

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 20th March 2023 at 19.00 at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

Present: Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr C King, the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson, & 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr A Webber, Cllr M Grieves & Cllr M Collins (BC)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles had some correspondence with the Transport Strategy Officer and chased again on 13th March. Still waiting to hear. **Cllr Knowles will chase again.**
 - Grit Box – Chased on 3rd March, still no response. **Clerk to chase again.**
 - Recreation Ground – Cllr Dewis reported that he had checked the area at the back of the sports centre and pavilion and it is very clean. The gate is being locked each night and the PCSO's have attended on a few occasions albeit during the day.
 - Rubbish at The Red Lion pub – A parishioner has reported this together with seeing cars in the car park in the evening and is concerned about drug dealing taking place. **Clerk to contact star pubs regarding clearing the rubbish.**
 - Commercial Recycling - The Commercial Recycling Bin has arrived at the Jubilee Hall. Buckinghamshire Council are awaiting further stock and then the bin for the Sports Centre will be delivered. Clerk has ordered two 45L green bins for the kitchens in both halls and has produced posters advising what should and shouldn't be placed in bins.
 - Streetlight on William Hill Drive – Quote received. All agreed to go ahead with replacement. **Clerk to organise.**
 - Warm Social Hub – Space has been made in the kitchen to store resources.
 - Councillors Advice Surgery – Cllr Cotton reported that Buckinghamshire Councillors, the Police and our Local Area Technician have confirmed their attendance. **Waiting to hear from Wendover Community Board.**
 - Aylesbury Garden Project – **Cllr Fisher is looking into.**
 - Notice Boards - **Cllr Roberts will tidy up the notice boards. Cllr Knowles suggested the need to develop a system to ensure we are reaching as many parishioners as possible when it comes to sharing information, events etc.**
4. **MINUTES** – Cllr Knowles referred to point 13 on the previous minutes and asked that the times of the Warm Social Hub are included. **Clerk to update minutes.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th February 2023 were then agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – No questions.
A parishioner representing the Scouts advised that the pavilion had mice due to sugar being left in there after an event. All food substances have now been removed. Cllr Cotton suggested that any food or drink to be stored in there should be kept in a sealed container. **Cllr Cotton will arrange for some traps to be put in there.**
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** -
 - 22/04112/APP - BIERTON 6 Grendon Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DD Householder application for side extension, and front and rear dormer roof extensions. Loft conversion – **This is the third application for this property. The Parish Council agreed that the changes are minor from the last application and the previous comments used are still appropriate. Cllr Hyre pointed out that the applicant is entitled to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain their reasonings.**
 - 23/00638/APP - BIERTON 45 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BS Householder application for proposed demolition of existing rear single storey extension. Construction of two storey rear/side extension and single storey rear extension, new canopy formed above front door. Rendering existing side wall. – **Cllr Fisher reported there has been a neighbour objection. Cllr Knowles has a concern regarding the grass verges and contractor's vehicles damaging them. He would like to see a condition that any damage to the grass verges is restored to their prior state. Cllr Hyre pointed out that there are planning rules and if it conforms to those, there is no reason to object. All agreed no objections but to make a comment regarding the grass verges.**
 - 22/01538/APP - BIERTON 2 Grove Court Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5EA Erection of a two bedroom single storey residential dwelling. – **Amendments have been made to the last application. Owners have bought part of the land next to it. All agreed no objections.**
 - 23/00434/APP - BIERTON 225A Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DS Householder application for single storey front and rear ground floor extensions – **Cllr Hyre pointed out that there is a lot of work. Cllr Knowles has concerns over the parking. It was agreed to leave to the Planners. No comments or objections.**
 - Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. Infrastructure Baseline – **Clerk had previously circulated a draft response for comment. Cllr Grieves suggested further comments which have been included. All agreed for Clerk respond accordingly.**

7. CLERKS REPORT –

- We have received a Freedom on Information request from a parishioner. It has been acknowledged and we have 20 working days to respond to it.
- The PWLB loan last payment was made on 6th February 2023 and they have confirmed the loan has matured. The direct debit has been cancelled.
- We have been awarded £15k from Wendover Community Board towards the playground refurbishment. We now need to apply for the remainder from Griffin Trust.

