs given away. Future events are the Quiz and Gate to Front Door.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - Increased fees for mowing – Fees will be rising from £154 to £177 plus VAT due to increased overheads and being unable to use red diesel.
 - Proposal to increase football fees – in light of increased fees all agreed fees should rise from £65 to £70.
 - Cleaners at the Sports Centre – Current cleaners are leaving. Cllr Cotton has contacted UK Clean but they do not have anyone available for a Sunday evening. Cllr Cotton is waiting to hear back from Fox Group.
 - Gate at the playground is swinging back as soon as it's opened. Clerk to contact Safe & Sound to ask to inspect and make recommendation.
- Outside organisations/virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton attended TFB Stakeholder meeting and also the Parish Liaison meeting
- Highways/Footpaths – Footpath up to allotment is completed. It needs monitoring as the sides are falling in a bit where it is so dry at the moment. Didn't need to close the footpath as the contractors were able to give access to the public. Clerk to claim back from grant.
Councillors reported that the work outside 107-111 Aylesbury Road is unacceptable. Cllr Cotton to contact Local Area Technician about it.
- Neighbourhood Plan – This is now out for public consultation with Buckinghamshire Council until 12th May. Nothing more to report.

11. MATTERS OF REPORT -

- Newsletters will be distributed over the next few days. Cllr Knowles enquired about possible marketing revenue from the newsletters. Cllr Fisher has previously been approached by Wild Raven. Cllr Fisher will explore again.
- Cllr Dewis enquired regarding Traffic Calming. This is still with Buckinghamshire Council.
- Cllr Hyre & Cllr Dewis raised that the waste bin by the well is constantly overflowing. Cllr Cotton will ask BS to empty the bin twice a week. It was mentioned that there could possibly be a notice asking people to recycle.
- Cllr Webber reported that the mowing of verges in Great Lane is not complete. This is because half of the mowing is done by Buckinghamshire Council and the other half by the Housing Trust.
- It was reported that a van and a car advertising selling cars are often seen in the village. It was agreed that nothing can be done about it but Cllr Cotton will look into. It was not seen as a big problem.
- Cllr Webber enquired about the monitoring company for the Jubilee Hall. It was reported that nothing had been heard yet. However, the Clerk received a call on 26th April to book an appointment.
- Cllr Knowles reported that the Swarco engineer contacted him on the day he was coming to service the speed sign, but he was unavailable to meet with him. Cllr Knowles received a text message reporting that batteries were flat. A report from the visit has not been received as yet. Cllr Knowles will follow up regarding the report.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Meeting closed at 7.50ppm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 16th May 2022. It will immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which will commence at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.