

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BOURTON ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 6th January 2021
at 7.00pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs. R. Hadley (Chair), B. Sumner, A. Davis, L. Hicks, B. Wragge, N. Randall, L. Wilkins, S. Coventry, A. Roberts and P. Millett. District Cllrs. N. Maunder and R. Keeling and County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson.
The Parish Clerk and 10 members of the public.

Standing Orders were suspended for the Public Session

Police Report: Cllr. B. Hadley read out a police report which had been sent by PC Jason Stalker which included: - as from 4th January 2021 PC Pete Escolme would be taking over the neighbourhood beat manager role and PC Jason Stalker would be going onto a response team, still based at Stow. PC Escolme would be the point of contact for any queries or problems that the village was experiencing, as well as any meetings that may require police attendance in the future.

County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson updated the Councillors on the number of Covid cases in Gloucestershire over the last seven days. Covid vaccinations were taking place at Moreton, Cirencester and Cheltenham hospitals. The library were working on a click and collect service. Road surfacing and pothole repairs were still taking place as planned. The Tourist Action Group had sixteen members of the community who had put themselves forward to be part of TAG. The group had met a number of times and were working on topics such as traffic, parking, litter and a vision for the future of the village. Cllr. P. Hodgkinson was to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the issues being raised at the TAG meetings. GCC had now set up a Task Group to work on river pollution.

Cllr. A. Davis was to send a police consultation to Cllr. P. Hodgkinson which was taking place on Safer Roads.

District Cllr. N. Maunder reported on the latest round of business grants being made available by CDC. CDC were undertaking a consultation on Air B & B's and rental properties in the district. Cllr. N. Maunder agreed to involve BPC with the consultation. CDC were looking at the future management of the leisure centres in the district. It was noted that we need to keep our flood defences and plans in place. Cllr. B. Sumner had offered to take Cllr. N. Maunder around the village to show him where the flood defences had already been put in place. It was noted that CDC had been grateful to BPC helping by distributing sandbags and pumps out just before Christmas. CDC had delivered a supply of sandbags to BPC and were stored at Hacklings. CDC were undertaking a tourism consultation to assist them in understanding the impact on businesses in the district during Covid times. CDC had employed Rob Weaver as their new Chief Executive.

District Cllr. R. Keeling reported that electric car charging station at Gilders had now been approved by the planning inspectorate. The recent planning application for the Naunton Golf Course had also been awarded planning permission.

The Council agreed to move item 5 on the agenda to this point.

20/171: Cllr. Evemy, CDC – possibility of introducing car park tax – CDC were working on car parking tax and planned to add 50p per car parked in their car park at Rissington Road, Bourton. This money would be ring fenced to BPC and would go towards jobs required in the village which were related to the high number of tourists visiting the village. CDC had forecasted a sum of £25,000.00 in the first year. If the amount was higher then CDC would carry the additional fund into the next financial year. CDC would consult with BPC, businesses and parishioners of the village to enquire how people would like to see the money spent. CDC would review the car parking charges every two years. CDC would be stopping the free car parking at Rissington Road car park, the hourly rate would be increased, and the hours would be increased to 6.00 pm on Sunday's. The car parking changes would commence on 1.3.2021. Cllr. Evemy agreed to look into when the resurfacing of Rissington Road car park was due.

Members of the public raised the following issues: - Pulhams were working on changes to bus timetables and asked if there were any future planned changes in the village to consult with Pulhams so that they could co-ordinate the buses with the changes.

20/167: Apologies for Absence: None as everyone was in attendance.

20/168: Members' Interests: None to declare at the meeting.

20/169: Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2020: Amendments to the minutes were made: First page – Members of the public section to read, 'A resident had been pleased to read the mental health initiative in the Browser as she had benefitted from a similar training course.' Item 20/164 to add, 'who had voted' on to the end of the third line down. Item 20/166 Any Other Business – to state that Cllr. A. Roberts had put the request forward. Cllr. A. Davis proposed to approve the Parish Council minutes of 2.12.2020. Cllr. L. Hicks seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of approving the Parish Council minutes of 2.12.2020.