8. FINANCE & ORDERS – The Clerk explained two additional payments to the payment schedule. 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. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOG BIN – The Clerk reported that the current size of dog bins are the only ones available due to the weight of them when they are emptied. All agreed to proceed with another dog bin. **Cllr Cotton and Clerk to look at the best location for it in Great Lane. Clerk to arrange the order.**

10. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;

- Bierton Events Group –
 - Quiz evening takes place Saturday 25th March. Cllr Knowles reported there are a very good number of participants.
 - Coronation Afternoon Tea is on Sunday 7th May. Funding is required for a face painter, ice creams, and bouncy castle. **Cllr Cotton will look into.** There will be no charge and local parishioners will be encouraged to attend, bring a picnic and walk rather than drive.
 - Gate to Front Door event will take place on 24th June.
 - Pumpkin event will take place on 28th October.
- Following the quiz night, Bierton Events Group will be raising money for Emmetts Genies.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground
 - Jubilee Hall Subsidence – Work will hopefully go ahead in August to restore cracks in the walls etc. Cllr Cotton suggested getting the drains checked beforehand.
 - Sports Hall Corridor and Disabled Toilet Floor - will be replaced weekend of 28th April. Cllr Cotton has advised regular hall users.
 - Hire fees for the halls - Cllr Cotton has researched some other hall charges with similar facilities and proposed the following:

Sports Centre	Parishioners Private Hire		Outside Parish Private Hire	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
Children’s Parties	£70.00	£70.00	£90.00	£90.00
Adult/Family Parties	£70.00	£90.00	£90.00	£120.00

Jubilee Hall	Parishioners Private Hire		Outside Parish Private Hire	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
Children’s Parties	£50.00	£50.00	£68.00	£68.00
Adult/Family Parties	£50.00	£50.00	£68.00	£75.00

NB. Prices to be reviewed upon refurbishment of Jubilee Hall

All agreed to proposed figures and agreed that priority should be given to the local parish community.

- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton and the Clerk (as a resident of Parsons Lane met with the Bierton School Travel Co-ordinator, a parent from the school, and Cllr Ward. Cllr Cotton reported that the school are doing their very best to try to control the traffic but parents do not always participate in schemes. Cllr Cotton has provided the school with the contact for William Hill Drive Retirement Housing to liaise and possibly add as a park and stride area. Cllr Ward is going to check the planning application regarding the turning circle as it is not used in the afternoons. The School Travel Co-ordinator will arrange a survey for the parents to collate information regarding how and why parents travel the way they do to school.
- Highways/Footpaths –
 - There is no further news with the traffic calming measures. Cllr Cotton has been advised that Buckinghamshire Council and Barratts are finalising them.
 - ELR – Cllr Cotton reported that Barratts are now not finishing their part of the road and have given the money to Buckinghamshire Council.
 - Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – The Clerk circulated the email regarding this prior to the meeting. Feedback is requested by 22nd March. **Cllr Knowles will review document and provide any feedback to the Clerk.**
- Neighbourhood Plan – Still waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to advise how we need to progress. Cllr Roberts felt that the original steering group did not represent the diversity of the village and volunteers should be from the whole village. Cllr King suggested also inviting business owners in the village. Cllr Knowles acknowledged comments. **It was agreed that a request for volunteers will be put in the next newsletter. Clerk to send an email to Buckinghamshire Council requesting them to redefine the area, excluding Kingsbrook.**
- Local Heritage List – Cllr Cotton has provided information to Cllr Fisher and Cllr Hyre.

- 11. 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 Knowles enquired as to when the Jubilee Hall will be refurbished. Cllr Cotton explained this will not be until the remedial works have been carried out and suggested a separate meeting to discuss. Cllr Fisher suggested having a board up at the Advice Surgery for suggestions of what parishioners might like. Cllr Knowles suggested asking the regular users for their thoughts. All agreed to ask regular users for their thoughts.
 - Cllr Hyre reported that the cradles holding the tables both need to have the tables stacked sideways for health and safety reasons. A discussion took place regarding if the tables fit sideways in one of the cradles. **Cllr Knowles agreed to look at when putting the tables away after the next Social Hub.**
- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 17th April 2023, which will commence at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.