

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOURTON ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 4th December 2019

at 7.00pm in the George Moore Community Centre, Moore Rd, Bourton on the Water

Present: Cllrs. R. Hadley (Chair), A. Davis, L. Hicks, S. Coventry, B. Wragge, B. Rogers, N. Randall and S. Senior.

Standing Orders were suspended for the Public Session

Police Report: Apologies had been received from PC Jason Page but had provided an update for the meeting.

County Cllr Report: Cllr. P. Hodgkinson had sent apologies for the meeting and would provide an update on the legal issues at De La Hayes at the January Parish Council meeting.

District Cllr N. Maunder reported that he had attended three meetings with the Parish Council in November which would be discussed later in the meeting as they were items 12, 13 and 14 on the agenda.

CDC had had a success with enforcement as De La Hayes had taken down their big signs in their front garden.

Enforcements have been made on the rest of the issues at De La Hayes. Planning officers have been in correspondence with the agent as the issues have to be resolved by 19th February 2020.

CDC had recently taken a unanimous vote against the District becoming a National Park.

Bunds had been made along the road side towards Cheltenham – this was a National security measure to stop people trespassing onto land. GCC were in dispute with the police over this decision.

CDC had awarded BPC a grant of £1,137.00 for community based street cleaning activities which had been allocated by central government.

Public Questions:

A resident commented that she was pleased that the Parish Council were considering taking on the Open Spaces at Bourton Chase Phase 3. Residents had not been made aware that the maintenance costs had been embedded into their legal documents when purchasing their houses.

Parish Councillors confirmed that CDC had approached BPC to ask if they would be willing to take on the Public Open Space. The Parish Council had agreed to explore the situation before making any final decision.

A meeting was to be arranged in January to discuss this further with the Leader of CDC and the Head of Legal Services.

District Cllr. N. Maunder confirmed that CDC were looking into getting someone else to take on the maintenance of the attenuation ponds on the Bourton Chase Phase 3 development.

19/100: Apologies for Absence: Had been received from Cllrs. B. Sumner, L. Wilkins, K. Cronin and County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson.

19/101: Members' Interests: Cllr. A. Davis declared an interest in the discussion on the Public Open Space at Bourton Chase and took no part in the discussion.

19/102: Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2019 were signed and approved at the meeting.

19/103: Matters Arising

Metal Fence: The metal fence would be installed on the village green within the next two weeks.

Xmas tree: The Christmas tree was now positioned in the river and was looking good.

The Chairman thanked Team Rudolph for arranging the Christmas light switch on in the village.

CDC had refused planning permission for the electric car charging point site at the old Gilder site

19/104: Community Services Committee

The Council received and approved the minutes of the CSC meeting held on 13th November 2019.

The next meeting of the CSC was arranged to divide the committee into two committees and Parish Councillors were to state which committee/s they would like to be a committee member.

The first batch of wooden allotment pegs were ready to be collected from The Men In Sheds.

The Council were waiting to hear back from schools, churches and organisations if they were going to organise an event for the V.E. Day celebrations planned for 8.5.2020.

Youth Club: Attendance numbers were still increasing at the Youth Club held at the Cricket Club.

A Christmas trip had been organised for the people attending the Youth Club to go to the Airborne trampoline centre at Cheltenham.

The health food bank was being well used at the Baptist Church in the village.

Dementia: The people who had undertaken training this year would be going out to businesses in the village to raise awareness of Dementia.

19/105: Planning

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 13th November 2019.

The Clerk had written to CDC planning department to note that the Clock House was listed and to notify them of the wall which had been removed to create a car parking space.

19/106: Personnel Committee

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 14th November 2019.

19/107: Highways Committee

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 18th November 2019.

Some of the Parish Councillors were meeting officers from GCC Highways to discuss the progress of the TRO and parking restrictions for the village. GCC were getting a price for additional hours for the Civil Enforcement Officer to be present in the village.

GCC had been notified of the blocked drain outside De La Hayes chip shop in the High Street and had been to unblock the drain. A further visit was required as there was still a problem.

A contractor for Thames Water had been pumping water from The Slaughters and putting the excess water into a drain in Meadow Way. The Clerk was asked to contact Thames Water for further information on this.

The Clerk had written to Alexis Newport, GCC to enquire into the National Express 444 service coming through the centre of the village. An answer was awaited.

19/108: GMCC Committee – Nothing to report.**19/109: Village Green Bookings**

No additional village green bookings had been received.

19/110: Finance

(a) The Council received and approved the schedule of payments up to 4th December at £15,389.39 which included a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal of £125.00.

Cllr. L. Hicks proposed approval of the payments, Cllr. N. Randall 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 November 2019 and the summary report.

A quote had been received from Bibury Landscapes to fill the deep hole in front of the goal mouth at Melville recreation ground at a cost of £855.00 plus VAT.

The Parish Council approved the quote received from Bibury.

19/111: Challenges and Opportunities

The Council received and approved the minutes of the meeting held with CDC officers to discuss the challenges and opportunities for Bourton-on-the-Water held on 6th November 2019.

The Parish Council agreed to work with CDC and come up with a Master Plan for the village and to include a Tourist Strategy. A meeting date was to be arranged for James Brain, Forward Planning Manager and Chris Jackson, Tourism Manager to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss the options of a Neighbourhood Plan and a Master Plan.

19/112: Open Spaces at Bourton Chase

The Council received and approved the minutes of the meeting held with the Leader of CDC and the Head of Legal Services to discuss the Open Spaces at Bourton Chase held on 7th November 2019.

Points raised after the meeting held on 7.11.19 were to clarify a few items such as 'Need Fleet' was to be changed to 'Meadfleet Ltd.'

Hacklings would be taking ownership/responsibility for the original pond at the site, adjacent to their site.

Cllr. Davis recalls a planning meeting in 2018/9 where the clerk had stated although the Parish Council were originally expecting to adopt the Public Open Space for Bourton Chase Phase 3, Bloor had subsequently contacted the Parish Council and advised that they would no longer be required to do so as it was Bloor's intention to use a management company instead. The Parish Council had not needed to indicate to Bloor a decline to a request to adopt the Public Open Space.

19/113: Litter Bins

The Council received and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019 with CDC officers to discuss the way forward with litter and bins in the village.

CDC were looking into providing Big Belly Bins for the village green which compress the litter.

19/114: Correspondence

The next session for litter picking would be in April 2020 – date to be advised.

19/115: Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bourton-on the-Water Parish Council would be held on Thursday 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm at the George Moore Community Centre.

19/116: Any Other Business

Bourton Chase Phase 3 – A resident asked how much it would cost to maintain the Open Space at Bourton Chase Phase 3? The Parish Council had obtained a quote of approximately £6,500 as an indication of costs per year.

The Parish Council had requested a map of the Open Space identifying the areas which require maintenance.

Cllr. N. Maunder stated that Ubico had now got GPS installed in their vehicles so that they did not miss collections and also go down streets which they shouldn't.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....

DATE:.....

09.01.20