

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Aylesbury Road, Bierton

Present: Cllr S Cotton in the Chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr N Hyre, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr B Dewis, Cllr A Webber, Cllr J Ward (BC), Sarah Feeney (Co-Opt Councillor applicant), the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson, & 5 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr M Grieves & Cllr M Collins (BC)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles reported he has received an email with the following information:
 - Zipp have confirmed that e-scooter parking bays will be introduced to the following locations (as requested):
 - Church Farm Close (*initially concerns around blocking the access (even though it doesn't appear to be used) – however it is feasible*)
 - Old Forge Gardens
 - Hoods Farm Close
 - They do however have to carry out a site assessment in order to check whether there is enough space on the footway at the Aylesbury Road location (corner of Mike Griffin Way/A418). It cannot be on the service road.
 - Zipp will be painting the bays by Friday 21st July and they can be used immediately once they're in place.
 - E-Bikes were introduced to the existing e-scooter scheme on Thursday 6th July, therefore residents will have the choice of both bikes and scooters. See [website](#) for further information.
 - Further detail on the e-scooter trial can be viewed on our [website](#).
 - Street Light William Hill Drive – This is now ordered and awaiting confirmation of a date from UK Power Networks and CU Phosco.
 - Notice Boards – Cllr Roberts has researched price lists. **Cllr Cotton and the clerk will look through information.**
 - Website – Cllr Knowles & Cllr Fisher met to review and felt it looks like a mixture between a village website and a Parish Council website. Cllr Knowles suggested adding calendars on there relating to the hiring of the halls to hopefully increase the revenue. It was discussed and decided to leave calendars for the time being. **Cllr Knowles & Cllr Fisher will create a list of suggested changes.**
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th June 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** –
 - A discussion took place around the website and communication with all parishioners.
 - Cllr Ward reported she had attended a meeting regarding the traffic calming. It is not vastly different to the proposals. She is attending another meeting on 18th July where she is hoping for it to be signed off. Work is now planned for Easter 2024. A member of the public asked how it is generally felt about the traffic calming. Cllr Ward explained the reasoning for it and explained that the new road through Kingsbrook will become the A418.
 - Kingsbrook Planning Application 23/01995/AOP – A Kingsbrook resident reported that several residents of Kingsbrook are not happy with the planning application for 115 new houses without the health provision and other issues the development will cause. Cllr Ward also reported that Kingsbrook Parish Council meeting had residents in attendance who also objected. Parishioners voiced several issues associated with the application. The general feeling was that the cricket pitch should be supported but not on that site and the 115 dwellings should be objected to. A group of residents will be formulating an objection and Cllr Roberts will join this group as a representative from the Parish Council.
6. **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR** - Buckinghamshire Council confirmed that they had not received a request for an election and the Parish Council are now able to co-opt to fill the vacancy. The parish council advertised for expressions of interest in being co-opted with one application received. The Parish Councillors agreed to Co-Opt Sarah Feeney on to the Parish Council.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
 - 23/01864/APP - 3 St James Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5ED Householder application for erection of boundary fence – **It was felt that this would be out of keeping with the rest of St James Way. It was resolved that there is no objection to the back and side fences but the Parish Council object to the fence at the front.**

- 23/01995/AOP - KINGSBROOK Land To The South Of The A418, To The West Of Gib Lane And North Of Kingsbrook Village 4 Aylesbury Bucks Outline planning application for up to 115 dwellings with access included for consideration and up to 4ha for sports pitches/recreational open space and informal open space including cricket pitch, tennis courts, clubhouse/changing room building and associated access car parking – **A discussion took place highlighting several issues with the application. It was resolved that the Parish Council object to the planning application. Cllr Cotton, Cllr Fisher and the Clerk will formulate a detailed response and distribute for approval from the remaining Parish Councillors before submitting.**
- 23/02149/APP - 225A Aylesbury Road Berton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DS Householder application for single storey front and rear ground floor extensions. Erection of outbuilding – **This application was received on the morning of the meeting. Councillors had not had the opportunity to look at it in detail. There were no objections to previous application. It was resolved that Councillors will look at further and provide email comments to the clerk.**
- Land to the rear of William Hill Drive – **The owner has requested the thoughts of the Parish Council regarding building retirement bungalows on the land. Permission was refused for an application for 23 dwellings in 2016 which then went to appeal. The appeal was subsequently withdrawn. It was resolved that not much had changed since the last application and the Parish Council would be minded to object to any new application.**
- 20/00779/APP - Hale Farm, Hulcott, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5AX Ground mounted solar farm with DNO substation, point of connection, ancillary infrastructure and associated works, landscape planting and access tracks Solar Farm at Hulcott - **The application will be considered by Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee at its meeting on 19th July 2023.**

8. CLERKS REPORT – Nothing to report

9. FINANCE & ORDERS – The clerk distributed an updated version of the payment schedule and gave details of one further payment to be added. Payments and receipts which had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting were agreed upon with the financial receipts, payments, and proposed payment schedule.

10. CLERK'S SALARY SCALE – It was resolved to put the clerk's salary up by one point scale and to backdate it to 1st April 2023. **Clerk to organise.**

11. BIERTON PRE SCHOOL – It was resolved to pay £100 to Berton Pre School to top up their race night fundraising to £1,000. Cllr Cotton asked if anybody had any ideas of how to help with finances for the pre school. The clerk gave an explanation of how the finances work at the pre school.

12. GRIT BIN – OLDHAMS MEADOW – It was resolved to proceed with a new grit bin. **Clerk to organise.**

13. FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS – The Fire Risk Assessments were approved and adopted. **Clerk to display in both halls.**

14. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (If any) ;

- Berton Events Group – The Pumpkin Trail, Annual Run and Santa's Sleigh are in the process of being organised.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - Jubilee Hall
 - Cllr Cotton and the clerk had a meeting with Parrott & Coales regarding the Trustees. Identification and a new valuation of the hall is required to proceed with the Deed of Appointment and Retirement. The clerk is in the process of organising.
 - The loft at the Jubilee Hall was cleared out today.
 - Works to rectify the previous subsidence issues are starting on Monday 24th July and should last approximately 4 weeks. Cllr Cotton has contacted all hirers.
 - Refurbishment of Playground – Cllr Fisher has provided the clerk with a draft tender specification document. **Clerk to complete and advertise on Contract Finder website.**
 - Football Teams - Two football teams will be using the football pitch next season - Aylesbury FC and Aylesbury Hornets.
- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – Cllr Cotton attended the Parish Liaison meeting on 28th June and the Wendover Community Board meeting on 29th June. **Clerk to circulate slides when received.**
- Highways/Footpaths – A list of places where stiles are to be replaced with gates has been compiled. **Clerk to apply to Griffin Trust for a grant.** Cllr Feeney suggested having a battery powered strimmer for the overgrown footpaths. She has reported many footpaths recently. It was felt that this should not be done due to health and safety reasons and the complications of different land owners.

15. 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 asked why is the public forum at the start of the meeting. If it was later it would give the chance for members of the public to offer opinions on other points raised. **Clerk to investigate and report back.**
- Cllr Hyre reported that the bin on Aylesbury Road is broken. **Clerk to organise replacements for both bins on Aylesbury Road and the one at the recreation ground.**

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 18th September 2023, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.