

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

held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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

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

## **Standing Orders were suspended for the Public Session**

**Police Report:** Inspector Ellson reported on the following: -

**Travellers** – An explanation on how the police dealt with the latest travellers in the village and how procedures have to be followed when travellers make encampment. The police had spoken to some of the residents of the village regarding the recent travellers in the village. Inspector Ellson had consulted with CDC and GCC on how to improve actions when travellers arrive at a site.

A resident had asked what action was taken when the travellers were moved out of the county?

The police inspector stated that the police had first been notified of the travellers parked on a public footpath in the village on the Thursday. Gloucestershire County Council had been contacted as the travellers were on highways. The police dealt with any criminal incidents which occurred which had been eleven incidents over the period whilst the travellers were in the village.

**Police Officer:** An additional police officer was due to start on 24.2.2020 and would be covering Bourton-on-the-Water.

**Cash Points:** Inspector Ellson confirmed that it was organised crime groups who had ram raided cash points in the village.

**Drugs:** Members of the community asked for re-assurance that the police were dealing with drug related problems in the village. Inspector Ellson stated that there hadn't been many reports recently on this problem and if people were aware of problems they must log this problem with the police. A Councillor stated that there was a known part in the village where there was a drug problem and there wasn't a street lamp in that location. The Inspector agreed to support the Parish Council in requesting GCC to install a street lamp in the area suggested.

The Inspector enforced that the crime level was low in the village and residents must report crimes on the 101 number or via email. It was brought to the attention of people present that there was now a new way to report crime via the police web site.

**District Cllr. R. Keeling** reported on the following: -

**Quarries:** Movement of transport to and from quarries were being monitored in the Cotswolds. The North Cotswolds had started a Health Liaison meeting with the Cotswold Conservation Board and GCC and would be looking at all of the lorry reports in the District. Cllr. Keeling stated that the Health Liaison meeting had been very useful. Cllr. Keeling agreed to keep Cllr. Davis informed on this subject as she was a member of the Cotswold Conservation Board.

**District Cllr N. Maunder** reported on the following: -

**De La Hayes:** Cllr. Maunder was working with the planning department to follow up the enforcement issues with De La Hayes. Cllr. Maunder agreed to ask CDC to put the planning inspectors report on the same page as the planning application on the web site.

**Windrush Against Sewerage Pollution:** Cllr. Maunder had written to Thames Water regarding the pollution in the River Windrush and he was also talking to the Guardian as this was a matter to be brought up Nationally.

**Local Plan Transport:** A Local Plan Transport consultation was being undertaken and Cllr. Maunder urged people to respond to it. Some of the issues in the consultation were cycle ways and walking routes. Cllr. Maunder reminded people that funds were being sought to create a cycle way/walkway along the dis-used rail track from Bourton to Kingham. A Councillor raised if there would be a chance of re-opening up the track from Bourton to Kingham as the Government had announced that they would be putting more funds into opening up old railway lines. Cllr. Davis agreed to share this information with the Conservation Board.

## **Public Questions:**

**Dropped Kerbs:** A request was received to install a dropped kerb by Willoughby Place. The Clerk was to contact GCC. The Clerk was to follow up the installation of a dropped kerb in Copins Court leading into Roman Way.

**19/135: Apologies for Absence:** had been received from County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson.

**19/136: Members' Interests:** Cllr. A. Davis declared an interest in the discussion on Bourton Chase Phase 3 – Public Open Space.

**19/137: Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020** were signed and approved at the meeting.

## **19/138: Matters Arising**

**Bourton Chase Phase 3** – CDC had now informed Bloor Homes that they would not be taking on the Public Open Spaces at Bourton Chase Phase 3 and did not have a nominee to put forward.

Bloor had sent a letter to BPC asking if the Parish Council would take on the responsibility of the POS including the attenuation ponds on the site and giving the Parish Council 14 days to respond. Within the letter there were other statements raised for the Parish Council to take into consideration.



**19/139: Finance & General Purpose Committee**

The Council received and approved the minutes of the F & GP meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

A price had been obtained to close the end of year accounts on the Scribe package at a cost of £325 per day.

Cllr. Hicks proposed that the Council accept the quotation received. Cllr. B. Rogers seconded the proposal.

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

Cllr. B. Sumner proposed that the Budget-Precept Investment Statement 2020/21 be approved and was to be published on the Parish Council web site. Cllr. N. Randall seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote of all in favour was taken of the proposal.

The District Council had written to confirm the configuration of the Tax Base for the village for 2020/21.

**19/140: Planning**

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. A Planning Committee meeting had been held prior to this Parish Council meeting to discuss the planning application and listed planning application which had been submitted for De La Hayes Restaurant.

Cllr. B. Sumner, Cllr. N. Randall, Cllr. L. Wilkins and the Clerk had agreed to meet on 10.2.2020 to formulate a response on the applications. The comments would then go to the Planning meeting arranged for 12.2.2020 so that the committee to review and approve the comments prior to submitting them to CDC.

**19/141: GMCC**

The Council received and approved the minutes of the GMCC Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

Taylor & Fletcher were to be consulted on a rent review for The Flat at the GMCC. Kendall & Davis were progressing with registering the title deed for the GMCC and the variation of the deed with Land Registry.

**19/142: Youth & Wellbeing**

The Council received and approved the minutes of the YWB Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

Cllr. Hicks reported on the public consultation which had taken place on the provision of new recreation equipment for the village. Further consultation was to take place within the two schools in the village.

