

**BOURTON ON THE WATER
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 28TH MARCH 2018**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.00pm in the George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton on the Water**

Present: Cllr B Sumner (Chairman)
Cty Cllr Paul Hodgkinson
Ward District Cllr Len Wilkins
Sgt Gloyn and PC Alison Palfrey
Parish Councillors (9 – no apologies)
Members of the Public (approx. 40)

Sgt Groyne and PC Palfrey gave a brief talk on the ring-fencing of Community/Neighbourhood Policing teams in the past year, and presented comparative year on year crime statistics which showed a slight increase, albeit crime incidents remain in the low numbers. The team is aware of the recent spate of ASB and other minor crimes which are being committed by a small but persistent minority of young people. The offenders are being targeted using all means at the disposal of the Police, educational and housing authorities. The modern policing approach means that results can be slower to come through, but the team will continue to tackle these crimes with all means available.

Sgt Groyne updated the meeting with news of recent local crimes which have led to prosecutions and which are currently being processed in court.

The team were unable to provide further information on cash point thefts in the district.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th March 2017

The minutes of this meeting had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 5th April 2017. Issues raised and discussed at this meeting had been passed to committees and these had either been actioned or were the subject of ongoing work.

2. Chairman and Committee Chairmen Reports

The Chairman's report provided an update of Council's activities during the past year, and included information on major building works to the Community Centre fabric which are being scheduled to take place in 2018, and which are being funded from Council's earmarked reserves. He also reported that Council had approved a 4% reduction in precept for 2018-19. He finished by thanking councillors and staff for their assistance during what has been another extremely busy year.

The committee chairmen gave a report on the activities of their respective committees, the projects achieved in 2017-18 and the focus for future committee activities during 2018-19.

3. County & Ward District Cllr reports (apologies Ward Cllr Richard Keeling)

County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson gave a brief report on GCC related matters including an update on the poor condition of many district roads. Residents are encouraged to report all potholes via GCC's on-line reporting facility which triggers a legal obligation to repair. A number of these roads, such as the A429, A40 and A436 will benefit from road re-surfacing works in 2018-19. He advised on issues where he had been able to mediate or assist in issues of local concern in the past year, such as the setting up of ongoing public meetings to discuss crime (next meeting 24th May at 7pm) and projects supported by his grant fund, such as road safety initiatives, village entrance gates and Bourton Youth Club sessions. He reported on a 4+% increase in GCC's budget, a large proportion of which is allocated to adult and child social care services.

Ward Cllr Len Wilkins reported on CDC's budget for 2018-19 (zero increase) and the national acknowledgement of its performance in delivering good value for services. The Local Plan is scheduled to come into force in 2018. New refuse collection vehicles are currently on order and it's anticipated these will enable the future recycling of batteries to be provided for within pavement collections. CDC has now taken over the administration of coach parking at Bourton Vale Coach Park and visits are underway by enforcement officers to regulate all aspects of coach parking.

4. Community Matters

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman gave brief reports on the following:

Bye-Laws: The existing laws dated 1966 are under revision and residents were encouraged to support the revised bye-laws which will be more enforceable and relevant to modern life.

Neighbourhood Plans: There had been little support from the recent consultation with the community to progress any form of Community Plan which requires significant community participation, but the relative merits and disadvantages of the different plans were outlined in the event this is taken up in the future.

Silver Jubilee DVD: An evening showing of the DVD will be held on Thursday 19th April at the Community Centre, with free refreshments.

Village Litter Pick: Residents were reminded of the Village Litter Pick on Sunday 8th April, meeting at the Community Centre between 10.15 and 10.30am.

WWI Commemoration: The plans for the 2018 100th anniversary commemoration on Saturday 10th November were outlined to residents.

5. Resident Questions

Residents were invited to comment and submit questions, as follows:

Village Maintenance:

The Council was asked if the fencing surrounding the Green could be removed prior to the Easter holidays as local traders felt this was to the detriment of business at this very busy time. The Council responded that the timing of the removal of fencing later in April would be in line with guidance from its maintenance contractors in order to provide the most resilient grass surface for the peak season. Residents were reminded that the upkeep of the Green was funded by resident Council tax monies as opposed to contributions from the business community. **Village Maintenance Committee** will discuss and agree the timing for the removal.

Planning:

The Council was asked whether a village centre restaurant signage had received planning permission – Cllr Wilkins advised that this was already being investigated by Planning officers. The **Planning Committee** will monitor and report through Planning Committee minutes.

Several residents expressed concern at the implications of a current Licensing application for a village centre restaurant to play music outdoors which would have a potentially significant impact upon the village centre character and environment. Residents were advised that they may make comments to the Licensing Authority as part of the current consultation and were given information as to the means of response. The **Planning Committee** will respond to the consultation following consideration at its meeting on 10th April.

General:

The Council was unable to provide information on the future of the recently closed Lloyds Bank building.

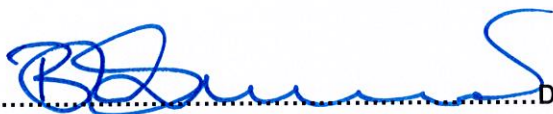
Highway matters:

The Council was asked to liaise with Highways to secure the introduction of warning signage to slow vehicle speeds approaching Rissington Rd from the private road leading from the Tennis and Football Clubs. A request was put forward for a road crossing on Meadow Way – it was suggested that the speed bump by Collet's could be converted for this purpose. **Traffic & Footpaths Committee** will progress both requests.

Having given notice of his intention to retire as Chairman in May, thanks were given by the floor to Cllr Sumner for his work and commitment during several years of service as Chair and a member of Council,

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....



DATE.....

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