

# Bierton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 S Feeney, Cllr B Dewis, the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 2 members of the public

A minute's silence was held in memory of Cllr Alan Webber who sadly passed away unexpectedly at the end of last year.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr M Grieves

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Talk from Local Farmers - Cllr Feeney has spoken to local farmers. They are looking into having an open farm day and also agreed to do a talk.
- Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles has chased but not received any response. **Cllr Knowles will email again and copy in Cllr Ward (BC).**
- Drive on Great Lane – Cllr Cotton responded to Buckinghamshire Highways and Fairhive but did not receive any response. The drive is now complete.
- The grit bin on Oldhams Meadow has still not arrived and the existing bins at Parsons Lane and Broughton Crossing have not been refilled. Clerk has chased but is not receiving any response.
- The hob at the Sports Centre has been fixed.

4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.

5. **PUBLIC FORUM** –

- A parishioner and his wife are looking into running a community book swap service. They would like it to run from the Jubilee Hall Car Park. The books would be for a varied age range. It was reported that there is quite a lot of local interest. They would be happy to administer and maintain the service but would need a wall mounted or standalone shed which they would ask the Parish Council to fund. It was suggested that an application to the Griffin Trust for this would be a good idea. There will need to be rules set to encourage correct use of the service and a trial period of 12 months. Cllr Knowles suggested that the parishioner return with a specification and costings. Cllr Knowles reported that the Jubilee Hall is due to be refurbished so it may be necessary to relocate it on a temporary basis. All Councillors are in favour of the idea. **Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting.**

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –

- 23/03811/APP - BIERTON 182 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DT Householder application for demolition of existing single storey/two storey rear extensions. Erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension. New roof above existing front bay windows, fenestration changes and removal of 2no trees **Consultee Comment submitted 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Bierton Parish Council have no comments and no objections to this application.**
- 23/03894/APP - BIERTON 4 Grendon Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DD Householder application for demolition of garage. Erection of new garage and single storey rear extension **Consultee Comment submitted 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Bierton Parish Council have no comments and no objections to this application.**
- 23/03893/APP - BIERTON 2 Grendon Way Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DD Householder application for single storey rear extension and fenestration changes **Consultee Comment submitted 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Bierton Parish Council have no comments and no objections to this application.**
- 24/00031/APP - BIERTON 173 Aylesbury Road Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DW Householder application for single side and first floor rear extensions – **No objections or comments relating to the extension but it looks like there are spaces for two small cars yet it is known that the homeowner has a van which may not fit within the allocated parking.**
- Track at Badricks Farm – **Cllr Cotton reported that a track across the field to the right is being built. Cllr Ward has reported it to enforcement at Buckinghamshire Council. Cllrs Hyre and Roberts reported that a farmer can drive across their land to access fields without permission but if they start digging up and putting concrete down then they need planning permission. Cllr Cotton will circulate email received from Cllr Ward.**
- 23/01995/AOP Address: Land To The South Of The A418, To The West Of Gib Lane And North Of Kingsbrook Village 4 Aylesbury Bucks Proposal: 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 – **Kingsbrook Parish Council objected to the 115 houses but agreed to the cricket pitch. Further comment to be made on behalf of Bierton Parish Council stating that the sports field should be in the original place on the initial plans and object to the 115 houses being built. The Parish Council will reiterate that there will be no boundary between Bierton and Kingsbrook if the cricket pitch is approved where it is.**

- 24/00158/APP - BIERTON 6 Orchard Close Bierton Buckinghamshire HP20 2XD Householder application for single storey front extension – **No objections and no comments.**

**7. CLERKS REPORT –**

- The streetlight on William Hill Drive is due to be replaced on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**8. FINANCE & ORDERS –** The clerk updated the payment schedule with 3 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. BUDGET TO DATE AND 2024-2025 BUDGET –** Cllr Feeney had a few questions which were answered by the Clerk.

**10. PRECEPT –** A discussion took place regarding the precept increase. All agreed on 4% increase. **Clerk to update budget.**

**11. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY –** Following the sad news of Cllr Webber's passing, a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. **Clerk to advertise for a Casual Vacancy.**

**12. CHARITY TRUSTEE –** Cllr Cotton reported that Cllr Webber was a trustee. **Cllr Cotton will talk to the chair of trustees regarding how to proceed.**

**13. ARRIVA 150/X4 BUS SERVICE –** Received an email requesting support to bring back the Sunday bus service. Cllrs agreed to send a support email. **Cllr Cotton and the Clerk to prepare and send a support email.**

**14. WEBSITE –** Cllrs Fisher and Knowles have come up with a list of what needs to be looked at. They have also looked at the usage. Our website is not used very much. There's information that needs to be updated and removed. Cllr Fisher would like to set up a small working group with Cllr Grieves to look at in more detail. **Cllr Cotton and the Clerk to join working group.**

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

- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that the Santa Float was very successful. They will be looking at safety of volunteers walking alongside float in more detail for next year. The Annual Quiz will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. This will be the last event of the year. They are keen to support another local charity next year that's not religious and not for animals. Any suggestions would be welcomed. Bingo will not go ahead. A family sports day is being planned for 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The Pumpkin Trail, Annual Run and the Santa Float will also take place.
- Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground
  - Jubilee Hall Renovations – Currently builders are looking around with the tender submission deadline being 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
  - Jubilee Hall Trustee – Cllr Webber was a Jubilee Hall Trustee. **Cllr Cotton to speak to the other trustees regarding how to proceed.**
  - Playground Project – The new playground is currently being installed with the hope of it being finished by the end of January.
  - Use of Sports Centre for a Pre School & Charges – Cllr Cotton has received contact from Buckinghamshire Council Early Years regarding another pre-school using the hall. Cllr Cotton suggested only letting from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday, term time only due to other users. Cllr Cotton suggested £8.50 per hour for another pre-school. **Cllr Cotton will contact Early Years to advise the hall will be held until Easter for them to find another pre-school.**
- Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors –
  - A Wendover Community Board meeting is being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the Jubilee Hall for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Parish Councils.
- Highways/Footpaths –
  - Eastern Link Road South – Cllr Cotton had previously circulated an update. It will not be a dual carriageway and will be development lead from the Woodlands development. There is no timeline set for it.
  - Traffic Calming Measures – Cllr Cotton previously circulated an update. This has been approved by Buckinghamshire Council but there is no timescale at present.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Knowles reported that the Steering Group is very close to preparing for Regulation 14. An exhibition will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Jubilee Hall, 10am to 4pm. The plan now excludes Kingsbrook. Lots of advertising is and will be taking place.

**16. 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 hopes to use cupboard at Sports Hall for Bierton Events Group. This will depend on if another pre-school hires the hall.
- Cllr Feeney suggested having therapy dogs at the Social Hub. Cllr Knowles and Councillor Cotton have spoken to others and have concluded not to go ahead.
- Cllr Feeney reported the pub car park is causing issues with leaves covering Great Lane. She will contact Star Inns.
- Cllr Hyre mentioned about the bus shelter at the end of the village. This will be left until the weather is warmer.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.