

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 16th October 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 A Webber, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr J Ward (BC) the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N Roberts & Cllr B Dewis
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Grit Bin – Has been paid for and awaiting delivery.
 - Replacement Bins – Confirmation of order has been received and they are currently being assembled.
 - Talk from Local Farmers – Cllr Feeney has received good interest for a talk about farm management. **Cllr Cotton and Cllr Feeney will liaise re dates.**
 - Street Lights on Aylesbury Road – These are still not working. Cllr Ward has chased.
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th September 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** –
 - Traffic Calming – Cllr Ward gave an overview of the meeting that was held. The scheme can not significantly change unless it goes go back to consultation which will delay it further. A major change will be parking by the church. The bus stop by St Osyth's Well will stay as it is. 'Keep Clear' will be painted on the road by the farm gate next to Church Farm Close and by the farm gate on the opposite side of the road. The chicane by Miles Court is to stay. The scheme was agreed and will now move on to the next stage. It will hopefully be implemented in Spring 2024. Cllr Ward reported that she had raised that the Oakfield Road junction works and the Traffic Calming scheme should not be carried out at the same time. The state of the pathways through Bierton was raised and Cllr Ward reported that they are on the capital programme of works. It has been suggested to leave the pathways until the Traffic Calming scheme has been completed.
 - Driveway on Great Lane – It was reported that a Parishioner has started works to implement a driveway. Some of the land is owned by Highways (Fairhive). Buckinghamshire Highways are investigating this.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
 - 23/02750/APP - BIERTON 8 Cowley Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DQ Householder application for partial demolition of existing garage. Conversion of remaining existing garage to living accommodation and to facilitate a single storey extension to the rear **No comments and no objections.**
 - 23/02909/APP - BIERTON 5 Barnett Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DN Householder application for single storey side and front extensions and outbuilding **No comments and no objections.**
 - Aylesbury Golf Centre – Cllr Cotton reported that permission has been granted for mini golf and parking but the owner also wanted to add additional vehicular access. This has proved difficult with Buckinghamshire Highways so the variation of the application has been withdrawn.
 - Badricks Farm – Cllr Cotton reported that the application for construction of a track has been refused.
 - Red Lion – Cllr Cotton reported that the application for illuminated and non-illuminated signs and exterior painting at the Red Lion has been granted.
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – Nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE & ORDERS** – The clerk updated the payment schedule with 8 further payments. 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.
9. **ZIPP SCOOTERS** – Cllr Knowles reported that the current situation is that 3 locations were approved by Bucks (Old Forge Gardens, Church Farm Close and Hoods Farm Close). However the bay at Old Forge Gardens could not be painted as there was a vehicle parked there. It is not possible to have one at the top of the village by Mike Griffin Way as it is a service road. **Cllr Cotton will discuss further at the next Stakeholder meeting** Scooters are being parked at the edge of Brick Kiln Lane and it was felt that this could be dangerous and it is not an official bay. **Cllr Knowles will look into further.**
10. **BIERTON VILLAGE WEBSITE** – **Cllr Fisher & Cllr Knowles will liaise to look at in more detail. Clerk to put on agenda for January 2024.**

- 11. BIERTON PRE SCHOOL** - The Clerk reported that an Extraordinary General Meeting is being held on 30th October to discuss the current position and the future of the pre school. Cllr Cotton proposed that the Parish Council waive the rent for this quarter to help the pre school. All agreed.
- 12. PLAYGROUND** – Cllr Grieves gave an overview of the evaluation process which was carried out by himself, Cllr Fisher & Councillor Roberts and explained that 4 tenders had been received. Results of the evaluation process were circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Visual plans were available to view. All agreed that the supplier with the highest percentage score will be offered the project. **Clerk to notify all companies and the preferred supplier.**
- 13. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that the Pumpkin Trail is on 28th October, Annual Run on 12th November and the Santa Sleigh is on 9th & 10th December. Plans will then begin for 2024.
 - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - Jubilee Hall Renovations. – Cllr Cotton reported that an estimate has been received at approximately £65k and there will be a plan for a contingency of £15k. The project will need to be put out to tender on the Contract Finder website. We will look at applying for grants from Wendover Community Board and the Griffin Trust. Cllr Knowles reported that making disabled access at the front is not feasible and so the access to the left of the building will be greatly improved. Cllr Knowles is currently working on the Specification document.
 - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors – None
 - Highways/Footpaths – BT plate on Aylesbury Road by the crossing – BT are saying it is not a priority but it was agreed that it should be. Cllr Cotton reported that somebody at Buckinghamshire Council is taking it further with BT.
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Approval has been received for the current neighbourhood plan to be split into three areas; Bierton Parish, Kingsbrook Parish and Broughton Parish. A few maps still need to be looked at. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group are hoping to go to Regulation 14 early next year.
- 14. MATTERS OF REPORT –**
- Cllr Webber has spoken with the Parishioner who looks after the defibrillators. He looks after the one at the Jubilee Hall and the one at Bay 19. Scouts will now be looking after the one at the Sports Centre after having received training.
 - Cllr Feeney asked about the Wendover Community Board meeting. Cllr Cotton and Cllr Feeney will attend the next meeting.
- 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 20th November 2023, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.