

MINUTES OF THE BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr Craig Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr Simon Brownless
Cllr Ann Haigh
Cllr Michelle Holt
Cllr John Phillips
Cllr Mike Pini
Cllr Brian Skarda

Also Present: District Cllr David Fowles
Approximately 34 Members of the Public

Presentation on the Parish Plan:

The Presentation was introduced by Mr Mehdi Mahjour, who said that a second presentation will be given in the Autumn.

The sections were presented as follows:

- 1-9: Overview – Mehdi Mahjour
- 10-13: Facilities / Tourism / Housing – Emily Papaloizou
- 14-15: Communities – Tim Hastie-Smith
- 16: Communications – Mehdi Mahjour
- 17-18: Safety / Sustainability – Edward Mallinckrodt
- 19-20: Vision – Mehdi Mahjour
- 21-23: Suggested Initiatives and Solutions – Emily Papaloizou
- 24-27: Wrap Up and Next Steps – Mehdi Mahjour

A copy of the Parish Plan can be viewed online at

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/parish-plan-july-2024.pdf?v=1720708600>

Public Time

- Ablington Manor – Cotswold District Council have passed the plans virtually unchanged. Concerns were raised with regard to the commercial/construction traffic.
- MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown- request to District Councillor David Fowles to encourage the MP to respond to their emails.
- Blanket Tree Preservation Order – confirmation provided that this has been submitted.

61/24. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Lisa Spivey.

62/24. Declaration of Interest (Members are requested to declare any interest they may have in the business set out on the agenda to which the approved Code of Practice appears.)

There were none.

63/24. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

The minutes of the Parish Council Minutes held on Tuesday 11th June 2024, were approved, and signed as true record.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/minutes-june-2024v2-bpc.pdf?v=1720552281>

53/24. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

District Cllr David Fowles read out his written report:

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/district-cllr-david-fowles-july-24-report.pdf?v=1720552151>

65/24. To receive the Highways Report from Cllr Craig Chapman.

Cllr Craig Chapman presented the Members with the following written report:

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/bibury-pc-highways-report-jul24.pdf?v=1720452835>

The following issues were highlighted:

- The Swan Bridge, structural issues.
- Vehicle Recording Camera – now been in operation for over a month. Improved signage will now be erected.
- Traffic Regulation Order – the yellow lines are already making a significant difference.

66/24. To receive an overview of the Bibury Parking Working Group Traffic Action Plan from Mark Honeyball and consider adopting the plan.

Mr Mark Honeyball gave a brief overview of the plan:

- Need to maintain the fabric of the village; how the residents can manoeuvre around the village and of course the tourism.
- The TRO hasn't solved all the problems, especially in the centre. Coaches are still the main issue.
- There are car parks at the Trout Farm but concerns around the costs of the charging.
- How to enforce the parking and whether there would be an increase.
- There is a need enforcement of the Disabled Bays.
- Coaches: - Bridge has significant damage. This is a listed structure and was not built for lorries. It is unsafe for large vehicles; if further restrictions added then coaches will not be able to come through the village. There will be some exemptions for businesses and deliveries.
- If coaches can't access the village, can they be accommodated elsewhere.
- What effect will the removal of the coaches have on businesses.
- Will need to continue to manage the cars, seeing an increase in speed.
- Have written to 64 coach companies.

Public responses:

Highways junction by The Pike – coaches are starting to park outside village. Concerns that they are blocking visibility at the junction.

What is the definition of a coach. This is defined by the number of seats and weight. The ANPR will be able to define what vehicles are banned or have exemptions. Fines can be issued..

The Rural Police Officer, Richard Parker is able to make a prompt response, his Telephone Number will be advertised in the Village Life.

Timescales – The TRO is now nearly completed. There is positive co-operation and support from the other organisations which is helping move the plan on quickly.

The Council and Members of the Public thanked Mark Honeyball for his huge contribution.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/parking-working-group-plan-updated-24th-june-2024.pdf?v=1719214056>

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Traffic Action Plan.

67/24 To receive the Clerk's Report.

The Clerk issued the report prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/clerks-report-july-2024-17.pdf?v=1720530089>

68/24 Finance:

a. To agree payments in accordance with the budget.

The Clerk sent the Members the July RFO reports prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/rfo-report-july-24.pdf?v=1720535321>

The Council approved the payments.

b. To consider a grant request from the Village Hall for £150, towards the costs of the Harvest Supper.

The Council approved a grant of £150.

69/24. Planning:

a. To consider any new Planning, Licenses applications or Enforcement issues.

i) 24/01683/FUL | Change of use of from agricultural to commercial with conversion of existing barns to form self-catering accommodation and associated communal reception area | Old Walls

The Council agreed to support this application.

ii) 24/01814/TCONR | 1 - Weeping willow - 2.0m overall crown reduction and shape crown 2 - Weeping willow (fallen) - fell to ground level | Cobblers Church Road

The Council agreed to support this application.

b. To receive an update on Planning application already considered.

The report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

<https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/planning-report-july-2024-4.pdf?v=1720279165>

70/24. Councillor Submission (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion).

- National Trust – Cllr Brian Skarda will be meeting with the National Trust regarding the lighting of the car park.
- Trout Farm - The Chairman reported receiving an email from Angus Hay, regarding the commercial interests of the Trout Farm. The Chairman will respond and highlight the concerns, the Members are keen to continue dialogue.
District Cllr David Fowles said he would try to set up a meeting with MP Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Max Thomas, Angus Hay and representatives from the Parish Council.
- Flood Report – September Agenda, to be presented by Phil Challinor.
- Housing Needs Survey, could the Parish Council initiate – September Agenda.

71/24. Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council –10th September 2024.

The date of the next meeting will be held on Tuesday **10th September 2024** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm.