

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 19th February 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 M Grieves, Cllr J Ward (BC), the Clerk Mrs Wendy Tomlinson & 4 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MATTERS/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - Zipp Scooters – Cllr Knowles reported that there is no further news. It was agreed that this will be left for the time being.
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th January 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the chair.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** –
 - A parishioner voiced concerns regarding the number of HGVs that travel through the village. Cllr Ward reported that the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy will not be able to be changed as it has been signed off. The new road through Kingsbrook has not yet been adopted. The road signage will be revisited when the road is adopted by Buckinghamshire Highways. A weight restriction limit was discussed. Clerk emailed Buckinghamshire Council last year regarding a weight restriction limit but did not receive a response. **Clerk to forward email sent last year regarding this to Cllr Ward. Cllr Ward and Cllr Cotton will request an update on the timescales for the adoption of Bellingham Way and the traffic calming measures at the next stakeholder meeting.**
 - A parishioner reported that when it rains, Old Forge Gardens becomes completely flooded and the water goes over the path and on to drives. Parishioner will forward photographs to Cllr Ward and Clerk. **Clerk to report to Local Area Technician.**
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING MATTERS** –
 - 24/00308/APP - BIERTON 11 Great Lane Bierton Buckinghamshire HP22 5DE Householder application for single storey front extension with roof light, open porch, log burner flue, partial render to existing front elevation, fenestration alterations and re-roofing the existing property – **No objections and no comments.**
 - Badricks Farm Track – Cllr Ward reported that the menagerie is now being used as a farmyard. It is with enforcement at Buckinghamshire Council.
Cllr Cotton will be attending a planning forum and will raise the question as to why we are no longer advised of decisions to planning applications.
7. **CLERKS REPORT** – The streetlight at William Hill Drive has been replaced today. Work is due to finish on 22nd February.
8. **FINANCE & ORDERS** – 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. **2024/2025 BUDGET** – All agreed to the budget. **Cllr Knowles will put some wording together to advise parishioners via Facebook that the precept increase will only be 4%.**
10. **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – Cllr Bob Dewis has resigned from the Parish Council. Regretfully, we have accepted his resignation and thanked him for his contribution whilst serving on the Parish Council. There are now two vacancies. Clerk has advertised notice of vacancy for co-option for the first vacancy. The notice for the second vacancy will be advertised with effect from 20th February.
11. **COMMUNITY LIBRARY** – The parishioner has been looking into options. A suggestion would be to have something bespoke. The best position for it will be against the wall by the defibrillator. A discussion took place regarding why it couldn't be put the other side where the bin is now. Cllr Cotton requested for quotes to be obtained and also suggested we could apply to the Gib Lane Solar Fund. **Clerk to add to agenda for next meeting.**
12. **PLAYGROUND UPDATE AND OFFICIAL OPENING** – Moved to the end of the meeting for a closed discussion. A discussion took place regarding the snagging issues. Signage is being organised currently for the playground. Some issues were raised that need to be looked into. A discussion took place regarding organising an event to formally open the playground. **Cllr Grieves and Cllr Roberts will check snagging report before the playground is opened and will produce a list for what needs to be checked on a monthly basis. Cllr Grieves will contact the supplier.**
13. **USE OF SPORTS HALL FOR A PRE SCHOOL** – A discussion took place regarding the application for a new nursery/pre-school to use the sports hall. All agreed. **Clerk to contact nursery to agree next steps and offer if they would like to advertise in our July newsletter.**

- 14. RAF HALTON PLANS** – Cllr Cotton suggested the Parish Council comment regarding the ELR being built before the houses are built as there will be more traffic going through village if heading towards Milton Keynes. Also, suggest that sufficient car parking is provided around the school, leisure centre etc. All agreed. **Cllr Cotton and Clerk to respond.**
- 15. RED LION CAR PARK –**
- Cllr Cotton reported that Thames Water want to use the car park as a compound for the work planned.
 - The PCSO contacted Cllr Cotton regarding misuse of the car park and asked if the Parish Council could arrange to clear it. **Cllr Cotton will ask PCSO to contact Star Pubs.**
- 16. UPDATES – To receive any updates on the following (if any) ;**
- Bierton Events Group – Cllr Fisher reported that the quiz night has sold out. Cllr Knowles requested for insurance to be checked regarding borrowing a PA system from one of the regular users of the hall. **Clerk to look into.** The events group are now looking at charity options for next year.
 - Jubilee Hall & Sports Centre/Playground –
 - The Sports Centre has had the 5 year electrical report carried out and there are some minor works required including the emergency lighting.
 - Jubilee Hall Renovations – Cllr Cotton reported that we have received 8 tenders and she will be organising a meeting to review and move to the next stage.
 - Outside organisations virtual meetings attended by any Councillors –
 - Cllr Cotton attended a Scouts meeting. The grass where the bonfire was is going to be seeded. A discussion took place regarding what would happen going forward with the grass.
 - Cllr Cotton will be attending the following meetings and offered if anybody else would like to attend:
 - Wendover Community Board – 22nd February
 - Planning Forum - 27th February online
 - School Travel Group -14th March. Cllr Cotton has invited somebody from Buckinghamshire Council to attend this time.
 - Stakeholder meeting - 15th March (to be confirmed)
 - Community Buildings Meeting – 18th March
 - Highways/Footpaths – Nothing to report
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Public Consultation started today. Hard copies have been distributed to places within the village. A public forum is being held on Saturday 24th February 2024 from 10am to 4pm at the Jubilee Hall.
- 17. 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 Grieves suggested the Red Lion be closed when Thames Water are carrying out works as it is dangerous with school traffic and the traffic lights on Great Lane. This should be solved if Thames Water use the car park as a compound.
 - Cllr Hyre asked about the new notice board to be put at the end of the village. Cllr Cotton, Cllr Hyre and the Clerk met on 20th February to decide the best location for it.
- 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next Parish Council meeting date will be Monday 18th March 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Jubilee Hall.