

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday April 12th 2010 following the Annual Parish Meeting
7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Cllrs Bull, Leszczynski (Chairman) , Prew, Thompson and Tomlin. Dist Cllr Atack who had also attended another meeting, arrived at 8.30 pm

1. Public Time- no members of the public present.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr George Reynolds who was attending another meeting.
3. Minutes of the previous meetings – there were no minutes of a previous meeting but there was a report on an update meeting which was held in place of the parish council meeting.
4. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Correspondence –
 - a. Cherwell Local Development Framework – update information has been received.
 - b. Clerk and Councillor vacancy – the clerk has advertised the vacancy in the Bourton broadsheet and the school newsletter. An ad will also be put in the Cropredy Crier.
 - c. GA Bus service – the clerk had received a call from the Operations Manager at Geoff Amos who explained that they had put together a proposed timetable which the three authorities with whom they deal i.e. Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire, had all decided not to support with the relevant subsidies. The clerk asked GA to put this information in writing to the council which they did. This response we believe was to Cllr Tomlin's letter to Geoff Amos: however this letter was referring to the GA01 service and not the GA03 service.
 - d. Energy Saving Trust – no action regarding this correspondence
 - e. ORCC membership increase from £20 to £30 – in spite of the increase it was agreed that we should still retain membership as the ORCC often provides advice and information for the council.
 - f. Cluster Care request for donation – it was agreed to donate £100 to Cluster Care since there are now 2 residents of the Bourtons who attend and many Bourton residents are helpers. Cllr Bull proposed this donation and it was seconded by Cllr Tomlin then agreed unanimously.
 - g. Clerk and Cllr Thompson have received several complaints about dog fouling in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk produce notices for the caravan site outlining the byelaws regarding dog fouling. Also a reminder will be put in the Bourtons broadsheet to advise residents where the supplies of bags are held. Cllr Tomlin also reminded council that she will deliver bags to residents if necessary.
6. Finance –
 - a. Current situation – end of March Bank Statements confirmed the following: Current Account £11,805.73. Reserve Account 11,785.74 and the Clock Account £3006.38. Of this £9,240.00 is ring fenced for the footpath to Cropredy project, £6,000 for bus shelters and £7,151.70 for the playgrounds therefore £1,199.77 remains as available to spend. The first half of this year's precept (£7,500) is expected on 14th April.
 - b. BDO schedule received for year end accounts – it had previously been agreed that John Hicks be the internal auditor for the Annual Accounts.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes
 - a. Poor Land Trustees – clerk to obtain current rental values on the area of the land which is currently rented out. The rent for this hasn't been increased for several years.
 - b. Allotments – update
 - i. Rubbish has been removed from the site except some trailers, Cllr Prew will get the registration numbers to see if we can establish ownership of them
 - ii. New Tenancy agreement – finalised and distributed to the allotment management committee, clerk will check if there are any suggested amendments before distribution to tenants. All plots now taken – waiting list of one.
 - c. Highways, pathways and drainage annual review – councillors and clerk to finalise this review to submit to highways.
 - d. Grit Bins – prices have been obtained for the purchase of extra grit bins for next winter.

8. Planning:

(i) Avoncroft Development at Little Bourton – planning application for two houses instead of the proposed shop agreed: Cllr Atack still following up on the commitment to the Section 106 agreement.

(ii) Lapper Development Enforcement update – new application received - 10/00293/F. The Parish Council asked Dist Cllr Ken Atack to call in the application as it is very similar to the previous application which was refused. Cllr Atack will keep in touch with the Council regarding progress.

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Parish Clerk
13.4.10