Attendance figures were still going well at the Youth Club at the Cricket Club. Cllr. Hicks and the Clerk were to meet with CMAS to discuss this year's fee. Cllr. Hicks reported that the Parish Council would not be doing the Out Reach service this year.

Cllr. Davis agreed to link the Youth Club with the mental health surveys which were taking place.

Cllr. Wragge was working on a list of the defibrillators in the village and who maintained them.

Cllr. Wragge reported that a consultation was taking place on, 'Frail People in the Community'. Closing date for the consultation was 21.2.2020.

The Art Lift sessions and the Drugs and Alcoholic sessions were going well and were well supported.

Dementia Awareness in the village would be commencing again soon.

Cllr. Davis updated the Councillors on the Community Health Bid which had been submitted to CDC. The grant request would be considered at a CDC meeting arranged on 12.2.2020.

Cllr. Davis and Cllr. Wragge would be attending a Health & Wellbeing meeting next week along with Jacky Wright, CDC.

CDC had provided information on the Corona Virus.

**19/143: Village Environment**

The date for the first Village Environment Committee meeting had been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**19/144: Highways Committee**

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Cllr. Randall reported that GCC had gone through the responses received on the TRO consultation.

There had been some issues put forward and GCC have to answer every one put forward. Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Rogers had agreed to meet with GCC officers to go through the issues raised. Cllr. Rogers would be attending a meeting to discuss the latest developments on the ANPR cameras in the village.

The Parish Council agreed to contact GCC to ask for the provision of better signage leading to the car/coach parks in the village.

**19/145: Village Green Bookings**

The Council received and approved the Village Green bookings with the agreement that the Baptist Church could not play live music on the village green.

WASP had put forward a request for a person to stand in the village for two hours to hand out leaflets on pollution in the River Windrush. **The Parish Council gave permission for this request.**

**19/146: Finance**

(a) The Council received and approved the schedule of payments up to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at £14,768.15.

Cllr. Hicks proposed approval of the payments and Cllr. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and the summary report.

**19/147: Windrush Against Sewerage Pollution**

The Council received and approved the notes of a meeting held with WASP and Cllr. P. Hodgkinson held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Cllr. Davis had attended a meeting with WASP recently and was linking WASP with the Cotswold School and Greystones Nature Reserve to raise awareness of the sewerage problem in the River Windrush.



**19/148: Neighbourhood Plan/Master Plan**

The Council received and approved the notes of a meeting held with Cotswold District Council officers and Cllr. N. Maunder held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss the process of taking on a Neighbourhood Plan or a Master Plan. It was agreed to draw up a Stakeholders list to use in the Neighbourhood Plan process. A brain storming session was to be arranged to gather any views on how to improve the village. CDC's presentation from the meeting (27.1.2020) was to be distributed to all Parish Councillors. Cllr. Davis and the Clerk had attended a planning training session which had been organised by GAPTC.

**19/149: Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments**

The Council received and approved the final draft of a response to a survey being undertaken on Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments.

**19/150: Correspondence**GCC – Chartered Parish & Town Council Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

A Chartered Parish & Town Council meeting had been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the GL3 Community Hub, Cheltenham Road East (B4063) in Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 1HX from 7 pm – 9 pm. Two items on the agenda, were - Highways update and the Local Transport Plan.

UK Cycling Events

A cycling event had been arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 starting from the Fire Service College at Moreton-in-Marsh. The route flow chart showed that cyclists would be coming through Bourton from 11.27 am – 3.16 pm

BBC 3 Filming Permission

BBC 3 had requested permission to film on 15<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate their third and final series of the award winning show, 'This Country' by taking a life size mock statue of Kerry Mucklowe back to the Cotswolds where the show was famously based.

**The Parish Council granted this request.**

Request for a Dog Bin

A request had been received to supply and install a dog bin at the top of Cemetery Lane or just inside the farm gate leading to Greystones Farm.

**The Parish Council agreed to take this request to the next Highways Committee meeting.**

Parking Request

A resident from Salmonsbury Cottages had asked if there could be resident parking at GMCC.

**The Parish Council refused this request due to a covenant on the car park which entitled Gloucestershire County Council the use of a certain amount of the car parking spaces at any time. The GMCC car park was for the use of the hirers of the Community Centre and GCC.**

Planting bulbs

A request had been received from a resident asking permission to plant spring bulbs in the grass verges and common areas in the village.

**The Parish Council could not give permission to plant the bulbs on the public highway as this was under the ownership of GCC but would allow the resident to plant the spring bulbs in the Jubilee Orchard.**

Broadband Request

Voneus, broadband provider had requested permission to install wi-fi radio equipment on the roof of the GMCC so that the company could provide faster broadband in the area.

The Parish Council did not grant permission to this request as the George Moore Community Centre was a Grade II listed building and would require Listed Building Consent.

**19/151: Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm at the George Moore Community Centre.

**19/152: Any Other Business**

Community Village Litter Pick: A Community Village Litter picking session had been arranged for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 10.00 am from the George Moore Community Centre and the Co-op foyer. Equipment would be provided. Bourton would be entered into the Great Cotswold Clean Up competition which was organised by CDC.

General Power of Competence: The Council agreed for an agenda item to be added to the next Parish Council meeting to adopt the General Power of Competence.

Time to Pledge: Cllr. Davis raised that 6.2.2020 was, 'Time to Pledge for Mental Health' awareness day where organisations were invited to take ten minutes out of their day to give thoughts for the National Charity.

Dry Stone Wall in Station Road: The owner of the wall in Station Road had confirmed with the Parish Council that work was in progress to repair the dry stone wall.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....



DATE: 4th March 2020