

BIERTON PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIR’S REPORT 2022-2023

The year started with Mike Glynn resigning due to personal commitments and we welcomed Natalie Roberts onto the council in his place.

We gave Platinum Jubilee Mugs to all the children living in the village in June which was well accepted and appreciated by everyone.

We had a Traffic Calming Consultation event in the Jubilee Hall in September which was well attended and several comments made to Barratts and Buckinghamshire Council. However, we still don't know the final plans or when the measures will be implemented as Buckinghamshire Council are to present them to our Buckinghamshire Councillors first.

The Neighbourhood Plan has not progressed as we would have wished. At Regulation 16, Kingsbrook Parish Council decided they did not wish to form part of the Neighbourhood Area. Buckinghamshire Council are in negotiations with them to find a mutually agreeable way forward. Until then we are in limbo.

Our Warm Social Club started last October in the Jubilee Hall every Tuesday afternoon and has become a very well attended and enjoyed event by all ages – ranging at times from 2 – 87 years old. This was Steve and Maggie Knowles' initiative and they have both worked very hard to make it a success. Our thanks to them and their band of helpers. New attendees would be welcome so please spread the word.

We continued to meet regularly with Stakeholders in Kingsbrook; Community Buildings Group and School Travel Plan Group. Meetings with Buckinghamshire Council for Transport for Bucks and Planning Forums have also been attended.

Some of us also attended a meeting in Kingsbrook Primary School with Poplar Grove Surgery and the ICB regarding the lack of provision of a promised health centre and their proposals to extend the current surgery. No feedback received to date.

Our Events Group have had another successful, busy year with a quiz, easter event, Halloween event, Annual Fun Run and Santa Float. They raised a substantial amount for Florence Nightingale and the Food Bank from their events. We thank them for their hard work which is much appreciated throughout the village.

The Jubilee Hall is to undergo some structural repairs by the Insurance Company during August and we will soon begin work on a plan for a complete refurbishment during next year.

We have now introduced Recycling facilities at both halls and hope that users will ensure the correct items are put in the correct bins. More dog bins are being provided too.

We have managed to secure funding – largely from the Mike & Claire Griffin Trust for a playground refurbishment later this year. We are still working on the finer details at present. Other funding has come from Wendover Community Board and Gib Lane Community Fund. There will also be a substantial amount from our own funds.

We finally got our yellow lines at the top of Burcott Lane making access and egress much safer for everyone. This was also funded by Wendover Community Board.

After another busy yet productive year, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their dedication and support throughout the year. I could not finish my report without a special thank you to our parish clerk, Wendy, who has completed her first full year with us and is as always super efficient and keeps us all on our toes!

Sheila Cotton

Chair, Bierton Parish Council

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