

Bierton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2025 held at the Jubilee Hall, Bierton at 7.00p.m.

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Present - Cllr S Cotton in the chair, Cllr L Fisher, Cllr S Knowles, Cllr M Grieves, Cllr H Smith, Cllr S Feeney, Cllr B Chapple (BC), Cllr J Ward (BC) and the Clerk Mrs W Tomlinson in attendance.

Parishioners present – 2

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr N Hyre
2. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2024** - The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2024 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.
3. **Matters Arising** – Cllr Cotton, Cllr Ward and a representative from Kingsbrook Parish Council met with the police regarding the traffic issues on Burcott Lane. It has been suggested that white lining along by the old dairy, by Muddy Lane and around the sharp bend could be a possibility. It is not possible to do anything about parking in new sports pitch car park until Kingsbrook Parish Council take it over from Barratts.
4. **Chairperson's Report** - The Chairperson presented her report for the year ending 31st March 2025. The report will be displayed on the village website and the Parish Council Noticeboards.
5. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Knowles reported that the Steering Group has changed over time and acknowledged thanks to John Fisher. The draft plan has been examined and comments received. The Steering Group have taken some comments on board and amended the plan slightly. It is expected that the plan will be finalised within the next few weeks with the hope that a referendum will take place in September 2025.
6. **Statement of Accounts year ending 31st March 25**
Copies of the statement of accounts had been previously circulated to the councillors and were available for councillors and any parishioners to view at the meeting. The accounts were accepted by the Parish Council and the statement of accounts was duly signed. The Accounts will be externally audited, and results published on the main Noticeboard at the Jubilee Hall.
7. Councillor Cotton introduced Cllr B Chapple and acknowledged that he is retiring. Cllr Cotton presented a card and small gift as a token of our appreciation.
8. **Public Forum** – Nothing raised.

REGULAR UPDATE FROM CLLR J WARD – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL (brought forward from Parish Council Meeting Agenda) –

- Cllr Ward reported that the traffic calming is complete and that additional Keep Clear signs have been added. Cllr Fisher asked about the cycle lane as there are concerns with the bollards being removed. Cllr Ward responded that the outcome of this will ultimately be subject to the final safety audit.

- The resurfacing of Aylesbury Road is due to take place in early Summer. Cllr Smith raised concerns regarding school exams taking place at this time. It is not yet known if the road will be closed. The last time it was resurfaced, the works were carried out overnight.
- Cllr Knowles raised the condition of the footways through the village. Cllr Ward reported that there are no plans for this at present.
- Cllr Knowles commented that the communication with P & S Plant & Construction during the traffic calming was very good and that the work force were very helpful.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm