

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 15th May 2023 at 19.10 at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

Present: Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr C King, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr B Dewis, the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson and 4 members of the public.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR** – Cllr Dewis nominated Cllr Cotton as Chair, seconded by Cllr Knowles. Cllr Cotton nominated Cllr Fisher as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Roberts.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr A Webber, Cllr L Fisher & Cllr M Grieves
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
4. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles and Cllr Ward have chased Buckinghamshire Council but have not received a response. Cllr Knowles has also contacted Zipp but has not received a response. However, Cllr Knowles noticed that it is possible to apply for Parking Bays on their website and suggested applying for 3 locations - Aylesbury Road layby by the new traffic lights, on the corner of Barnett Way or Old Forge Gardens and Aylesbury Road just before the start of the cycle path. Cllr Dewis queried the narrow pathways through the village and Cllr Knowles explained that the scooters are not supposed to be ridden on paths; they should be ridden on roads. A member of the public suggested this not be done until after the traffic calming measures are in place due to the volume of traffic on Aylesbury Road with it being so dangerous. It was agreed that this is a valid point and also that it likely to take some time for the parking bays to be put in place. Councillors agreed that Parking Bays should be applied for in the meantime. **Cllr Knowles to request Parking Bays on Zipp website.**
 - Streetlight at William Hill Drive – The order has now been placed for the column to be replaced but there has been no date provided. Cllr King reported that the column is still rattling and would like the door taped properly in the meantime. **Clerk will arrange for this to be looked at.**
 - Notice Boards – Cllr Roberts asked if the cork could be replaced in the back of the boards. Cllr Cotton advised that new boards had agreed to be looked into at a previous meeting. **Clerk to research companies for new boards and put as an agenda item for next meeting.**
 - Internal Audit - currently being carried out.
 - Kingsbrook Stakeholder Meeting – The next meeting is on 25th May. **Councillors to advise Cllr Cotton if they wish to attend.**
 - Cane End Lane – Cllr Cotton reported that the vegetation had been cut but there is an area which has not. **Cllr Cotton to discuss with Local Area Technician.**
5. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th April 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
 - Development of land off Gib Lane – Jo Alden from BDW Ltd – Jo Alden, Technical Director from Barratt David Wilson Homes attended the meeting to present a pre-application consultation on plans for up to 115 new homes, a cricket pitch, tennis courts and clubhouse on land adjacent to Orchard Green, Kingsbrook which will have pedestrian and cycle access via Gib Lane. Vehicle access will be from Kingsbrook. Letters will be hand delivered to those properties affected in Bierton together with a feedback form over the next week. A public consultation will take place for a minimum of 21 days before a planning application is submitted. Once the planning application has been submitted, a public exhibition will take place in the Jubilee Hall within the planning application consultation period.
 - 23/01437/APP - BIERTON 3 Church Farm Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5EL Householder application for part single storey and part two storey rear extensions – **No objections or comments.**
 - 23/01444/APP - BIERTON 71 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5BT Householder application for demolition of garage, erection of side access corridor and rear extension – **No objections or comments.**
 - 23/01519/APP - BIERTON 4 Grendon Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DD Householder application for demolition of garage. Erection of single storey rear extension and extension of garage. Loft conversion incorporating flat roof dormer to rear – **No objections or comments.**
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – The Clerk reported the following:
 - Completed a safeguarding review with HSBC on 5th May. Now need to provide them with some further information.
 - First Aid kits at both halls have been replaced as previous ones were out of date.

- 8. FINANCE & ORDERS** – The Clerk gave details of 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. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – The Coronation event was excellent and Cllr Knowles reported that attendance was made by all age groups. The event raised just over £500 for Emmett's Genies. The next event is Gate to Front Door on 24th June. Following that, the pumpkin event on 28th October, Annual Bierton Run on 12th November and Santa's Float on 8th, 9th & 10th December.
 - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - Cllr Knowles commented that the recycling at both halls is an excellent incentive and it is good that the Parish Council are setting a good example. Cllr Cotton advised that some plastic bags have had to be retrieved from the recycling bins, mainly after private hirer's have used the halls.
 - Playground – Cllr Grieves has looked through the quote but can not see anything to remove that would cut costs significantly. **Clerk and Cllr Grieves plan to look at again next week.**
 - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton attended a virtual Community Buildings meeting about energy and reported that the Parish Council are following the majority of the guidance given.
 - Highways/Footpaths – Cllr Cotton has reported the BT cover on Aylesbury Road, the muddy area at the end of Muddy Lane and big pot hole at the end of the village. There is no news on Traffic Calming. It was reported that the new sign saying turn right to Aylesbury is just before Gib Lane so people turn in there instead of turning right at the lights. **Cllr Cotton to discuss with Local Area Technician.**
- 10. 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.
- Grit Box – Cllr King asked for further information. Still no response from Local Area Technician. **Clerk to chase again.**
 - Cllr King queried Equality and Diversity Policy. Clerk reported it was accepted at a meeting last year and is on the website.
 - Cllr Roberts raised the issue about the dogs from Express Travel. She had been advised that the dogs are there for security at night but they still escape and roam freely. **Clerk to send an email to Inspector Davies as concerned nothing is being done by the police.**
 - Cllr Knowles raised the issues with medical facilities at Poplar Grove Surgery and asked if there is a medical inspection board. Cllr Cotton suggested complainants contact the Care Quality Commission. The Parish Council have previously brought it to the attention of the local MP.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 19th June 2023 commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.