20/170: Matters Arising: None.

20/171: Cllr. Evemy, CDC – possibility of introducing car park tax – reported above.

20/172: Planning Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th December 2020 and

17th December 2020. Cllr. R. Keeling notified the Council that the planning application for the electric car charging station had been to appeal. The application had originally been for 100 electric car charging points but had been reduced to a first phase of up to twenty charging points. The Planning Inspectorate had awarded planning permission but had applied 25 planning conditions, one of them being that vehicles could only park there whilst being charged.

The planning application for Naunton Downs Golf Course had been awarded planning permission as the applicant had met the requirements of GCC and Thames Water on items which had been raised.

20/173: GMCC Committee

The Chairman reported that there had still been no problem with the drains at GMCC. The Chairman and the Clerk were working on the lease renewals for GMCC. The Council's solicitor was working on the title registration of GMCC. Care Services were hiring the Salmonsbury Room on a monthly basis for additional office use.

20/174: Village Environment Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Village Environment Committee meeting held on 9th December 2020. It was noted that the temporary bins on the village green had been collected by CDC. A risk assessment of the village green had been undertaken and jobs arising from the inspection had been actioned. It was agreed that a better soakaway was required alongside Jubilee Gardens. Sandbags and pumps had been distributed just before Christmas to assist people at the Slaughters. The Council agreed that the next VEC meeting the committee members were to discuss the details required for the Flood Plan such as supply of sandbags, where to store and to organise who and when the sandbags were to be distributed.

20/175: Highways Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 14th December 2020.

The order for the ANPR camera could now proceed as all the details had been confirmed and approved.

It was noted that the cost for additional hours for the CEO to be present in the village was less than originally stated so the budget figure for 2021/22 had been reduced.

20/176: Youth & Wellbeing Committee

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 14th December 2020. It was noted that the Mental Health First Aid trainer had the necessary qualifications and insurance cover in place and the Parish Council did not require insurance cover for this matter.

20/177: Budget & Precept for 2021/22: Cllr. B. Hadley proposed for the Parish Council to approve the budget for 2021/22 and approve the precept level for 2021/22 at £167,724.00. Cllr. A. Roberts seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal.

20/178: External Auditor Report from PKF:

The Council received and noted the points raised in the audit undertaken of the bank reconciliation being sent in a different format and the notice of audit not being displayed at the correct time due to Covid-19.

20/179: Removal of graffiti: The Parish Council agreed unanimously to approve the quotation of £400.00 to have the graffiti removed from the entrance to the cemetery.

20/180: Other Meetings Outside of Parish Council: Cllr. L. Hicks had attended a meeting with the Cotswold Youth Network on 19.12.2020, to catch up with the youth service they were providing. Art Lift were now using Zoom for their sessions. It was reported that Cotswold Friends would drive people to their vaccination appointments.

20/181: Village Green Bookings – None to report.

20/182: Finance

(a) The Council received and approved the schedule of payments up to 6th January 2021 at £18,724.20.

Cllr. L. Hicks proposed approval of the payments and Cllr. S. Coventry seconded the proposal.

A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal.

(b) The Council authorised the cheques and BACS payments.

(c) The Council noted the bank reconciliation to 1st December 2020 and the summary report.

20/183: Correspondence – None to report at the meeting.

20/184: Any Other Business – A Covid-19 meeting had been arranged for next Thursday. It was noted that more people were offering to help as BSV's. Bourton Primary School had asked locally for any unwanted laptops/computers which pupils could use whilst home schooling. Some laptops/computers had already been donated, but more were required.

Cllr. B. Sumner stated that there had been an omission to the December Parish Council minutes, and he hadn't been able to report this earlier in the meeting as his internet reception had dipped out. The Council agreed for him to send a brief report to the Clerk for insertion into the minutes.

20/185: Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....

DATE: 03.02.21